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Project 4.9.1 – Indigenous landscapes of the Wet tropics

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Summary

Staff Changes

Since our last Milestone Report there have been changes to the personnel working on the project. Linda Leftwich was appointed to the position of Indigenous Research Officer. Bruce White has resigned from his position and a decision was made not to immediately fill the vacancy. Given the diversity of topics covered by the project there are considerable advantages in engaging a range of experts to work on the production of reports. , via consultancies and collaborative arrangements,

Leanne Cullen, was recently appointed as a post-doctoral fellow with the Livelihoods & Environment Group in CSIRO's Tropical Landscapes Program and is developing a working relationship with project 4.9.1. Part of her project overlaps with Project 4.9.1's interest in assisting ARC and traditional owners of the WTWHA in developing an indigenous capacity to participate in reporting requirements required by the Wet Tropics Regional agreement, WTMA and World Heritage listing. An outline of how Dr Cullen's work links to these requirements is provided below.

Milestone Delivery

There are still two reports prepared by the project co-research team which have to be fully considered by the ARC Intellectual Property Sub-Committee. A completely new version of *Report 2 (b) An evaluation of previous and current methods and models for researching indigenous resource use and purposes, with recommendations for best practice research solutions* was recently completed by Dr. Maureen Fuary (see Appendix 1 for table of contents). A summary of her findings is presented below. The report will be presented for consideration by the ARC Intellectual Property Sub-Committee at a meeting scheduled for November 2.

Report 4 An Overview of Indigenous Research Capacities in the Wet Tropics Area has been revised by Wood to take account of comments from the ARC IP Sub-committee and the new draft will be considered by this Sub-Committee on 2nd November 2007.

Forms to allow more effective tracking of reports through the ARC IP Sub-Committee processes have been developed and will be discussed with the Sub-Committee.

Other Activities

Repatriation

Approaches to the important issue of repatriation of Indigenous cultural records have been an ongoing topic of discussion through the Coordination group and the ARC IP Sub-Committee. Key issues under discussion include the governance of repatriated items (individual, family, clan, regional level), the relative priorities that should be given to repatriation versus recording of cultural information on-country with living Traditional Owners, and the priorities within the extensive array of collections held in museums, government departments, academic institutions and other centres. Fuary's report makes a number of recommendations on this front. She gives particular emphasis to training Traditional Owners to carry out their own research in reference to what they may wish to have repatriated, and to develop effective partnerships to obtain support for repatriation under their control. Fuary's ideas will be discussed and evaluated by the ARC and IP Sub-Committee to further develop the approach to repatriation through this research partnership.

Aboriginal engagement in management - case studies.

There has been considerable discussion on this topic between the ARC and members of the MTSRF project. These discussions have yet to finalise the selection of the case studies and the procedures that would be necessary for the studies to proceed. A summary of discussions and relevant linkages to International best-practice approaches identified by Gabriel (2007) is provided below.

Aboriginal research and recording

A practical Field Guide for recording heritage and other material is being prepared. The guide is expected to be finished by the end of November 2007. Further details are provided below.

Members of the co-research team attended the Expert Panel Workshop on National and World Heritage listing of the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area (WTWHA) on cultural grounds convened by ICOMOS (International Council on Monuments and Sites) on 18 July during its recent Conference. Information gathered through the research project relevant to Indigenous resource use and management in the Wet Tropics was presented by Ms Leah Talbot, Dr Rosemary Hill, Dr Mike Wood, Mr Ken Reys and Dr Henrietta Fourmile. The Workshop established a valuable collaboration between the research team, ARC, members of ICOMOS and the DEW Indigenous Heritage assessment branch.

Future Activities

The Intellectual Property workshop that was planned for 2007 has been postponed until the first half of 2008. This has come about due to the resignation of Bruce White one of the organisers of this workshop and work pressures on Russell Butler who is also helping to organise the workshop.

