



**Interim finding aid**

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**Sound recordings collected by  
Roger Cribb, 1985-2000**

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## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

**Date:** 1985-2000

**Extent:** 18 audiocassettes (15 hr. 19 min.) : analogue, stereo, mono.

### Production history

These recordings were collected by archaeologist Roger Cribb between 1985 and 2000 during fieldwork at Aurukun, the Archer River, the Love River, the Ward River, Baileys Creek, the Pine River, Shell Creek and Weipa on Cape York Peninsula, Queensland. The purpose of the field trips was, in part, to survey the shell mounds and plants of parts of Cape York. Also among these recordings are discussions about permissions to enter Aboriginal lands, oral histories, Aboriginal stories in English and Wik Mungkan and Wik Ngathan, songs, and the identification of shells and plants in Aboriginal languages. Participants in these recordings include George Sydney Yunkaporta, Rex Walmbeng, Ray Wolmby, Billy Landis, Ina Hall, Joyce Hall and unidentified speakers and performers. The collection was deposited with AIATSIS on 16 January 2008.

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## ARCHIVIST'S NOTE

These recording arrived at AIATSIS in a very poor physical condition many of the cassettes had to be cleaned, baked and rehoused in order to salvage the information they contained. Once that was

accomplished the audiocassettes were digitised to the AIATSIS archival standard. Upon assessment for inclusion into the AIATSIS Collections some were found to be irrelevant to the needs of AIATSIS and some were found to be blank. The field recording numbers given to the recordings are the numbers assigned by the audio technician while digitising them. The recordings therefore are not ordered chronologically as the information about dates, place etc. was largely gleaned from the recordings themselves.

This finding aid was compiled from information provided by Gulcin Cribb. Detailed item descriptions, featuring timing points, are not yet available as the collection has not been auditioned by AIATSIS staff.

## ITEM LIST

Field recording number	AIATSIS item number	Description
R00657_01A.tmp	N/A	Discussion about Comalco exploring Aboriginal land in Cape York, 0:40:30
R00657_01B.tmp	N/A	Discussion on land; Black Ibis story; discussion on shell mounds, 0:33:13
R00657_02A.tmp	N/A	Discussion on a large shell mound; stories from traditional owners; discussion on conditions for mining workers on Aboriginal land, 18 May 1996, 0:51:11
R00657_02B.tmp	N/A	Discussion on a large shell mound; discussion on permits to come onto on Aboriginal land, 18 May 1996, 0:47:20
R00657_07A.tmp	N/A	Discussions on bush tucker, a local camp area, place names in Wik Mungkan (?) and various sites, the Archer River, Cape York, October 1985, 0:31:26
R00657_07B.tmp	N/A	Discussions on bush tucker, a local camp area, place names in Wik Mungkan (?) and various sites, the Archer River, Cape York, October 1985, 0:14:35
R00657_08A.tmp	N/A	Devil stories with George Sydney Yunkaporta, 0:31:27
R00657_08B.tmp	N/A	Devil stories with George Sydney Yunkaporta, 0:28:49
R00657_09A.tmp	N/A	George Sydney Yunkaporta discusses sites, shelters, marriage rules, kinship, bora, loss of culture, Wik Mungkan language and place names, the Love River, Cape York, 23 October, 1985, 0:31:28
R00657_09B.tmp	N/A	Discussion of sites, Wik Mungkan place names and a song performed by an unidentified male, the Love River, Cape York, 0:27:14
R00657_10A.tmp	N/A	Oral history with George Sydney Yunkaporta, 0:31:18
R00657_10B.tmp	N/A	Oral history with George Sydney Yunkaporta, 0:31:21
R00657_11A.tmp	N/A	Oral history with George Sydney Yunkaporta, 0:15:00
R00657_11B.tmp	N/A	Discussion and some Wik Ngathan (?) language with Billy Landis, 0:31:31
R00657_12A.tmp	N/A	Discussion the Landis clan, 0:07:21
R00657_13A.tmp	N/A	Survey of plants in Wik Mungkan and Wik Ngathan; Two Girls story told by Rex Walmbeng, the Love River, Cape York, 0:07:21
R00657_13B.tmp	N/A	Plant survey on the Love River, 6 November 1987;

