Knowledge brokering for Indigenous land & water management

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Kija Claimant Groups

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Waanyi Traditional Owners



Walalakoo Aboriginal Corporation

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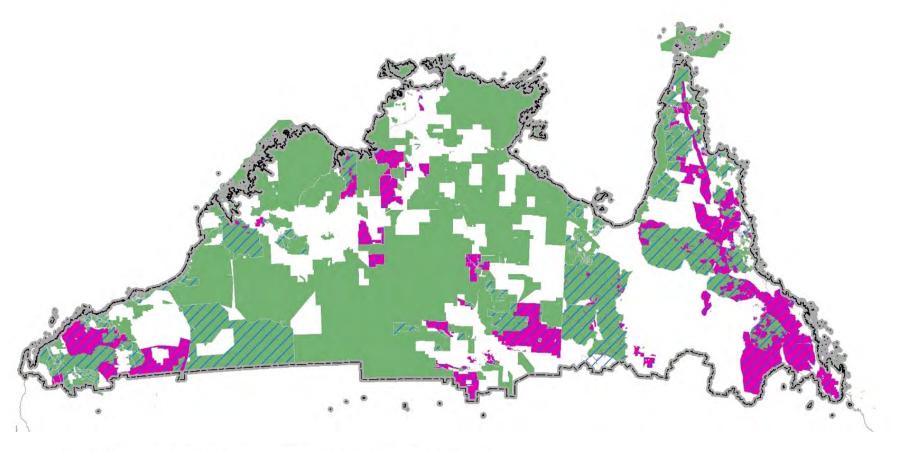
Why are we doing this project?

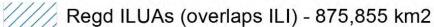
Indigenous land
managers and
partners make better
use of science and
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knowledge

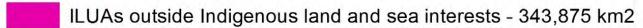
Improved adaptive land management decisions

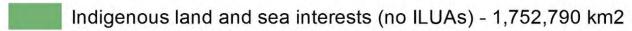
Improved
environmental
conditions with
multiple social,
cultural and
economic benefits

Indigenous Land Interests 58%; 69% with Indigenous Land Use Agreements (2016)









How the research supports knowledge brokering

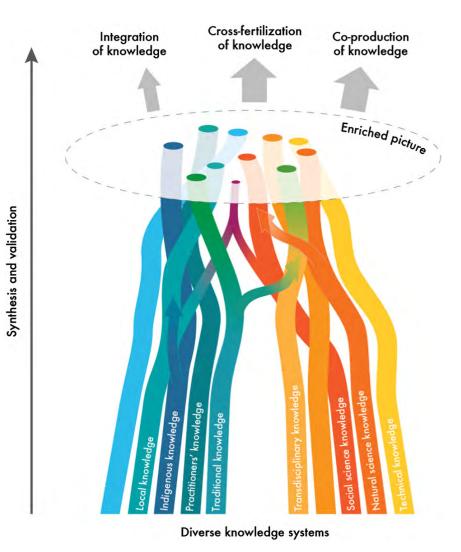
- Pan-northern knowledge activities to produce Our Knowledge Our Way Guidelines
- Fitzroy catchment case study including 3D and influence maps – CSIRO
- Waanyi-Garawa case study:
 Walks on Country NAILSMA







Weaving knowledge systems



APPLY

Actors
Institutions
Processes

NEGOTIATE

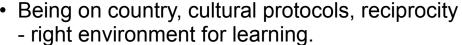
SYNTHESISE

- Indigenous people require strongly visual & deliberative processes
- There are multiple benefits in learning from each other

Tengö, M., R. Hill, P. Malmer, C.M. Raymond, M. Spierenburg, F. Danielsen, T. Elmqvist, and C. Folke. 2017. Weaving knowledge systems in IPBES, CBD and beyond–lessons learned for sustainability. *Current Opinion in Environmental Sustainability*. 26-27:17-25

Benefits of peer exchange – Key messages





- Rangers are empowered by social cohesion, collegiality, sense of pride
- Cultural connections through dance, language, and family are vital to learning.