For reference: Milestone extracted from Project Schedule

Report 1 submission:
Progress Report on:

- **(activity a¹)** Aboriginal records repatriated to CHIMS;
- **(activity b¹)** Aboriginal engagement in management - case studies.
- **(activity c¹)** Aboriginal research and recording

Copies of papers, reports and publications produced up to this date, in relation to the above identified project activities, Report 1 to be submitted to ARC's Intellectual Property Sub-Committee for review two weeks prior to due date.

Plan of Project Activities, Communications and Outputs for year to June 2008, plus summary of Project Activities, Communications and Outputs undertaken to date (including notes on meetings / workshops etc.)

During current milestone – see Appendix for full listing

During future milestone period

Activity (a) Repatriation	Date	Expected Outcome
Meeting with ARC Intellectual Property Sub-Committee	2 Nov (hereafter the IP Sub-Committee can be expected to meet roughly every six weeks or as required)	Review recommendations on strategies to encourage indigenous participation in repatriation of family history documents and cultural heritage documents
Activity (b) Aboriginal Engagement with Management	Date	Expected Outcome
Project Co-Ordination Committee	Nov (and then roughly every two months)	Review of project co-ordination between ARC, Giringun and MTSRF
Meeting with ARC Intellectual Property Sub-Committee	22 Nov	Guidance on selection of case studies of indigenous engagement with the management of the WTWHA. The selected case studies would be the subject of future research.
Activity (c) Aboriginal Research and Recording	Date	Expected Outcome
Meeting with ARC Intellectual Property Sub-Committee	2 Nov	Discussion of recommendations of Fuary report on promoting indigenous research in WTWHA
Intellectual Property Workshop	Early 2008	Increased traditional owner awareness of IP protocols adopted by ARC's IP Sub-Committee

Project Results

Description of the results achieved for this milestone

The project is on track. However the IP Sub-Committee is still processing material developed within the terms of the 2006-7 project year. This is in part due to a decision to rewrite report 2(b) and, due to staff taking holidays, in the case of report 4 it has only been possible to submit the revised report to the forthcoming November 2 meeting.

As indicated above most activity in this period has involved the broad topic of Aboriginal engagement in management (activity b) and research (activity c) with repatriation (activity a) still being in the planning stage. As a result this description of results focus on activities (b) and (c).

Activity b: Aboriginal engagement in management. Reporting requirements and Leanne Cullen

Leanne Cullen has joined the MTSRF team and will assist us in strengthening Indigenous participation in fulfilling reporting requirements in the WTWHA. Her work will identify critical indicators and thresholds of concern for the cultural and economic status of both indigenous and non-indigenous local human communities, who inherently form a part of the ecosystems in the WTWHA. She describes her work in the following terms which have been edited to highlight those aspects relevant to this project:

Primary Research Aims

- To identify critical indicators and thresholds of concern for the economic and cultural status of both indigenous and non-indigenous local human communities within the WTWHA
- To identify links between these economic and cultural indicators, and ecosystem health
- To develop a framework for the identification of economic and cultural indicators and a subsequent monitoring protocol will be developed and will be applicable to other World Heritage Areas and other Protected Areas both inside and outside of Australia
- To improve the benefits of scientific research for traditional owners and increase traditional owner capacity for world heritage area management and monitoring through collaborative research

As can be seen from this summary her work will be extremely useful to enhancing traditional owner engagement in fulfilling the reporting requirements of the WTMA.

Activity b: Aboriginal engagement in management – case studies.

Discussions through the Coordination Group for the Project have identified a number of potential case studies that are relevant to the overall project goal of enhancing Aboriginal engagement in management, including:

- Giringun Aboriginal Corporation;
- Jirrbal governance arrangements;
- Aboriginal Rainforest Council; and
- Yalanji Indigenous Land Use agreement.

