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Business On Country – Land use diversification on the Indigenous estate

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NAILSMA Core Service Areas



Land and Sea-based Management



Economic Development and Employment



Collaborative Research and Project Partnerships

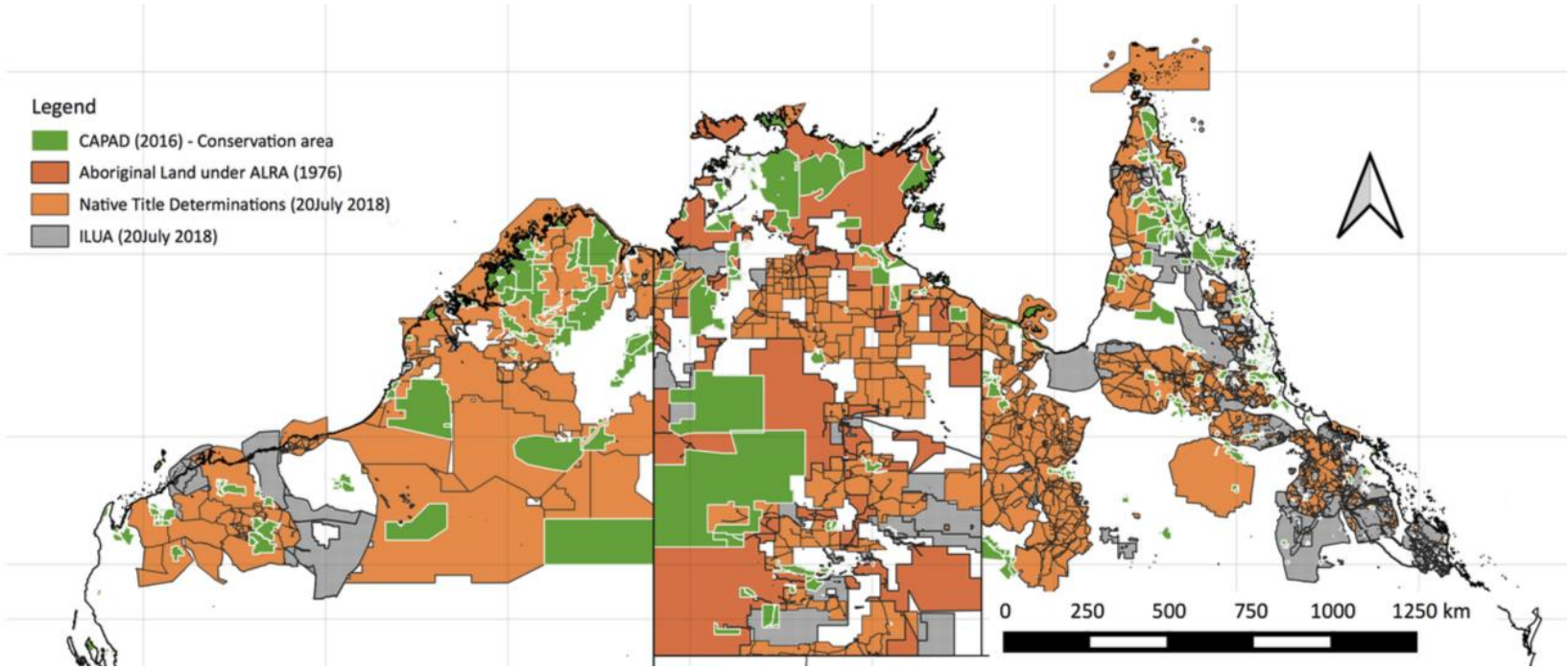


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Indigenous title interests:
79% of northern Australia, north of 26°S



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Project Outline

- create a network of Indigenous landowners/managers (ILUEN) to share understandings of opportunities and constraints, supported by research partners with technical and business skills;
- analysis of commercial land and resource uses, confirm TO-preferred approaches to whole-of-country planning and decision-making for diversification;
- on 3 Indigenous estates develop new approaches to managing interactions among biophysically-determined opportunities and constraints and important cultural and natural values requiring protection;
- supports TOs to draft whole-of-estate land use plans (LUPs);
- where sought by landholders, apply LUPs to draft investment invitations
- frame a Business on Country Diversification strategy to direct future investment.

Project partners



- NAILSMA
- Northern Land Council
- The Nature Conservancy
- Western Yalanji Aboriginal Corporation
- Nyamba Buru Yawuru
- Normanby Aboriginal Corporation

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Case study sites



- Western Yalanji, north Queensland
- Normanby Station, southern Cape York
- Waanyi Garawa, Northern Territory Gulf
- Yawuru, Kimberley Western Australia

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Key Findings

- Activities linked to culture
- Carbon market – savanna burning
- Cultural tourism
- Eco-system services
- On farm enterprise

- Wide range of opportunities
- Governance and capacity is integral
- Resourcing and support
- Pathways to investment
- Thinking for the future
- Thinking at the right scale

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Next steps

- Final report - recommendations
- Investment planning
- Linkages to collaboration
- Operationalise