- Exchanging common, successes and grievances – what works and why in policy, program design and on-ground activities.
- Women Rangers become stronger and more confident in roles and decision-making.
- Formal training practical activities, realistic first-aid scenarios, building tables, fixing machines, smack-down on the beach

CSIRO, NAILSMA partnering with ACIUCN for *Our Knowledge Our Way Guidelines*

World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA) Indigenous and **Local Communities and Protected Areas Towards Equity and Enhanced Conservation** Guidance on policy and practice for Co-managed Protected Areas and Community Conserved Areas Grazia Borrini-Feyerabend, Ashish Kothari and Gonzalo Oviedo Adrian Phillips, Series Editor Best Practice Protected Area Guidelines Series No. 11 **IUCN**

6 chapters:

- 1. What is *Our Knowledge Our Way* and why is it important?
- 2. How is our knowledge working for Indigenous land and sea managers and others? Protocols
- 3. How is *Our Knowledge Our Way* being recognised around the world
- National call for case studies that show best ways to share and apply Indigenous knowledge
- 5. "Signature" case studies about bringing knowledge together
- 6. Options for policy and practices that support *Our Knowledge Our Way*
- + appendices

Fitzroy catchment case study

- Co-planning workshop: 3D and influence maps July 2017
- 3D and influence map-building December 2017 – with kids
- Using maps, interactive projector July 2018
- Road show October 2018
- Assessing scenarios 2019





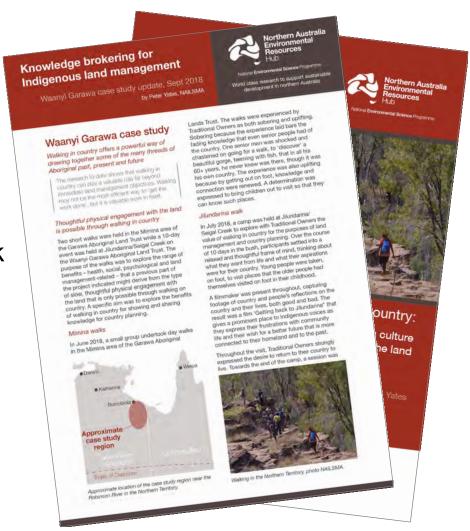




Waanyi Garawa case study

- Review of Walking in Country 2017
- Walking in Country camps and activities 2018:
 - Minima Walks, GarawaAboriginal Land Trust
 - Jilundarina (Seigal Creek) walk and film
- Many benefits for strengthening knowledge identified by participants
- But many barriers to getting on country
- Watch film here:

vimeo.com/298072798



ILM and policy-makers using knowledge better

Indigenous land managers:

"Interactive map, covering the areas that are sacred, burial places, was very good"

"Easy to understand how the river flows from all the catchment, tells everyone where our sacred and significant sites are"

"Listening to stories from both sides of the river west, north, from the top to the mouth, how all the people are committed to the river"

"Better understanding of complex power relationships"

"Good that the kids got involved in the model, that was the best part"

Policy makers:

- Invitation to present to the Indigenous Reference Group for northern Australia – subsequent plan for 3D map pilots with Geoscience Australia to support economic development
- Dampier Peninsula, Mitchell River potential cases

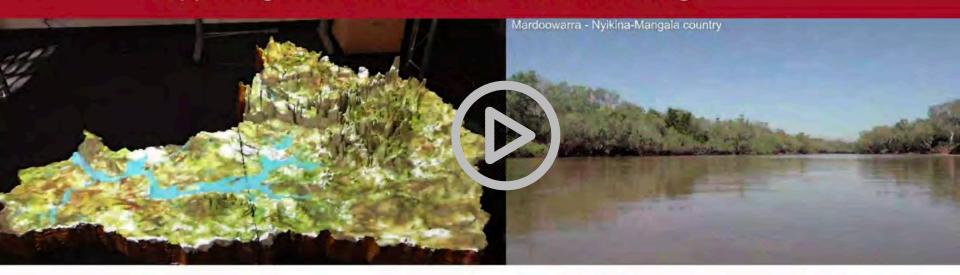






Showing and sharing knowledge in WA's Fitzroy River catchment

Supporting Traditional Owner decision-making



Birdwood Downs Workshop







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