ARC has requested a briefing on how suggested case studies might link to achieving international best-practice in Aboriginal engagement, which will occur at the IP Sub-Committee meeting on November 2, and will be subsequently discussed by the Coordination Group. Gabriel's (2007) global comparative analysis found that successful examples of protected area management in World Heritage tropical forest sites involved:

- Legislative and policy mechanisms supportive of Indigenous rights, culture and governance
- Participatory cultural mapping planning frameworks
- Indigenous and conservation NGOs
- A cooperative State-management philosophy
- Broader sustainable economic development associated with the protected areas
- Legal recognition of resource rights
- Indigenous land tenure models
- Cultural norms for resource regulation
- Strong community and research linkages
- Significant financial bolstering.

In addition, the emerging socio-ecological approach and the concept of equitable (rather than equal) partnerships were identified as key components of best-practice models.

Of the existing World Heritage tropical forest sites, Mamiraua (Brazil) and Rio Platano (Honduras) were identified by Gabriel (2007) as providing insights useful to "best practice models and solutions" that can be applied in the WTWHA. These sites were legislated as sustainable development reserves which enabled Indigenous governance models and resource use practices to be incorporated into the design and management of the innovative participatory planning processes.

Case studies that could link the current status of co-management with Aboriginal Peoples in the WTWHA with these best-practice models and solutions include :

1. Policy and legislative support: *Regional Agreement itself* - participatory evaluation with a view to identification of legislative and policy reforms that could more support effective implementation – building on the lessons from the legislative and policy reform processes at Mamiraua and Rio Platano
2. Indigenous NGOS: *role of ARC and Giringun as effective agents* to represent the interests and cultural differences of key stakeholders into better-practice models for the WTWHA – again looking at some of the effective Indigenous NGOs operating in Mamiraua and Rio Platano
3. Participatory cultural mapping: *the role of the CHIMs as an enabling mechanism*; could be in association with cultural mapping occurring in Dja Biosphere Reserve, or other cultural mapping projects
4. Significant financial bolstering for Aboriginal peoples associated with the WTWHA: focus on articulating *the need and opportunities for grant funding to begin and support Indigenous ecotourism in the WTWHA* (Gabriel concluded this was essential at Mamiraua and Rio Platano)
5. Indigenous land tenure: *Yalanji ILUA and emerging governance arrangements* (co-research as this process develops)
6. Broader sustainable economic development.
7. Equitable partnerships (each party contributes in a way they are best able to in accordance with their interests, priorities and capacities, with balanced power relationships in decision-making): *emerging EPA/Indigenous partnerships in Wooroonoran and other parks in WTWHA*

8. Socio-ecological approach: overall *trends in WTWHA management in relation to the key features of a socio-ecological approach* which include:
 - a. Scientific awareness of the role of humans in seascapes/landscapes
 - b. Awareness of the social and cultural aspects of Indigenous communities
 - c. Acknowledgement of human rights
 - d. Recognition of multicultural perspectives
 - e. Recognition of people's rights to participate in decisions affecting them
 - f. Final selection of case studies will be made in conjunction with the ARC and the Project Co-ordinating Committee following the discussions identified above

Activity C : Aboriginal Research and Recording - Report 2B

Dr Faury recently submitted her draft of REPORT 2b: *an evaluation of previous and current methods and models for researching indigenous resource use and purposes, with recommendations for best practice research solutions*. The report will be considered by the ARC Intellectual Property Sub-Committee at a meeting scheduled for Nov 2 2007. A copy of the table of contents of this report is provided below in the form an Appendix. What follow is a slightly edited version of her executive summary.

Faury's research and report writing was undertaken after an earlier draft report on the topic had been submitted by Glass & White (2007). The research involved an extensive search, evaluation and critique of the published and unpublished literature on models of research in the international, national, regional and local domains. A special focus was trained on models of engagement between researcher and the research group, including participatory and collaborative models of research in the social and geographical/ environmental sciences. The report provides an overview and discussion of these various forms of research and makes recommendations about developing some 'best practice' models for researching resource use in the Wet Tropics.

