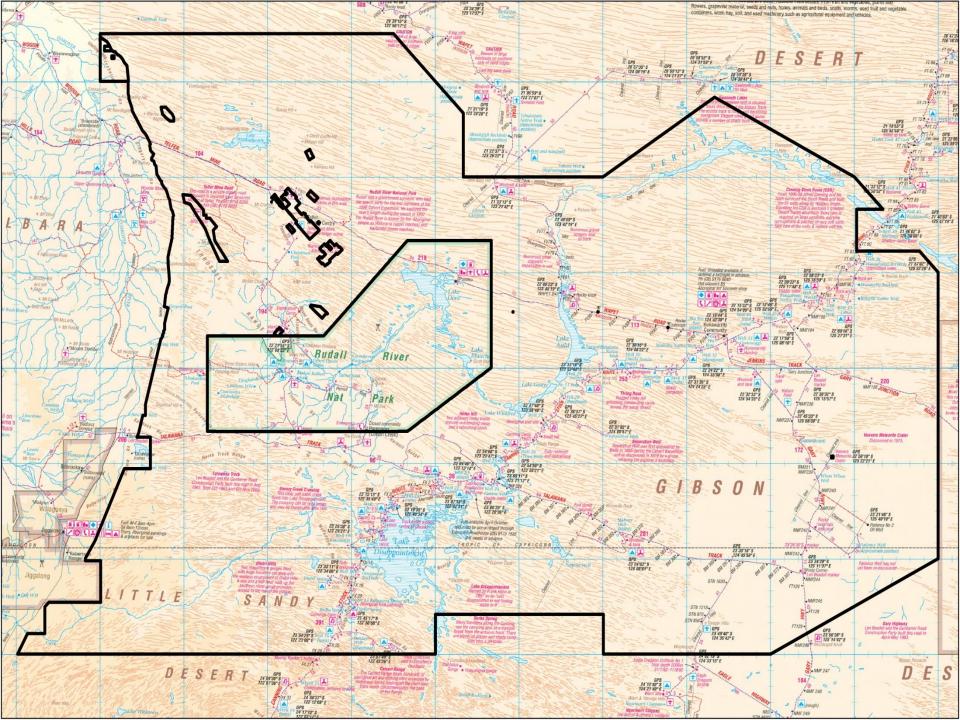


Martu land management activities

- About Martu
- Martu strategy
- Management activities
- ☐ Traditional and contemporary knowledge
- Challenges





MARTU COUNTRY

- ☐ 13.6 million Ha
- ☐ All exclusive possession native title over unallocated Crown land
- ☐ Spans 3 IBRA regions
 - Great Sandy Desert
 - Little Sandy Desert
 - Gibson Desert
- ☐ Completely surrounds Karlamilyi (Rudall River)
 National Park













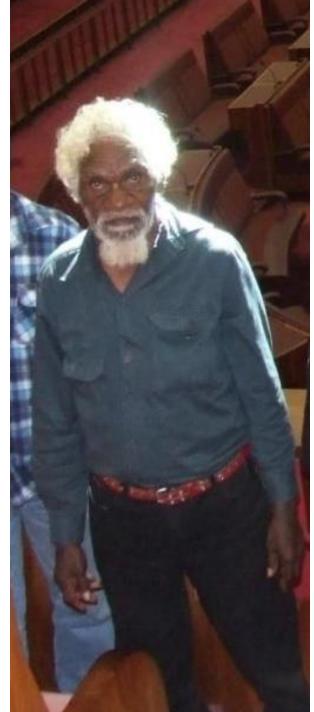




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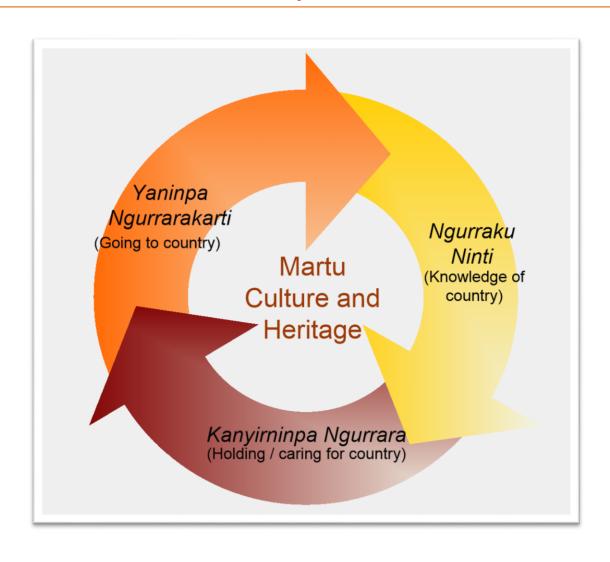




