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# North Australian Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance

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## Book Launch

A new book edited by Jeremy Russell-Smith, Peter Whitehead and Peter Cooke, titled '*Culture, Ecology and Economy of Fire Management in North Australian Savannas: Rekindling the Wurrk Tradition*', will be launched by Ms Marion Scrymgour MLA on April 20th at 4.30pm on Darwin's Esplanade.

This book documents the remarkable 10 year collaboration between western Arnhem Land Traditional Owners and research and government agency partners to arrest a potentially catastrophic fire-driven decline in the natural and cultural assets of the region – not by excluding fire, but by using it better through restoration of Indigenous burning coupled with contemporary management practice.

The volume contains contributions from an array of people including the Traditional Owners themselves, linguists, anthropologists, natural resource managers, and scientists. The large number of individuals and organisations involved reflects the truly multi-disciplinary partnership involved. The book illustrates the potential for exploring new economic opportunities across fire-prone northern Australia, with particular benefits for remote indigenous communities.

NAILSMA CEO Joe Morrison states that *"the publishing of this book is very timely*



*because it clearly shows how knowledge held by senior Traditional Owners can be deployed in conjunction with western scientific analysis and advanced technology to address new and emerging natural resource management issues, such as wildfires".* Morrison also states that the *"successful world first initiative shows the inherent commitment by Indigenous land managers to the protection and management of their natural and cultural assets"*.

NAILSMA supports this valuable resource and encourages any one interested in cultural and natural resource management, new economies and north Australian development to purchase a copy by emailing: [publishing.sales@csiro.au](mailto:publishing.sales@csiro.au)

The book will be launched at the National NRM Knowledge Conference on the 20th of April from 4.30 to 5.00pm on stage on Darwin's Esplanade, and is free for all to attend.

The book is a 2009 CSIRO publication and is available for purchase: <http://www.csiro.au/resources/Fire-Management.html>