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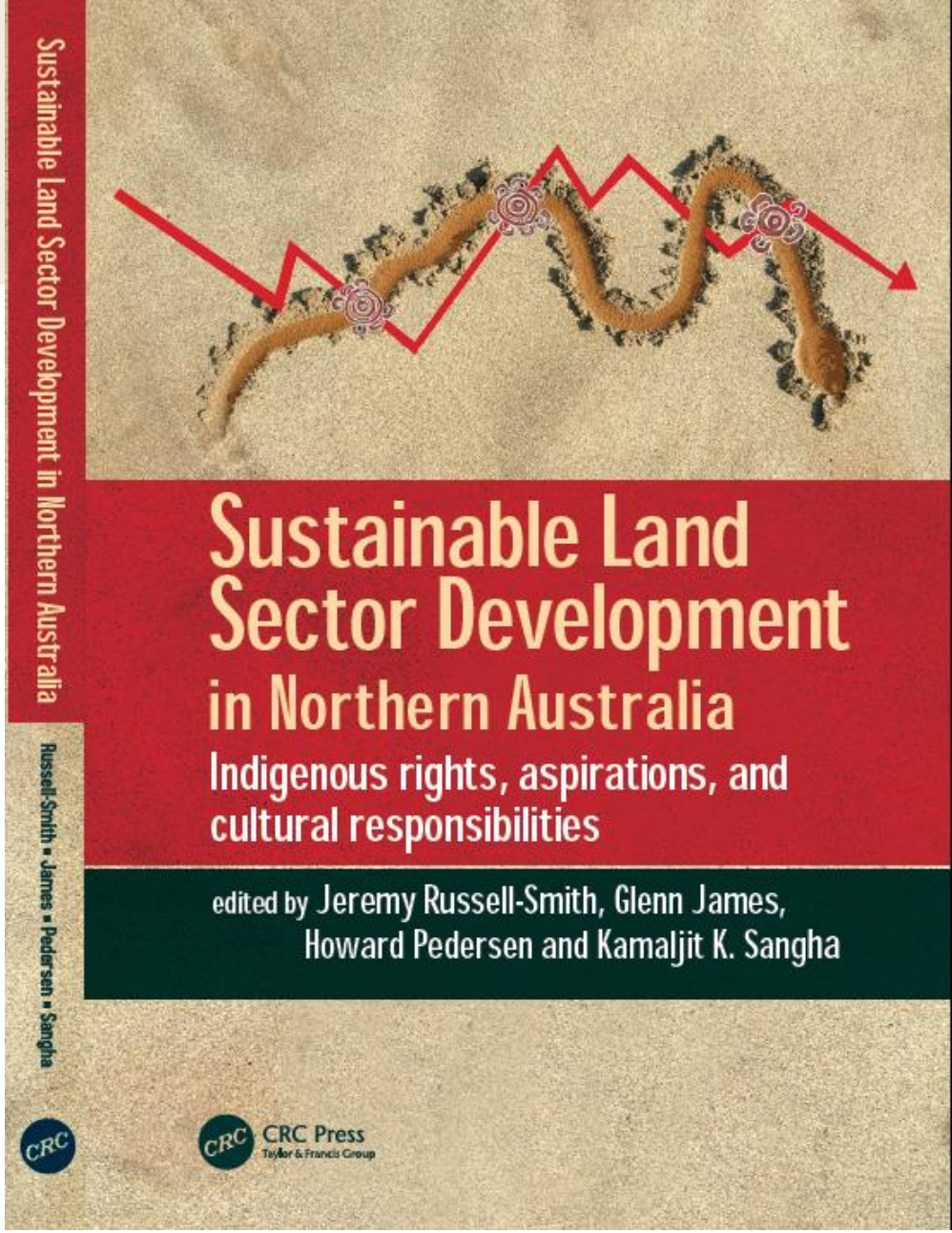


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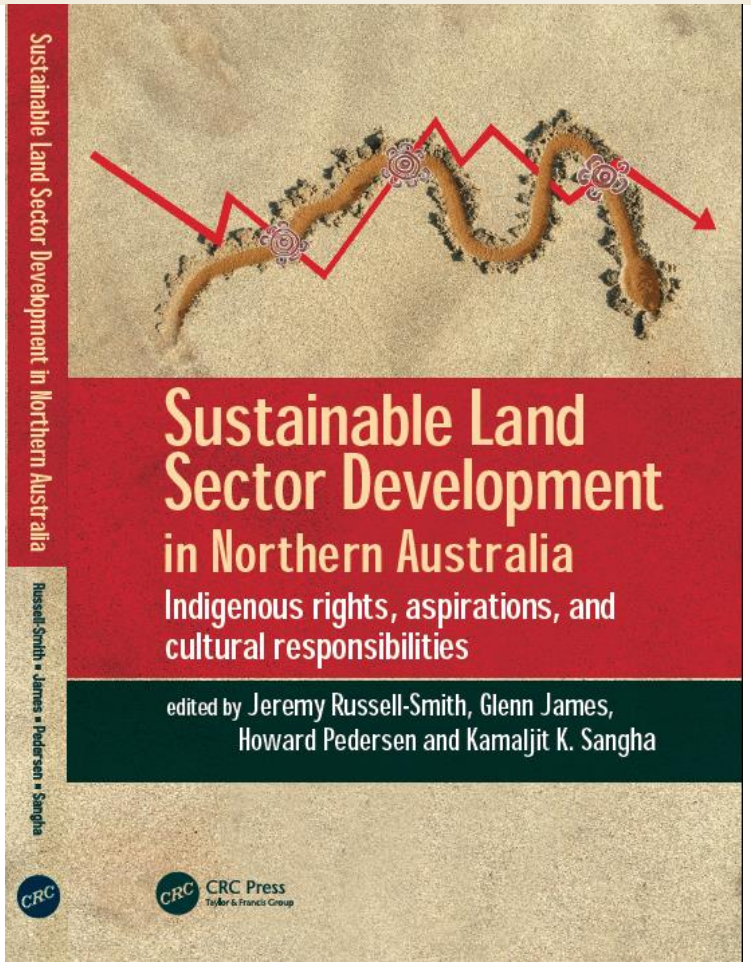


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Sustainable Land Sector Development

- Book launch
- Indigenous perspective on failings of White Paper on Developing Northern Australia



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