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		Ward River Shell mound and plant survey plant names in Wik Mungkan and Wik Ngathan, 9 November 1987, 0:34:41
R00657_18A.tmp	N/A	Discussion on an earthen shell mound on the Pine River, Cape York, 8 June 1996, 0:04:33
R00657_18B.tmp	N/A	Discussion on an earthen shell mound on the Pine River, Cape York, 0:01:35
R00657_19A.tmp	N/A	Report on the clean up of the mess of an archaeological dig on a shell mound; Thelma Coconut speaks, 10 October 2000, 0:29:52
R00657_19B.tmp	N/A	Survey of middens; discussion of clean up of a mess of a shell mound at Shell Creek, Cape York, 11-13 October 2000, 0:18:07
R00657_20A.tmp	N/A	Discussion on the Comalco Agreement Project; trip to the Hey River; Eileen of middens, 0:29:06
R00657_20B.tmp	N/A	Discussion with Eileen about country, 0:03:06
R00657_24A.tmp	N/A	Discussion and elicitation of Wik Mungkan and Ngathan plant names with George Sydney Yunkaporta Rex Walmbeng and Ray Wolmby; story of Brolga and Emu, story of Two girls with Rex Walmbeng, 18 May 1988, 0:39:22
R00657_24B.tmp	N/A	Discussion on the missionary Mr McKenzie; dreaming story; plant and shell mound survey including elicitation of plants names in Wik Mungkan, Wick Ngathan and Wik Elken with George Sydney Yunkaporta and Rex Walmbeng, 19 May 1988, 0:30:27
R00657_25A.tmp	N/A	Plant and shell mound survey; elicitation of plant names in Wik Mungkan, Wik Ngathan and Wik Elken with Rex Walmbeng, Cape York, 20 May 1988, 0:30:11
R00657_25B.tmp	N/A	Story narrated in Wik Ngathan by Rex Walmbeng; plant and shell mound survey including plant names given in Wik Mungkan by George Sydney Yunkaporta, the Love River, Cape York, 21 May 1988, 0:26:33
R00657_26A.tmp	N/A	Two Girls story narrated in Wik Ngathan by Rex Walmbeng; Ray Wolmby discusses the disappearance of shellfish in the area, the Love River, Cape York, 0:30:19
R00657_26B.tmp	N/A	Identifying shells including shell names in Wik Mungkan and Wik Ngathan with George Sydney

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		Yunkaporta and Rex Walmbeng, Aurukun, Cape York, 22 May 1988, 0:30:11
R00657_27A.tmp	N/A	Discussion on protecting a sacred site; plant names, Baileys Creek, Cape York, 8 October 1991, 0:30:12
R00657_27B.tmp	N/A	Description of a midden, the landscape and plant growth at Baileys Creek, Cape York, 12 October 1991, 0:03:34
R00657_28A.tmp	N/A	Song performed by unidentified females accompanied by a drum; discussion on shell mounds and oral history with Ina Hall, Weipa, Cape York, 12 March 1993, 0:30:10
R00657_28B.tmp	N/A	Joyce Hall speaks of traditional life, food sharing and preparation and shell mounds at Red Beach, near Weipa, Cape York, 18 March, 1993, 0:27:15
R00657_29A.tmp	N/A	Survey of shell mounds near Weipa; oral history with an unidentified male speaker; shell names given in an unidentified language by an unidentified female speaker, 0:29:07
R00657_29B.tmp	N/A	Shell names given in an unidentified language by an unidentified female speaker; survey of shell mounds on the southern bank of the Mission River near Weipa, Cape York, 30 October 1995, 0:29:11