Faury notes that central to any research on resource use being undertaken in the Wet Tropics is the engagement of the appropriate Indigenous people. This engagement or active involvement in the research could range from people brokering the research project itself to being involved as full partners at every stage. Research involvement will depend on a number of factors, including: the research project itself; the desire of people to be involved in each project; and the skills base of all involved parties at the time.

Crucial to developing 'best practice' in research is the development of appropriate research protocols. Protocols need to be sufficiently adaptive instruments which can be modified to reflect the contingencies of each research project. However, at base level they could be comprised of key principles which would remain non-negotiable. This could include the requirement of:

- clear guidelines about the project and its purpose;
- clear agreement to proceed;
- mutual respect and mutual responsibilities of the researcher and the Aboriginal owners of the Wet Tropics;
- co-operative and equitable approaches to research which demonstrate respect for Rainforest Aboriginal people's intellectual and cultural property;
- co-operative and equitable approaches to research which demonstrate respect for the intellectual property of researchers (be they Aboriginal or non-Aboriginal);
- clear agreement about the ownership and future uses of the research findings and data;
- research which actively works towards 'bringing in' Indigenous or Traditional Knowledge with other forms of knowledge, namely the Sciences or the Social Sciences;

- foregrounding rainforest Aboriginal people's rights and interests in the Wet Tropics enabling their active involvement in the management of the World Heritage Area;
- being involved in an on-going process of engagement;
- a commitment by all parties to disseminate research results in an appropriate way;
- the involvement of Aboriginal people from the very beginning of a project;
- a commitment of both parties to negotiate on equal terms;
- the ability for both parties to follow through with agreed outcomes;
- ensuring that the right people to speak for country are consulted;
- making sure negotiations are done in an open and honest way;
- a commitment of both parties to work through difficulties together when they arise; and
- a clause to excuse either one or all parties from elements of the agreement should issues of conscience arise which either party feels compelled to respond to.

Fuay argues that the respective protocols and research agreements developed by Drs Melissa Nursey-Bray (2006,2003) and Karen Martin (2006, 200) offer us examples of how best practice models of research protocols might be developed, especially if the findings of the Indigenous Facilitation and Mediation Project (IFaMP) on the need for high level skills in negotiation and conflict resolution (Bauman 2006; In Press) are factored in to the process.

A related issue concerns the advantages of forging and maintaining strong institutional links and dialogue with bodies such as the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS), museums, public libraries and archives. Such links would assist in the refinement of research protocols, models and management of projects, as well as developing a knowledge base on the location of materials about Aboriginal resource use in the Wet Tropics.

Field guide for traditional owner recording

As a result of the Indigenous Landscapes and Cultural Heritage Mapping Project Meeting of 2 August 2007, Linda Leftwich was assigned the task of developing a user-friendly field guide, possibly accessible from the website of Aboriginal Rainforest Council.

Currently, a course is being run for Traditional Owners wherein training is being given in the area of recording, but the field guide will be useful for anyone who may want hints on how to record stories and particularly those Traditional Owners who have not attended the above course but see the need to undertake their own recordings within their own community. It will contain helpful hints on preparation before, during and after recording.

It was decided that Linda Leftwich meet with M'Lis Flynn of Wet Tropics Management Authority to discuss what could be included in this field guide and she and M'Lis met on 19 September to brainstorm possible information that can be placed in this guide as M'Lis has had experience in building databases as well as field recording. To help develop the field guide, M'Lis forwarded to Linda a copy of a permission form she had developed and the email addresses of two (2) possible contacts.

Bob Peever, who is actually one of the contacts, is involved in the course currently being run for Traditional Owners and the other contact is Victor Steffensen of Balkanu who has referred Linda, initially, to the organisation's website for information that may be useful and, if she requires more, Victor will be happy to consult with her.

Contact has been made with New South Wales National Parks and Wildlife Services (NSW NP&WS). NSW NP&WS developed a step-by-step guide for Koori's to publish oral history called "Talk to Print: A step-by-step guide to publishing oral history" and another publication called "Talking History: Oral History Guidelines".

