Nyikina and Mangala

Western Australia
Introduction
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It should be noted that the contents and production of these reports are governed by time and resource constraints. They are often prepared in four to eight weeks by a single research officer with some input from a research assistant and Tribunal librarian. Generally most of the references sought for these reports are available only from the AIATSIS library, which in turn has limited resources available to supply material. Therefore care is taken to request only that material which appears relevant to the scope of a particular report.

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Nyikina and Mangala Report
The Nyikina and Mangala report was prepared by research staff of the National Native Title Tribunal to assist in the mediation of the Nyikina and Mangala native title application (WC99/025). It was based on publicly and readily available information relevant to the location, custom and culture, and contact history of the Nyikina and Mangala people.

Research Method
The research material used for this report was based largely on a search of the AIATSIS online catalogue, Mura, supplemented by relevant references found in Tindale’s (1974) *Aboriginal Tribes of Australia*. The following general references were also used:

- Davidson, 1938, *A Preliminary Register of Australian Tribes and Hordes*;
- Tindale, 1940, ‘Distribution of Australian Aboriginal tribes: a field survey’;
- Tindale, 1974, *Aboriginal Tribes of Australia*;
- O’Grady, Wurm & Hale, 1966, *Aboriginal Languages of Australia: A Preliminary Classification*;
In the `Post Contact History` Section general Western Australian history texts available through the Tribunal library were also used.

According to the Claimant Application Summary, the Application number is WC99/25 and the `claim is brought on behalf of the Aboriginal people who hold in common the body of traditional laws and customs concerning the land and waters identified as the claim area` by Daisy Lungunan, John Watson & Others (Nyikina and Mangala).

A search of the Mura catalogue using Nyikena or Mangala in the `word or phrase` or `language group` fields yielded 249 results. After filtering this was brought down to 116. The following filtering process was then applied: Sound tapes and film sources were omitted because they are difficult to process given time and resource constraints; material on microfilm was omitted for the same reason. Foreign language material was also omitted, as were repetitions of the same material, such as different editions of the same work. Material not obviously relevant to this report or dealing with highly technical aspects of language and culture analysis, were also omitted. Some manuscripts and other material held by AIATSIS were not viewed due to restrictions on access.

A search of the Environment Australia HERA catalogue revealed 15 possible sources but after filtering only 1 text was cited here.

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