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Martu aspirations



Healthy country plan



What Martu value



Ngurra ninti (Knowledge of Country)



Martu livelihood



Important Martu places



Small animals (like mankarr)



Kapi (Water)



Warlakaja (Lakes systems)



Mirrka (Bush foods)



Kuwiyi (Bush meat)

Threats to what Martu value



Climate change



Feral herbivores



Wrong way Waru



Tourist visitation



Unplanned Infrastructure

Young people not learning from old people



Introduced predators



Weeds



Other peoples' roads



Empty Country (No Martu)

Martu on country









Martu ninti (knowledge)

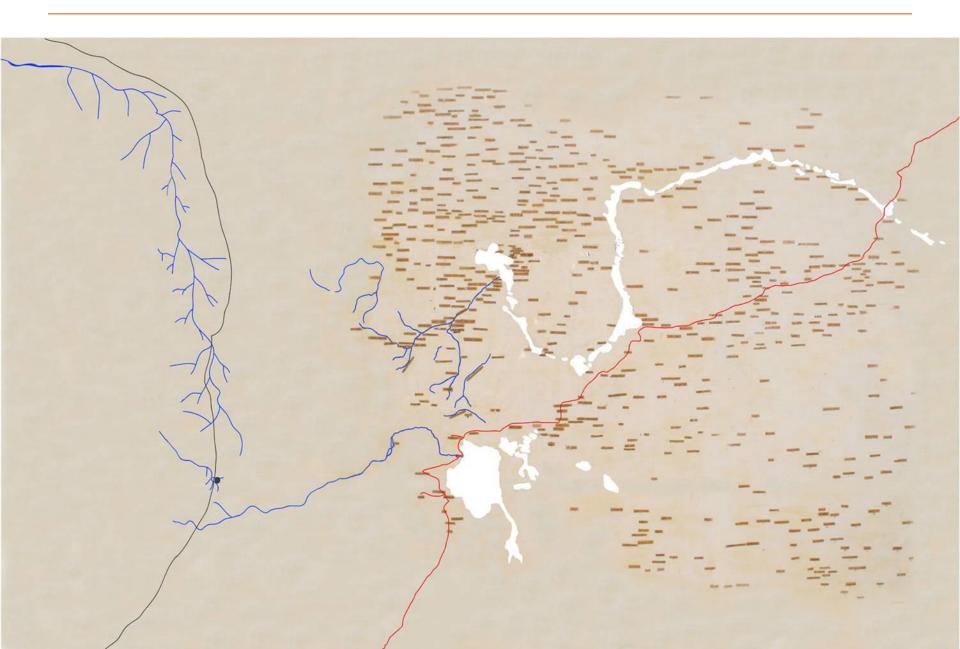








Water









FIRE







Managing feral animals





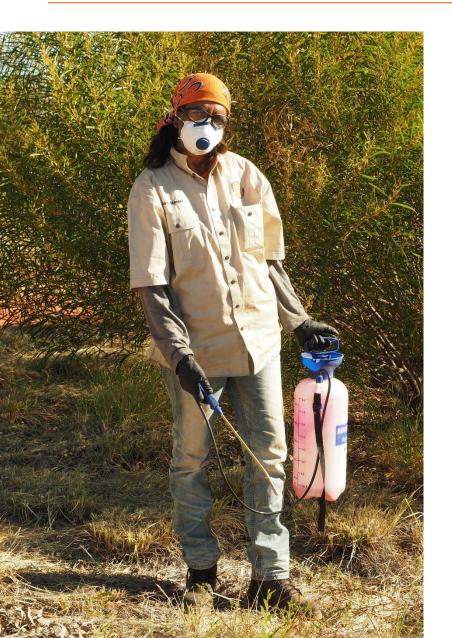
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Weed management





Tourism management





Threatened species management



THREATENED

Langamarlu (Mulgara)



INVASIVE



GAME









Warnapari (Fox)





Tangki (Donkey)



Parnajarrpa (Sand goanna)



Warru (Black-flanked rock wallaby)



THREATENED SPECIES ON MARTU COUNTRY



Langamarlu (Mulgara)



Langamarlu are carnivorous marsupials that build complex burrows in sandy dune slopes and sand plains. There are two species of langamarlu that live in Martu country - the Brush-tailed Mulgara and the Crest-tailed Mulgara.



