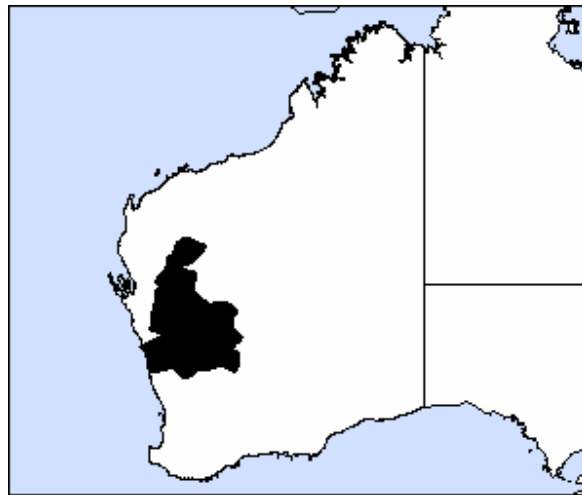


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Southern Yamatji Report

The Southern Yamatji report was prepared by research staff of the National Native Title Tribunal. It has been prepared to assist in the mediation of issues arising from the native title determination applications in a region called, for the purposes of this report, Southern Yamatji. The Southern Yamatji region is defined in this report as the geographical area falling within boundaries starting at the southern point of Leeman, extending north of Kalbarri, inland east to Cue, south to Mouroubra Station and west to the point of commencement. This area includes the following native title applications:

- Pandawn Descendants (WC96/83);
- Badimia People (WC96/98);
- Widi Mob (WC97/72);
- Mullewa Wadjari Community (WC96/93);
- Naaguja Peoples (WC97/73);
- Arnold Franks (WC98/57);
- Widi Mara (WC96/67);
- Widi Marra (WC96/86);
- Kevin Taylor (WC01/04);
- Hutt River (WC00/01);
- Nanda People (WC00/13); and
- The Wajarri Elders (WC01/03).

Research Method

The research material reviewed in this report was based initially on a search of the AIATSIS online catalogue, *Mura*, using the key words Amangu, Badimia, Kalaamaya, Mulyara, Nanda, Wajari, Wardal, Watjanti, and Widi. These names were selected after a number of general maps had been examined. These maps included Tindale (1940 & 1974), Davidson (1938), Horton (1994), Davis (1993) and Bates (c1907-1909). These library searches were restricted to printed material as sound tapes and film would be difficult to process within the time constraints. Foreign language material and repetitions of the same material (for example, different editions of the same work) were similarly excluded.

The search yielded a substantial amount of material—too large to review within the time constraints. On the basis of providing a snap shot of the entire region, the list of materials was pared down to texts that dealt with a number of groups, rather than texts that focused solely on one group.

This material generated by the *Mura* search was supplemented by additional material concerning the location of Aboriginal groups within the Southern Yamatji region. References to groups within the region were found in the following general references and are included in this report:

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- Capell, A. 1963, *Linguistic Survey of Australia*;
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- Davis, S.L. 1993, *Australia's Extant and Imputed Traditional Aboriginal Territories*;
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- Tindale, N.B. 1940, 'Distribution of Australian Aboriginal Tribes: A Field Survey'; and
- Tindale, N.B. 1974, *Aboriginal Tribes of Australia: Their Terrain, Environmental Controls, Distribution, Limits and Proper Names*;

Two additional sources were gleaned from previous Research reports and were also included:

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