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Malgana and Nanda Report
The Malgana and Nanda report was prepared by research staff of the National Native Title Tribunal to assist in the mediation of issues arising from two native title applications made by the Malgana Shark Bay People (WC98/17) and the Nanda People (WC00/13). It was based on publicly and readily available information relevant to the traditional location of these groups.

Research Method
The research material collected for review in this report was based initially on a search of the AIATSIS online catalogue, Mura, using the keywords Malgana and Nhanda. Library searches were restricted to print material as sound tapes and film would be difficult to process within the time constraints. Foreign language material and edition repetitions of the same work were similarly excluded. A search was also made of the Environment Australia’s on-line catalogue, HERA, on the basis of locality.

The material generated by the Mura and HERA search was then supplemented by references gleaned from Tindale’s 1974 Aboriginal Tribes of Australia Aboriginal Tribes of Australia and Thieberger’s 1993 Handbook of Western Australian Aboriginal Languages South of the Kimberley Region. All references from Tindale and Thieberger’s work were followed up, and where obtainable and relevant, were included. Notably there
was some overlap between the catalogue and the additional references source from Thieberger and Tindale.

Material from relevant references from previous research reports was also included. Additional material concerning the location of the Malgana and Nanda people was found in the following sources and was included:

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- Horton, D. 1994, Encyclopaedia of Aboriginal Australia,
- O’Grady, G.N., Wurm, S. & Hale, K. 1966, Aboriginal Languages of Australia: A Preliminary Classification,
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