A request has been made by Linda to obtain free hard copies of these publications and two (2) copies of "Talk to Print: A step-by-step guide to publishing oral history" have been found and have been forwarded to Linda. If more copies are required they can be from NSW NP&S's website. The Publication "Talking History: Oral History Guidelines" is out of print and NSW NP&WS have indicated they will forwards any copies they find to Linda.

A library search has elicited some materials which may be useful. Once a review of these materials is completed relevant information, etc will be incorporated into the Field Guide which is expected to be finished by the end of November 2007. The Field guide will, of course, be subject to review by the Intellectual Property sub-Committee before it is made available to Traditional Owners. It is hoped that, as part of the field guide, links to publications such as the "Talk to Print: A step-by-step guide to publishing oral history" will be included.

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APPENDIX 1 Report 2b

REPORT 2b:

An evaluation of previous and current methods and models for researching indigenous resource use and purposes, with recommendations for best practice research solutions.

Draft Report Prepared for Marine and Tropical Sciences Research Facility, Milestone Report 4.9.1. "Indigenous Landscapes and the Aboriginal Rainforest Council (ARC)".

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MTSRF Indigenous Landscapes Project

DATE	MEETING ATTENDED
4 July	<p>Aboriginal Rainforest Meeting Present: Allison Halliday (Executive Officer, Aboriginal Rainforest Council), Chantal Roder (Project Co-ordinator, Cultural Heritage Mapping Project, Aboriginal Rainforest Council), Dr Rosemary Hill (Planner, Tropical Landscapes, Tropical Landscapes Program CSIRO Sustainable Ecosystems JCU), Dr Mike Wood (Senior Lecturer, School of Arts and Social Science, JCU), , Dr Susan McIntyre-Tamwoy (Research Fellow, Adjunct Senior Fellow, ARC CoE Coral Reef Studies, School of Arts and Social Sciences, JCU) Linda Leftwich (MTSRF Indigenous Landscapes Project Research Officer, JCU)</p> <p>This meeting was convened to discuss the ICOMOS Conference held from 19-21 July 2007.</p> <p>Also discussed at the meeting was the Commonwealth Department of Environment and Water Resources' Nomination Form for National Heritage Listing and, in particular, Criterion a, b, d(ii), f and i. It was decided these criterion be strengthened and also that they be re-written and re-submitted, with attachments, to Department of Environment and Water Resources.</p> <p>Linda Leftwich assisted with Agenda and Invitee List</p>
6 July	<p>Cultural Heritage Mapping and Indigenous Landscapes Project Co-ordination Meeting at Girringun Cardwell Present: Present at Girringun, Cardwell – Leigh Pentecost, Nigel Hedgcock, Dr Rosemary Hill (Ro), Chantal Roder (Project Co-ordinator, Cultural Heritage Mapping Project, Aboriginal Rainforest Council), Present at Cairns JCU – Dr Mike Wood and Linda Leftwich Apologies: Allison Halliday (Executive Officer, Aboriginal Rainforest Council) Travel to Cardwell was to be undertaken by Mike Wood and Linda Leftwich to attend but, because of circumstances, this did not happen and a telephone hook up to Girringun took place. Updates on various issues from each attendee were given. These included:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Cultural Heritage Mapping Project Activities; • MTSRF Indigenous Landscapes Project • an update on the National Heritage Listing process • ICOMOS workshop • Discussion also ensued about the possibility of sending a delegation to Barcelona for World Conservation Congress in October to conduct a workshop on Aboriginal Resource Management • Repatriation of documents
16 July	<p>Intellectual Property sub-Committee meeting at Aboriginal Rainforest Council Present: Mike Wood, Linda Leftwich, Ro Hill, Chantal Roder, Kenny Reys (IP sub-Committee board member), Henrietta Marrie (IP sub-Committee board member), Margaret Freeman (IP sub-Committee board member), Leah Talbot (IP sub-Committee board member), Discussed ICOMOS workshop and intellectual property (IP) protocols and MTSRF reports Report 2(a) was approved</p>

