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**MITCHELL\_R01**

**Sound recordings collected by  
Anne Draper, Kabay Mau, Marina Babia, S.  
Ger, N. Tamwoy and Loretta Horn,  
1986-1987**

## ACCESS

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## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

**Date:** 1986-1987

**Extent:** 8 sound cassettes (ca. 60 min. each) : analogue, mono + field tape report sheets.  
6 sound cassettes (ca. 90 min. each) : analogue, mono + field tape report sheets.

### Production history

These recordings were collected between July 1986 and January 1987 by Anne Draper, Kabay Mau, Marina Babia, S. Ger, N. Tamwoy and Loretta Horn during fieldwork at Sandgate and West End in Brisbane and Mer, Saibai, Mabuiag, Moa, Badu, Poruma, and Waraber Island in the Torres Strait, Queensland. The purpose of the field trip was to document the songs and hymns of Torres Strait Islanders. Song composers include Tat Thaiday, Sam Passi, George Passi, James Rice, G. Tapim, Mapa Mapa, Sarob Sambo, Nabeal Kabay, Stephen Gisu, Dow Tom, Jimmy Wailu, George Blanco, Nagibo Tabo, Pisupi Murray, John Bansa, Nagia Tabo, Paul Morseu, Isiah Hui, Malachi Levi, John Morrison, Deliza Levi, Peo Viduldam, James Morrison, Andrew Nomah, Levi Madua, James Elesi, Ted Neliman, Mengui Nomoa, Johnson Joe, Ngurpai Luta, Elley Genaim, Saila Miskin, Elimesik Kanai, Satrick Young, Father Manas, Noah Batu, Jeremiah Manas, Ara Diam, Rupia Nami, Billy Billy, Jimmy Billy, David Faiud, Elia Faiud, Stephen Bob, Nasunia Bowie, Jeffrey Bob, Father Scott Bob, Father E. Mari, Maza Samuel and Satrick Baluz. Their music is performed by George Passi, Caroline Modee, Salkal Gisu, Azzi Noah, Lillah Noah, Lewis Mabo, Rita Lui and unidentified males and females. Other Torres Strait songs are performed by Pili Waigana, Georgina Walit, Patimaia Warusam and unidentified males and females. The collection was deposited with AIATSIS on 5 August 1991.

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These recordings have not been archived in chronological order.

This finding aid was compiled from information provided by Anne Draper and Rodney Mitchell. Detailed item descriptions, featuring timing points, are not yet available as the collection has not been auditioned by ALATSI staff.

## ITEM LIST

Field recording number	AIATSIS item number	Description
EI	MITCHELL_R01-016045	Songs from Erub and Mer composed by Tat Thaiday, Sam Passi, George Passi, James Rice, G. Tapim, Mapa Mapa, Sarob Sambo, James Sambo, Nabeal Kaddy and Stephen Gisu performed in Meriam Mir by <b>George Passi</b> and <b>Caroline Modee</b> at Sandgate, Brisbane on 2 August 1986, 00:54:12
EII	MITCHELL_R01-016046	Songs from Mer composed by Dow Tom, Jimmy Wailu, George Blanco, Sam Passi, George Passi, Nagibo Tabo, Pisupi Murray, John Bansa, Nagia Tabo, Paul Morseu and Isiah Hui performed by <b>Salkal Gisu, Azzi Noah, Lillah Noah, Lewis Mabo</b> and <b>Rita Lui</b> at Mer [Murray Island], 30 April – 1 May 1987, 00:54:00
MI	MITCHELL_R01-016047	Torres Strait songs performed by the Torres Strait Island Junior Dance Group at West End, Brisbane, 3 October 1986, 00:31:38
TW II	MITCHELL_R01-016048	Torres Strait songs performed by unidentified males, 8 July 1986, 00:08:00
TW II Master Copy	MITCHELL_R01-016049	Dauan Island songs performed by unidentified males, recorded by Kabay Mau, 8 July 1986, 00:42:57
TW III	MITCHELL_R01-016050	Saibai Island songs performed in Kalaw Lagaw Ya by <b>Pili Waigana, Georgina Walit</b> and <b>Patimaia Warusam</b> , recorded by Marina Babia at Saibai, 8 July 1986, 00:20:05
BW	MITCHELL_R01-016051	Torres Strait songs performed by unidentified males and females, recorded by S. Ger and N. Tamwoy at Mabuiag, 20 January 1987, 00:32:05
BWI	MITCHELL_R01-016052	Torres Strait songs from Moa composed by Malachi Levi, John Morrison, Deliza Levi, Peo Viduldam, James Morrison and Andrew Nomah, recorded by S. Ger and N. Tamwoy, and performed in Kalaw Lagaw Ya by unidentified males and females at saint Pauls Village, Moa, 24 January 1987, 00:57:40
BWI/3	MITCHELL_R01-016053	Torres Strait songs from Badu composed by Levi Madua, James Elesi, Ted Nelimen, Mengui Nomoa and Johnson Joe, recorded by S. Ger and N. Tamwoy, and performed in Kalaw Lagaw Ya by unidentified males and females at Badu, 21 January 1987, 00:42:27
BW5	MITCHELL_R01-016054	Torres Strait songs from Moa composed by Ngurpai Luta, Elley Genaim, Saila Miskin, Elimesik Kanai, Satrik Young, Father Manas, Noah Batu, Jeremiah Manas, Ara Diam and Rupia Nami, recorded by S.

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		Ger and N. Tamwoy, and performed in Kalaw Lagaw Ya by unidentified males and females at Kubin Village, Moa, 22 January 1987, 00:47:08
CI/I	MITCHELL_R01-016055	Torres Strait songs from Poruma [Coconut Island] composed by Billy Billy, Jimmy Billy, David Faiud and Elia Faiud, recorded by S. Ger and N. Tamwoy, and performed by unidentified males and females at Poruma, January 1987, 00:31:13
CI/2	MITCHELL_R01-016056	Torres Strait songs from Waraber Island composed by Billy Billy, Stephen Bob, Nasunia Bowie, Jeffrey Bob, Father Scott Bob and Father E. Mari, recorded by S. Ger and N. Tamwoy, and performed by unidentified males and females at Waraber, 1987, 00:44:24
CI/3	MITCHELL_R01-016057	Torres Strait songs from Iama [Yam Island] composed by Maza Samuel and Satrick Baluz, recorded by S. Ger and N. Tamwoy, and performed by unidentified males and females at Iama, 28 January 1987, 00:46:08
RII	MITCHELL_R01-016058	Torres Strait hymns and Christmas carols recorded by Loretta Horn and performed by unidentified females and males, 00:39:33