

Title: Gawuti Grey Sweetlip

Date: 2018

Medium: Earth pigments

on wood

Name: Fish carving **History**: Guykuda

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Object number: 00055935

Title: Gopu Mackerel Tuna

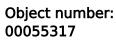
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Title: Hammerhead Shark

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Medium: Ochre, wood Name: Sculpture History: Guykuda

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Title: Bäru



Object number: 00055318

Title: Mänä the Tiger Shark



Object number: 00055919

Title: Mäna

Date: 2018
Medium: Wood

Name: Crocodile carving History: Bäru (Ancestral Crocodile) was sitting in the river at Birany Birany and thinking to himself "I'm sick and tired of sittng here in this hot place, I'm going to leave here and go to that lovely cool island Murrmurrpa. He went to that place which belonged to the Yarrwidi Gumati and fought with them and the barb from the gapalkmirri entered the flank of the Bäru symbolic of the dispute resolution ceremony Makarratha. After the peace was settled between the two the Dhinimbu (Spanish Mackerel) jumped out of the water to see the colourful and beautiful clouds symbolising the peace between the disputants. Thereafter the groups stood in a Mari-Gutharra relationship with each other (an important bond in Yolnu life between a child and its mother's mother's brothers always of the same moiety as each other and with important duties and rights as far as funeral and circumcision and other ceremonial law is concerned). Märi-Gutharra relationship at

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Medium: Earth pigments

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where an Yirritia (for example from the Yarrwidi Gumati) man's Dhuwa mother will always have an Yirritia mother. The brothers and fathers of that Yirritja woman (who in this example would be from the Rrakpaia Gumati) are charged with managing the circumcision, initiation, arranged marriage and mortuary rites of such a person. Defending him in the face of accusation or attack and inculcating a knowledge of his grandmother clan's law, land and language (including sacred designsas painted by numerous gutharra or grandchildren in this book). This is not to say that other clan relationships do not have importance and input to these rites but the Märi is referred to as 'the backbone'. Guykuda Munungurr's mother is a member of the Gumati clan and their identity is linked to Bäru (Saltwater Crocodile). His mother belongs to a particular subgroup the Yarrwidi with a surname of Mununggurritj. The differences between the sections of the clan are differences of origin and law and are reflected in different songs, paintings, places and in postmissionary times different surnames. Whilst people with the surnames

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Yunupinu, Munungurritj and Burarrwaŋa all count themselves as Gumatj their distinct stories are part of their identity. The songs describe a conflict and resolution between the Yunupiŋu group represented by the crocodile (Bäru) and the Munungurritj group represented by the stingray (Gäŋalkmirri). This sculptural form is free of any miny'tji or clan design and at first is just a crocodile form. But it adds to understanding to know that this animal is Guykuda Munungurr's maternal grandmother.



Title: Ŋyarakawurray (Giant Herring) Date: 2018

Medium: Earth pigments on native hibiscus Name: Fish carving History: In Yolnu law Rangga or sacred objects are never revealed and their shape can only be guessed at. It is assumed that it was the similarity of these manifestations of totems with such ragga which caused elders to veto his naturalistic representations of species. He specifically disavows any sacredness for these works. They are 'just art' or 'just for fun'. An area where he has been able to play with form and not attract negative attention is in his representations of fish. This work is part of a series begun in 2018. As a homeland resident living on the coast of a vibrant sea estate which includes estuaries and coral reefs. big rivers and ocean he feeds himself and his family with his knowledge of the land. This familiarity allows him to shape these sculptures from memory not from images or life.