DATE	MEETING ATTENDED
18 July	<p>Workshop on National and World Heritage Listing of the Wet Tropics world Heritage Area on Cultural Grounds, James Cook University</p> <p>Chris Ballard (ANU), Noeline Cole, (Consultant), Dr David Collett (of Department of Environment and Water Resources, Canberra), M'Lis Flynn (Project Officer, Wet Tropics Management Authority, Cairns), Maureen Fuary (Casual Research Officer, Adjunct Senior Lecturer, School of Arts and Social Sciences, JCU), Jennifer Gabriel (Post-Graduate Student, JCU, Cairns) Shelley Greer (Senior Lecturer, School of Arts and Social Sciences, JCU), Nigel Hedgcock (Manager, Aboriginal Resource Management Program Wet Tropics Management Authority), Dr Rosita Henry (Senior Lecturer, JCU), Dr Rosemary Hill (CSIRO, JCU), Nicky Horsfall, Douglas Kalotiti (visitor from Vanuatu), Birgit Klein (Research Worker, JCU), Linda Leftwich (JCU), Jane Lennon (Australian Heritage Council, Brisbane), Troy Mallie (Aboriginal Rainforest Council), Henrietta Marrie (Director), Susan McIntyre-Tamwoy (Research Fellow, JCU), Leigh Pentecost (Girringun Aboriginal Corporation, Cardwell), Aaron Rathmall (Cape York Land Council), Chantal Roder (Project Co-ordinator, Cultural Heritage Mapping Project, Aboriginal Rainforest Council), Anita Smith (Heritage Victoria, AICOMOS), Leah Talbot (Director, Intellectual Property sub-Committee), Marilyn Truscott (Heritage Consultant and member of AICOMOS), Joseph Wallace (Project Officer, Wet Tropics Management Authority), Dr Michael Wood (Senior Lecturer, JCU)</p> <p>Present at this meeting were traditional owners, academics and experts in National and World Heritage Listing to discuss how best to complete the nomination to ensure it would succeed. A lot of positive contributions, discussions and advice were given to ensure we achieved this goal. This is summarised in transcript prepared by Linda Leftwich</p>
30 July	<p>Linda Leftwich, Mike Wood, Ro Hill and Chantal Roder met to discuss and develop a Work Plan. It was agreed that Linda Leftwich would do a draft Work Plan for presentation and discussion at Co-ordination Meeting on August 2007 at Wet Tropics Management Authority.</p>
2 August	<p>Cultural Heritage Mapping and Indigenous Landscapes Project Co-ordination Meeting at Wet Tropics Management Authority Board Room</p> <p>Present: Leigh Pentecost,(Girringun Corporation, Cardwell), Nigel Hedgcock (Manager, Aboriginal Resource Management Program Wet Tropics Management Authority), M'Lis Flynn, Mike Wood, Linda Leftwich, Rosemary Hill, Chantal Roder, Rod Neilson (Girringun Corporation, Cardwell)</p> <p>Apologies: Allison Halliday (Executive Officer, Aboriginal Rainforest Council)</p> <p>Issues for discussion were:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Heritage Listing discussion • MTSRF Indigenous Landscape Project update – update on Reports and Linda Leftwich presented her Work Plan for comment. • Update from Aboriginal Rainforest Council - Cultural Heritage Mapping and Recording activities, • Funding; • Update from Girringun Aboriginal Corporation

