

Impact of mimosa on White Eagle country, Northern Territory, Australia

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Abstract

I am a traditional owner of the Rak Mak Mak Marranunggu land located 100 km southwest of Darwin, Northern Territory, Australia. I will speak about traditional and contemporary Mak Mak Marranunggu/White Eagle knowledge and perspectives of the environment and spiritual dimensions through cultural values and beliefs.

Mak Mak Marranunggu knowledge and experiences will be central to the impact of mimosa on White Eagle/Marranunggu country: Kudinju. The influence of mimosa on Marranunggu/White Eagle culture and identity presents the struggle and hardship of control and management by Indigenous landowners. The capacity of White Eagle/ Marranunggu oral traditions, contemporary knowledge and experiences to engage with invasive species on Aboriginal land is unlimited. My spirituality worldview is interwoven and central to my country: Kudinju. My knowledge base will be described as a 'narrative journey' of three languages: Mak Mak Marranunggu, Marithiel and English.

Mak Mak Marranunggu connects to the land, over thousands of years and hundreds of generations. This will be a short journey where we will briefly visit the past, present and future. The focus areas will be historic background, case studies, environment and identity, community development, land management, and an Aboriginal enterprise.

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