



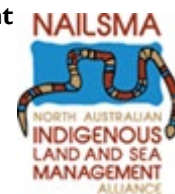
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Building Indigenous capacity and capability in feral pest and weed management in northern Australia: Meet the NAILSMA Regional Coordinators



The North Australian Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance (NAILSMA) are leading a Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry 'Protecting Country Against Invasive Species' project to support Indigenous Ranger Groups in northern Australia to undertake Indigenous led on-ground pest and weed management to protect biodiversity and cultural values.

Four coordinators have been appointed to deliver this project and work with Indigenous Ranger groups in northern Queensland, Northern Territory and Western Australia.



Dr. Angie Reid Senior Project Coordinator (angie.reid@nailsma.org.au)

Angie has worked alongside Traditional Owners in remote northern Australia for the past 9 years. Originally from the USA where she worked as a fire ecologist, Angie came to Australia in 2015 to do her PhD. Her work explored the connection between large feral and native herbivores and Indigenous fire management in the North Kimberley and Arnhem Land. Following this, she worked in the Great Sandy Desert as the Ngurrpa Indigenous Protected Area Coordinator for 3.5 years. In this role, she helped to establish a new land management program and Ranger team, whilst carrying out work to mitigate impacts of feral cats and camels on threatened species and important cultural areas. Angie is excited to continue working with Indigenous rangers to build capacity in remote northern Australia and protect Country against invasive species.



Harry Tamwoy Regional Coordinator QLD (harry.tamwoy@nailsma.org.au)

Harry is of both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent from Injinoo and Badu Island. Having spent close to two decades working and managing programs within Indigenous communities in northern Australia, Harry's career has taken him from roles within National Parks Association to Queensland Fire and Emergency Services, and more recently the Indigenous Ranger Biosecurity Program with the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry. Harry's new role with NAILSMA allows him to continue his important work within the biosecurity sector, whilst also supporting his passion for empowering Indigenous peoples.

Jackie Wemyss Regional Coordinator WA (jackie.wemyss@nailsma.org.au)

Jackie has been working and living in West and Central Kimberley remote communities for 13 years, working for Traditional Owners in community development and Indigenous land management projects through Indigenous Ranger programs. For Kimberley Indigenous land management, one of the many priorities for Traditional Owners is to keep Country as it always has been. A major threat to this priority are invasive species and their environmental impacts. Jackie has worked with Traditional Owners on various land and sea Healthy Country Plans and sees effective feral animal and weed management as a great opportunity to make real changes to the landscape, with Indigenous Rangers leading the way.



Alex Ernst Regional Coordinator NT (alex.ernst@nailsma.org.au)

Originally from Tasmania, Alex has been working with Indigenous Ranger Groups for over ten years. Alex started his commercial helicopter career in Arnhem Land, conducting land management activities with Ranger groups before moving into other roles, including ranger coordination and project support within Indigenous organisations. In 2019 Alex became the Maningrida Learning on Country Coordinator, before working as Ranger Coordinator at Mimal Land Management Aboriginal Corporation. During this time, Alex has worked in collaboration with CSIRO to support invasive species research projects.

For more information, visit <https://nailsma.org.au/projects/protecting-country-against-invasive-species>