Mankarr once lived in arid and semi-arid regions throughout most of Australia, but are now confined to the deserts of central Australia and south-western Queensland. They live in a range of habitats, from clay and stony soils with little vegetation, to sandy soils with spinifex and Acacia shrubland.



Mulyamiji live communally in burrow systems and have a distinctive 'latrine' or toilet. They are especially susceptible to inappropriate fire regimes since traditional patch burning has ceased across large parts of central Australia.



Kakarratul are very hard to find, but they are still thought to be distributed across central Australia, particularly in sand dunes and the sandy soils of river flats where they can dig tunnels for food and shelter.



Warru were once found across a large area of WA, from the arid Pilbara and Kimberley to the south coast, including the Swan River. They are now confined to a few isolated rocky ranges. They use caves and crevasses amongst the rocks to shelter during the day.

Tracking using pujiman ninti (bushman knowledge)



Traditional and contemporary



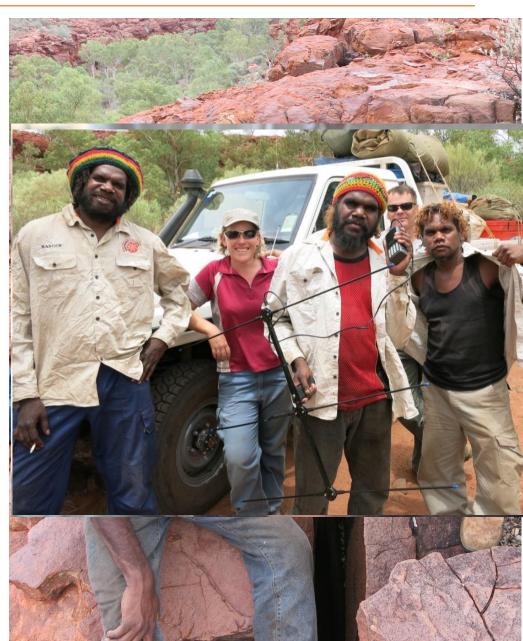
Jigalong rangers and waru (black flanked rock wallabies)



