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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.

Disclaimer: The bibliographies are a list of materials that have been used by the Research Unit of the Tribunal to provide background information for native title mediations. The Tribunal forms no view on the accuracy, completeness, or relevance of the reference material cited in these bibliographies. Most of this material is held at libraries and is available to the public. The Tribunal library may be able to assist in locating items.

Thudgari and Gnulli Report

The Thudgari and Gnulli report was prepared by research staff of the National Native Title Tribunal to assist in the mediation of the Thudgari (WC97/95) and Gnulli (WC97/28) native title applications. It was based on publicly and readily available information relevant to the traditional location of the Thudgari and Gnulli peoples.

Research Method

The purpose of this report was to collect and review information that was publicly available and was relevant to the traditional location/country of indigenous people referred to in the geographic region covered by Thudgari and Gnulli, and to bring together materials relating to traditional society and contact history. The search for sources focussed on keywords. These terms provided a framework for searching the AIATSIS catalogue and covering the region of the two claims.

The research material used for this report is based largely on a search of the AIATSIS online catalogue, Mura. The material generated by these library searches was supplemented by relevant material and further references found in Tindale’s 1974 text *Aboriginal Tribes of Australia: Their Terrain, Environmental Controls, Distribution, Limits, and Proper Names*, although not all references were obtainable at the time of writing.

The Norman Tindale website was also reviewed for further material, including any readily available manuscript materials listed on the net. Further manuscript or notebook materials
cited as relevant to the Thudgari and Gnulli peoples are not indexed by item and are not readily available without further research at the South Australian Anthropology Museum. The website is www.samuseum.sa.gov.au/tindale.

Additional general references were used:

- Davidson, D.S. 1938a, *A Preliminary Register of Australian Tribes and Hordes*;
- Greenway, J. 1963, *Bibliography of the Australian Aborigines And The Native Peoples Of Torres Strait To 1959*.
- Jarvis, N.Y. 1979, *Western Australia: An atlas of human endeavour*.
- Tindale, N.B. 1940, ‘Distribution of Australian Aboriginal Tribes: A Field Survey’.

The search of *Mura* catalogue of print collection material produced a number of entries, listed below in the table. Also listed is the numbers of articles requested for reviewing. These were filtered from the original lists by the method outlined below.

### AIATSIS Search Results

The following table lists the number of items found during the initial search of the Mura catalogue.

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Sound tapes and film sources are difficult to process given time and resource constraints and they were omitted. Material on microfilm was omitted for the same reason. Foreign language material was also omitted. Also filtered from the list were repetitions of the same material, such as different editions of the same work. Genealogical materials were omitted.

Environment Australia Search Results

A search was also made of the Environment Australia on-line catalogue (HERA)\(^1\) for materials under the keywords Aboriginal Upper Gascoyne, Gascoyne, Carnarvon, Ningaloo, Kennedy Range and individual pastoral station names. In total 22 entries were found, which was reduced upon examination to 1 relevant entry by Michael Gallagher, 1996, ‘Report of the survey of culturally and historically significant places in the Carnarvon-Pt Cloates region’.

Additional materials for Traditional Society and Contact History

The sources located for the Accounts on Location section were re-examined for content relating to Traditional Society and Contact History. Many of the original sources located via MURA and HERA for Accounts on Location were found to be relevant at least to one aspect of Traditional Society, Contact History or both.

To locate copies of these and other materials a search was made of CYGNET, the library catalogue of the University of Western Australia. The following results were obtained:

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To locate additional materials a search was made of the library catalogue of the Battye Library of Western Australian history. Search terms employed included the names of early European travellers. This identified further sources, for example Helpman (1851b).

Examination of the bibliographies in the set of collected materials identified further sources. The National Native Title Tribunal library located copies of these sources within their own holdings, or by means of an Inter-library loan.

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