

Summary of Linkage Projects Proposals for Funding to Commence in 2008

Northern Territory

Charles Darwin University

LP0882367 Prof B Campbell; Dr PJ Whitehead

Approved Project Title **Does monitoring and evaluation improve joint management? The case of national parks in the Northern Territory**

2008 : \$ 125,000

2009 : \$ 105,000

2010 : \$ 100,000

Primary RFCD 3009 LAND, PARKS AND AGRICULTURE MANAGEMENT

Collaborating/Partner Organisation(s)

Northern Land Council

Central Land Council

Northern Territory Department of Natural Resources, Environment and the Arts

Administering Organisation Charles Darwin University

Project Summary

Joint Indigenous/government management is to be mainstreamed in 30 national parks and reserves in the Northern Territory over the next few years including some of Australia's iconic natural wonders. This project will identify how participatory monitoring and evaluation enhances the realisation of benefits from joint management, how it can be done cost effectively, and how it can be scaled up from six pilot areas to areas across the NT and Australia wide. The project will build capacity of Indigenous Traditional Owners to participate in monitoring and evaluation for improved management and livelihood outcomes for the benefit of not just the residents of these natural areas, but for all Australians.

LP0882478 Prof KA Christian; Prof RS Seymour; Dr GJ Webb

Approved Project Title **Digestive Physiology of Crocodilians: Towards an Improved Diet and Feeding Regime for Use by the Farming Industry**

2008 : \$ 94,000

2009 : \$ 88,000

2010 : \$ 70,000

Primary RFCD 3004 ANIMAL PRODUCTION

Collaborating/Partner Organisation(s)

Wildlife Management International

Northern Territory Research & Innovation Board

Administering Organisation Charles Darwin University

Project Summary

Crocodile farming promotes the sustainable production and consumption of crocodile products without harming natural populations. The industry grosses over \$15 million per year in Australia and \$200 million worldwide. Costs associated with transporting and storing food are the single largest expense that crocodile farms have. Increases in the efficiency of converting food into growth will have positive economic benefits to the industry. Efficiencies can be produced by (1) increasing food absorption, (2) decreasing the energetic costs of digestion, and (3) producing a new food that is less expensive to ship and store. This project will directly address the first two of these and will lay the foundation for the development of the third.

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LP0882428 A/Prof TS Lea

Approved Project Title **Exploring the myth of the single solution: an anthropological study of housing maintenance and infrastructure issues in Australia**

2008 : \$ 25,000

2009 : \$ 21,028

Primary RFCD 3703 ANTHROPOLOGY

Collaborating/Partner Organisation(s)

Healthabitat

Administering Organisation Charles Darwin University

Project Summary

Indigenous housing is a core challenge for improving Australia's social and economic fabric. Urgent issues of amenity, maintenance and responsibility remain unresolved. By documenting what is involved in taking a difficult yet successful intervention model for targeting small-scale repairs and maintenance to scale in Australia, the research will shed critical light on: the complexities of program replication and effect; the social and political context such programs operate within; the characteristics required for sustained reform. It will also add an Australian contribution to a growing international field: namely, the anthropology of policy, aid and development.

LP0882670 A/Prof TS Lea; Prof LM Barclay; Dr KA Senior

Approved Project Title **The invisible parents project - exploring the barriers to effective parental and community involvement in three Northern Territory Schools**

2008 : \$ 62,000

2009 : \$ 60,000

2010 : \$ 60,000

Primary RFCD 3301 EDUCATION STUDIES

APA(I) Award(s): 1

Collaborating/Partner Organisation(s)

The Smith Family

Administering Organisation Charles Darwin University

Project Summary

Education outcomes in the Northern Territory, particularly for Indigenous students, lag far behind those of other Australians, to the point that the situation can be considered a national emergency. This research program will explore ways to improve parental involvement. This will inform the Smith Family's efforts to undertake early intervention for children who are at risk of education failure. It will provide benefits to the rural and regional communities who feed schools in Darwin and Katherine and provide national benefits through making a significant contribution of anthropologically-informed knowledge on the determinants of successful school outcomes.