Object number: 00055920

Title: Warrukay (Barracuda)

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Object number: 00055922

Title: Mäna

nate: ZOTA

Medium: Earth pigments

on wood

Name: Fish carving

History: Ngalkan is a deep name for the ancestral Barracuda and has reference to a sacred place, in the saltwaters in Ngaymil country, Arnhem Bay close to the mouth of the Gurrumuru River. Larrtjangga of the freshwater Ngaymil was custodian of this saltwater site as his classificatory brothers clan, the saltwater or bottom Ngaymil has been all but wiped as a result of Yolngu war several generations ago. The old woman Bitinggurra was the last of these people and resided at the artists homeland of Yangunbi. Out in these waters the Ngaymil know of a sacred place that represents a hole that is described as the wanga or home for Ngaymil power totem Warrukay the barracuda. This deep place is the font of secret Ngaymil knowledge and ngaymil soul. Sacred water coming up from this hole Ngalkanbuy has a special quality referred to as Dietdia. This is the water of profound weight and body with qualities also of

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Title: Dhinimbu (Spanish



Object number: 00055924

Title: Rätjuk (Barramundi)



Object number: 00055925

Title: Makani/Yarrwarri

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Medium: Earth pigments

on native hibiscus Name: Fish carving History: Guykuda

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Title: Bulatja (Grey

Snapper) Date: 2018

Medium: Earth pigments

on wood

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Object number: 00055928

Title: Black Marlin Gopu

Date: 2018

Medium: Earth pigments

on native hibiscus Name: Fish carving

History: Marlin and Sail fish

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epipelagic species usually

found above the thermocline. Most densely distributed in waters close to the coasts and islands. Large schools and undergoes spawning migrations in the Pacific. Feeds mainly on fishes, crustaceans and cephalopods. They are distinguishable by the fact that a Marlin has a dorsal fin like a sail and a Sailfish has one more like a shark. A Marlin bill is shorter and round whereas a Sailfish bill is long and flat.



Object number: 00055926

Title: Darrapa (Bludger

Date: 2018

Medium: Earth pigments

on wood

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Title: Gopu Longtail Tuna

Date: 2018 Medium: Wood Name: Fish carving History: Guykuda

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Object number: 00055931

Title: Ŋuykal (Kingfish)

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nate: ZOTR

Medium: Earth pigments on native hibiscus Name: Fish carving **History:** This work is a decorative piece. It is made from renewable wood which is usually harvested from the tree in the dry season. Preferred woods are Maiwan (Hibiscus Tiliaceus), Gunhirr (Blind-Your-Eye-Mangrove), Wuduku (mangrove wood), Barrata (Kapok). The first activity is to enter the monsoon vine thicket and cut the wood and carry it back to the vehicle. Often a long hike through prickly vines and scrub. The wood is skinned and left to dry for a short period. It is then shaped by knife or axe. After the surface is sanded smooth a layer of red paint is usually the first to go down. The paints used are earth pigments. The red (Meku), yellow (Gaggul) and black (Gurrgan) are provided by rubbing rocks of these colours against a grinding stone and then adding water and PVA glue in small quantities. A new batch of paint is prepared or renewed every few minutes as it dries or is used up. After an outline of the composition is laid down the Marwat or

crosshatching commences. This is applied using a brush made of a few strands of straight human nate: ZUIR Medium: Wood Name: Fish carving **History:** In the late Dry and early Wet Season Yolnu still gather to sacred places known as Yelan where they wait for this fish to bring itself to be speared. The bones are left at the site and any fish. which is speared but not landed, is regarded as sacred. This stems from the original Mangalili Ancestral Hunter. Muwandi. This sacred country under the coastal waters of the area of Diarrakpi (Cape Shield) and into which the sacred rock has its foundation. Ancestral Hunter Muwandi climbed up on this anvil shaped rock that rises above the lower tides to spear fish. With the twopronged hook spear he speared Yambirrku the Ancestral parrot fish. The parrot fishs' special spiritual qualities make reference to the procreative freshwaters of the Wayawu River in Mangalili country and the ancestral kingfish Nuykal who breeds there and eats /carries the yoku or corm /child of the lily. When Muwandi caught Yambirrku he went back to his camp and made a special ground to eat the fish. The ground was to become the sacred Yinapunapu at Djarrakpi, the original canoe shaped law rollef cand coulature