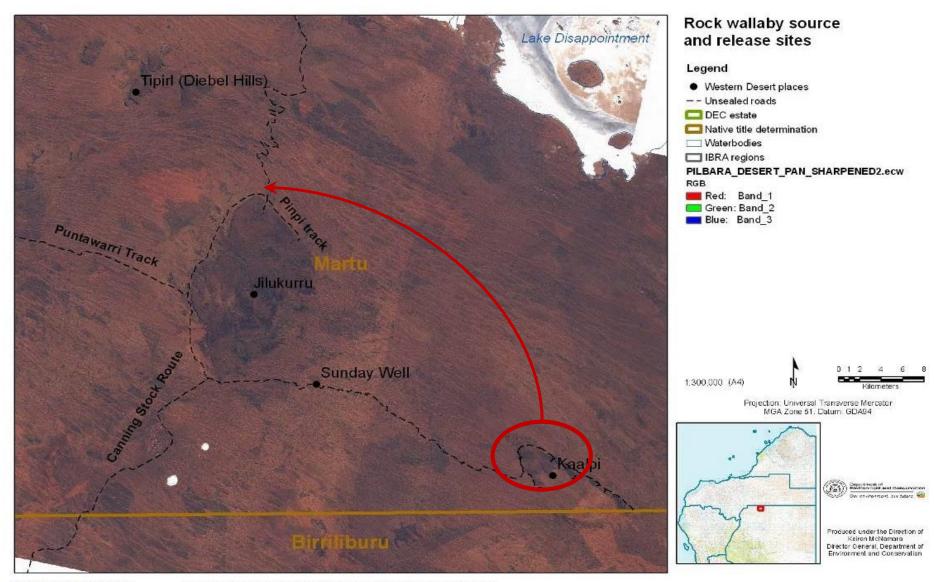


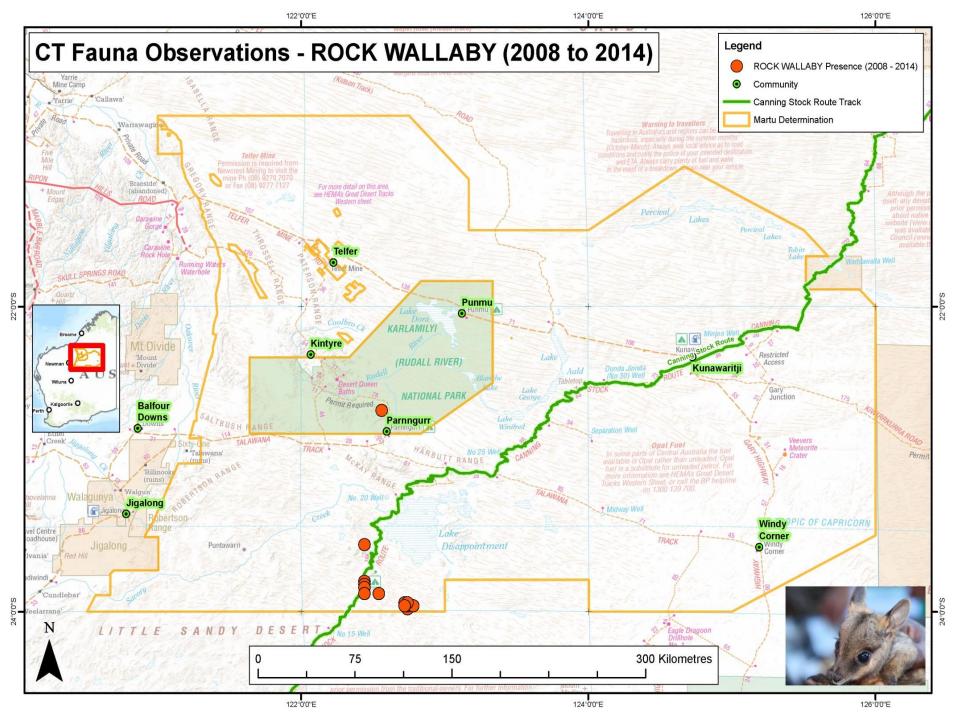
Managing rock wallabies

- Successful translocation of 26 wallabies from est. population of 500
- 20 satellite or VHF collars fitted
- High survival rate to date
- Pouch young healthy
- Extensive trapping and population monitoring



Translocation sites





Managing altered fire regimes

- Agreement on a regional fire management and annual planning process
- Training
- Suite of traditional and contemporary practices implemented:
 - Ground burning
 - Helicopter assisted
 - Aerial incendiary









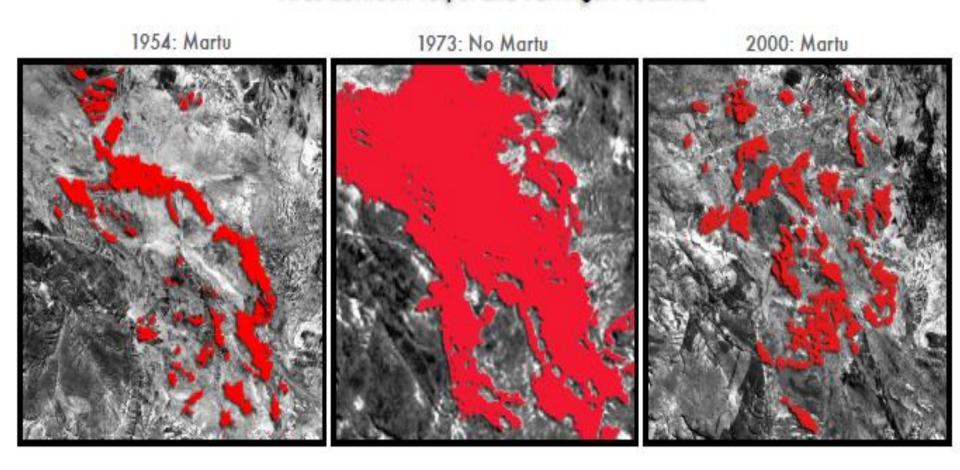






Example of altered fire regime

Fires between Yulpul and Parnngurr rockhole



Source: Bliege Bird, Taylor et al. 2014

Challenges

- Landscape scale
- Partnership
- Respecting Martu ninti



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