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Introduction
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Muthi Muthi People Report
The Muthi Muthi People report was prepared by research staff of the National Native Title Tribunal to assist in the mediation of the Muthi Muthi people’s native title application (NC 00/3). This report was based on publicly and readily available information relevant to the location of the Muthi Muthi people.

Research Method
The research material used for this report was largely based on a search of the AIATSIS online catalogue, Mura, supplemented by relevant references found in Tindale’s 1974 Aboriginal Tribes of Australia and Horton’s (ed.) 1994 The Encyclopaedia of Aboriginal Australia. An additional three ‘general’ references were used: Davidson’s 1938 A Preliminary Register of Australian Tribes and Hordes; Capell’s 1963 Linguistic Survey of Australia; and O’Grady, Wurm and Hale’s 1966 map of Aboriginal Languages of Australia.

The references were filtered to eliminate sources other than print materials, as sound tapes and film are difficult to process within the time constraints. Foreign language material and edition repetitions of the same work were also excluded. Material not directly relevant to this report or dealing with highly technical aspects of language and cultural analysis, were also omitted. Some manuscripts and other material held by AIATSIS were not viewed due to access restrictions.
All (non-duplicated) references listed under, and including, Tindale (1974) and Horton (1994) were followed up. During the research for this report additional references were found including Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation and ATSIC (1992), Eastburn (1983), Memmot (1991), Parbury (1986) and Tindale (1976). These were included because they were relevant to the report.

Bibliography


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