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WURM_S01

**Sound recordings collected by
Stephen Wurm, 1960**

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Date: September 1960

Extent: 2 sound tape reels (1 hr. 48 min.) : analogue, 3 ¾ ips, mono.

Production history

These recordings were collected by Stephen Wurm during field work on Mornington Island, Qld in September 1960. The purpose of the project was to research the language of the Kayardild people of Bentinck Island in the Gulf of Carpentaria. The interviewee was Alison [Kanutu, 'The Big Wave'].

This collection was deposited at the Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies in April 1976.

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ITEM LIST

| Archive number | Field recording number | Description |
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| 002173A 002173B 002173B | Field tape 1 | Discussion and sentence elicitation in Kayardild / Kaiadilt with Alison [Kanutu] |
| 002174A 002174B | Field tape 2 | Vocabulary and sentence elicitation in Kayardild / Kaiadilt with Alison [Kanutu] |

002173A + 002173B + 002173B/Field tape 1

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|-----------------------|--|
| Performer/speaker(s): | Alison [Kanutu] |
| Subject keywords: | Language – Linguistics – Language elicitation – Discussion / Conversation, Language – Linguistics – Language elicitation – Sentences, Language – Linguistics – Vocabulary & grammar – Interrogatives |
| Language/people: | Kayardild / Kaiadilt |
| Places: | Mornington Island (Qld Gulf Wellesley Islands SE54-01), Bentinck Island (Qld Gulf Wellesley Islands SE54-02) |
| Recording quality: | Poor to fair |

| Archive item number | Timing point | Description | Date | Place |
|---------------------|--------------|--|----------------|-------------------------|
| WURM_S01-002173A | 00:00:00 | Discussion / conversation in Kayardild with Alison [Kanutu]; speech is all in Kayardild with no English equivalent. | September 1960 | Mornington Island, Qld. |
| | 00:31:31 | End of WURM_S01-002173A | | |
| WURM_S01-002173B | 00:00:00 | Clock timing set at 00:00:00 at beginning of the archive tape; recording does not begin until 00:33:28. | | |
| WURM_S01-002173B | 00:33:28 | Sentence elicitation in Kayardild with Alison [Kanutu] including questions and emphases on prepositions, pronouns and adverbs. | | |
| | 01:04:59 | End of field tape 1 and end of WURM_S01-002173B. | | |

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002174A + 002174B/Field tape 2

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| Performer/speaker(s): | Alison [Kanutu] |
| Subject keywords: | Language – Linguistics – Language elicitation – Sentences, Language – Linguistics – Vocabulary, Language – Linguistics – Vocabulary & grammar – Adverbs, Language – Linguistics – Vocabulary & grammar – Pronouns, Language – Linguistics – Vocabulary & grammar – Interrogatives, Language – Linguistics – Vocabulary & grammar – Nouns & ergatives |
| Language/people: | Kayardild / Kaiadilt |
| Places: | Mornington Island (Qld Gulf Wellesley Islands SE54-01), Bentinck Island (Qld Gulf Wellesley Islands SE54-02) |
| Recording quality: | Poor to fair |

| Archive item number | Timing point | Description | Date | Place |
|---------------------|--------------|--|-------------------|-------------------------|
| WURM_S01-002174A | 00:00:00 | Vocabulary and sentence elicitation in Kayardild with Alison (Kanutu). | September 1960 | Mornington Island, Qld. |
| | 00:06:28 | Sentence elicitation in Kayardild with Alison [Kanutu] with emphases on conjunctions, pronouns, questions and imperatives. | | |
| | 00:31:45 | End of WURM_S01-002174A. | | |
| WURM_S01-002174B | 00:00:00 | Clock timing set at 00:00:00 at beginning of the archive tape; recording does not begin until 00:40:37. | 28 September 1960 | Mornington Island, Qld. |
| | 00:40:37 | Sentence elicitation in Kayardild with Alison [Kanutu] with emphases on questions, conjunctions and ergatives. | | |
| | 00:53:28 | End of field tape 2 and end of WURM_S01-002174B. | | |

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