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iow reliei sanu sculpture used to mother, confine, release the essence and spirit of the Mangalili people and realm at mortuary. From his camp Muwandi witnessed the cloud massifs Wanupini form on the horizon taking up from the sea freshwater to rain back over the sea to Diarrakpi the freshwaters that flowed through the Wayawu estates. Still today Yolnu spearing Yambirrku from Yinitjuwa have the responsibility to prepare, eat and discard scraps all within the confines of a Yinapunapu. This reaffirms the Mangalili connections Djarrakpi has with the tides and the sea, the flow and freshwaters of the Wayawu River and the horizons return through the skies and tides the life force of the Mangalili. The giant spirit boulder Dukurrurru gouged the bed of this river, as it crashed down from Burrawanydji to the coast. The ancestral woman Nyapaligu used rushes growing along the Wayawu River to make baskets for collecting Yoku water lily bulbs which are washed down the river during flood along with lily leaves. The freshwater runs down the Wayawu River where the Maggalili rock stands, past and through Dhalwaqu, Munyuku, Djapu clan country before meeting the cacrad waters of the Dhudi

Sacred waters or the Dirudi-Djapu clan at Dhuruputjpi. Here the water of the Maggalili clan, coming from the rock, slips under the waters of Dhuruputipi past the shark, to surface again to empty into Blue Mud Bay at what is marked on the map as Grindall Bay. The central panel is this subterranean passage used by Nuykal and ancestral shark Mana. The Mangalili dance the Ŋuykal at Wayawu where men enact a search for the sacred rock Dhukurru men with their spear thrower the swimming tail of the totem king fish Ŋuykal. They dance as if to find Dhukurru as it marks a spot designated as sacred by the Yirritja moiety creator beings. Here the waters are most sacred to the Mangalili, ancestral identity past and future stems from here, where Nuykal finding the Dhukurru coming up against the Wayawu flow to the upper reaches of freshwater changes sex to give life. The group of dancing men having found the sacred site, send out its leader with the feathered dilly bag carried in the mouth and spears at ready to encircle the site, still in dance of the king fish, checking it out for adversary before setting in. Nuykal feed on the corm of the waterplant Ananagatum The corme

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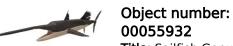


Title: Djembirri'
Date: 2018

Medium: Earth pigments

on wood

Name: Fish carving History: Djembirri' is the name for a mature Mangrove Jack (Lutjanus argentimaculatus). Dharrawata is the immature Mangrove Jack. This is one of the most delicious fish with very impressive teeth. In the Midawarr season after the Wet when fish are ready to harvest they also have large deposits of pinky belly fat in their abdominal cavity which Yolnu are very careful to retain when guttng the fish as this is a huge enhancement to flavour. It appears in freshwater creeks, estuaries, around reefs and in the ocean.



Title: Sailfish Gopu



Object number: 00055937

Title: Warrukay

nate: ZOTR

Medium: Earth pigments

on wood

Name: Fish carving

History: Here Guykuda Munungurr has represented Gopu or Sailfish. Other names in the Yolnu Dictionary are Markurri and Marrtkurru. This species is part of the Yirritia moiety songs and is the name of the famous football team Gopu which has won more premierships than any other in the North east Arnhem Football League and whose patron is Gumati clan leader Galarrwuy Yunupinu. Gopuru can also mean tuna and the lyrics of the song Gopuru by Dr G. Yunupinu the blind Gumati singer describe the movement of these pelagic fish through the water. Marlin and Sailfish are an oceanic and epipelagic species usually found above the thermocline. Most densely distributed in waters close to the coasts and islands. Large schools and undergoes spawning migrations in the Pacific. Feeds mainly on fishes, crustaceans and cephalopods. They are distinguishable by the fact that a Marlin has a dorsal

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