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LAWRIE_M03

**Sound recordings collected by
Margaret Elizabeth Lawrie, 1970**

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Date: 1970

Extent: 6 sound tape reels (ca. 6 hrs) : analogue, 3 3/4-7 1/2 ips, 2 track, mono + field tape report sheets.

Production history

These recordings were collected between 6 August and 3 September 1970 by Margaret Lawrie during fieldwork at Mer in the Torres Strait, Queensland. The purpose of the field trip was to document Eastern Torres songs and language. Performers and speakers include Dela Mopwali, Robert Pitt, Sarao Billy, Sineur Kabere, Kabere Du, Apao Ebui, Tat Mabo, Asao Omei, Dau Tom, Akazi Passi, Anai Noah, Babai Monday, Harriet Gisa, Caroline Modee, Siau Kudub and Helen Ses. The collection was deposited with AIATSIS on 7 December 1970.

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This finding aid was compiled from information provided by Margaret Lawrie. Detailed item descriptions, featuring timing points, are not yet available as the collection has not been auditioned by AIATSIS staff.

ITEM LIST

Field recording number	AIATSIS item number	Description
70/1	LAWRIE_M03-001934A	Old dance songs of the styles known as Ikok, Babana and Kab Kar performed in Meriam Mir by Dela Mopwali and Robert Pitt at Mer on 6-7 August 1970, 00:00:00 – 00:26:49
70/2	LAWRIE_M03-001934B	Old dance songs of the styles known as Ikok, Babana and Kab Kar performed in Meriam Mir by Sarao Billy at Mer on 15 August 1970, 00:00:00 – 00:30:55; children's songs a Christian songs and Mer games songs performed in Meriam Mir by Sineur Kabere, a group of women, Kabere Du and a group of girls at Mer on 31 August 1970, 00:30:55 – 00:43:52
70/3	LAWRIE_M03-001935A	Old dance songs and a narrative on Norinori, the Great Ancestor Snake performed in Meriam Mir by Sarao Billy at Mer on 16 August 1970, 00:00:00 – 00:27:54
70/4	LAWRIE_M03-001935B	String figure and children's songs performed in Meriam Mir by Apao Ebui, Tat Mabo, Asao Omey, Dela Mopwali, Dau Tom, Robert Pitt, and Sam Passi at Mer, August 1970, 00:00:00 – 00:33:36
70/5	LAWRIE_M03-001936A	Elicitation of Meriam Mir words and descriptions of Kamut (string figures) and words which accompany some children's games with Akazi Passi, Anai Noah, Babai Monday, Harriet Gisa, Caroline Modee, Asao Omey and Sam Passi on 31 August and 1 September 1970
70/6	LAWRIE_M03-001936B	Elicitation of Meriam Mir words and descriptions of Kamut (string figures) with Anai Noah, Siau Kudub, Helen Ses and Asao Omey at Mer on 2-3 September 1970