DATE	MEETING ATTENDED
7 August	<p>IP sub-Committee Meeting Present: Chantal Roder (Project Co-ordinator, Cultural Heritage Mapping Project, Aboriginal Rainforest Council), Nigel Hedgcock (Manager Aboriginal Resource Management Program, Wet Tropics Management Authority) (part), Linda Leftwich, Dr Rosemary Hill, David Collett (Department of Environment and Water Resources, Canberra), Linda Baulch (Department of Environment and Water Resources, Canberra), Peter Wallace, Henrietta Fourmile (part), Ken Reys (part)</p> <p>This was a follow on from the 18 July 2007 meeting, the main reason being to meet with David Collett and Linda Baulch to further develop the national heritage listing nomination of the Wet Tropics. Like the workshop in July which David Collett attended and advice was given by David and Linda which will be utilised to strengthen the nomination.</p> <p>MTSRF Reports 1, Milestone Report 1 and Report 4 were tabled :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The revised Report 1 was re-submitted and approved by IP sub-Committee directors who were present; • Milestone Report 1 was submitted and approved by directors; and • Report 4 was submitted for directors' perusal and comment. It will be reconsidered at next IP sub-Committee meeting with amendments. (Report 4 was considered on 27 August and is now with Mike Wood for amendment.)
13 August	Linda Leftwich and Rosemary Hill met to discuss individual and project work plans. Draft overall project work plan finalised subsequent to meeting
15 August	Rosemary Hill met with Dr Maureen Fuary re Report 2(b)
17 August	Linda Leftwich met with Ms Jennifer Gabriel (Post-Graduate student) who wrote Report 2(a) to discuss templates and acknowledgements for the Report
23 August	Linda Leftwich met with Ms Jennifer Gabriel (Post-Graduate student) to design covering letter for the Report when posting/giving out to relevant organisations, etc
27 August	<p>Cultural Heritage Mapping and Indigenous Landscapes Project Co-ordination Meeting at Aboriginal Rainforest Council (ARC)</p> <p>Present: Limited attendance with only Nigel Hedgcock (Wet Tropics Management Authority), Ro Hill (CSIRO), Dr Leanne Cullen (Human Ecologist, Livelihoods & Environment Group Tropical Landscapes Program, CSIRO Sustainable Ecosystems JCU/CSIRO Tropical Landscapes Joint Venture, Australian Tropical Forest Institute Division of Research & Innovation, JCU) and Chantal Roder (ARC) attending.</p> <p>Introduction of Leanne Cullen to those present.</p> <p>Discussion centred around:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repatriation of records • Linda Leftwich's task list and Work Plan; • overall project plan; • MOU between ARC, JCU and MTSRF not finalised; • Identifying case studies • Development of Field Guidelines for Traditional Owners • Progressing the National Heritage Listing
3 September	Rosemary Hill and Henrietta Marrie met by phone, agreed on process for next stage of NTH documentation and postponed planned meeting of IP sub-Committee
19 September	Linda Leftwich met with M'Lis Flynn from Wet Tropics Management authority to discuss field guide for TO recording of stories (see attached for more details).

DATE	MEETING ATTENDED
20 September	<p>MTSRF Team Meeting Present: Dr Rosemary Hill, Dr Leanne Cullen, Dr Mike Wood, Linda Leftwich, Dr Maureen Fuary (visitor) This was the first meeting Leanne attended. It was proposed that the team, including Leanne, meet regularly. Dr Fuary attended the meeting to give an update on MTSRF Report 2(b). Discussion centred around Leanne's role, repatriation of records, updates from Mike Wood, Ro Hill and Linda Leftwich and the status of funds.</p>
21 September	<p>Linda Leftwich met with Dr Fuary to assist her in trying to locate two (2) theses which would be relevant to the Report she was preparing.</p>
8 October	<p>Ro Hill and Leanne Cullen met with Dr Chris Margules and Dr James Butler to discuss co-ordination of post-doctoral research project with aims and goals of the Indigenous Landscapes project</p>
10 October	<p>Ro Hill and Mike Wood met to discuss project co-ordination issues.</p>
24 October	<p>Ro Hill met with Chantal Roder and Dr Allan Dale (in Innisfail) to discuss progress with the cultural mapping project</p>
24 October	<p>Chantal Roder met with Linda Leftwich to discuss the structure and progress of the practical field guide</p>