

# Nature and the Universe

**Component Form D: for knowledge and practices concerning nature and the universe, including ecological and natural resource knowledge.**

Attach additional Component Forms or sheets if required.

**1. Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Also known as (e.g. language name):** \_\_\_\_\_

**3. What does the knowledge or practice relate to?**

Animal or plant use

Worldview / cosmology

Natural resource management

Healing / belief systems

Religious / spiritual knowledge

Other

**4. Detailed Description:**

**5. Cultural protocols:**

(e.g. knowledge known only to certain gender):

**6. Provide details of how the knowledge and practices concerning nature and the universe are maintained and transmitted by the community and the conditions required to ensure their transmission into the future:**

**7. Cultural knowledge holders or practitioners (name and contact details):**

**8. Provide details if the knowledge or practice manifests as, or is associated with, any physical attributes (e.g. tool manufacture, food preparation, medicine):**

***Questions 9–12 are specific to traditional knowledge of animal or plant use, and natural resource management***

**9. Provide details of the physical, spiritual or medicinal properties of the animal or plant or other natural resource** (e.g. plant material which has a numbing effect; plant fibres which are strong, lightweight or adhesive):

**10. Provide details of the known applications of the animal or plant or other natural resource** (e.g. plant used as medicine; plant fibres used for tool hafting; animal skin used in clothing manufacture ):

**11. Detail the process or methods used in the preparation or application of the animal or plant or other natural resource** (e.g. parts of the plant or animal used, process for preparing and administering medicine, steps involved in natural resource management):

**12. Detail the Traditional Owners' accessibility to the animal or plant or other natural resource** (e.g. the plant resource is regionally abundant and easily accessible; the distribution of the natural resource is in decline and difficult to obtain):

**13. Checklist**

If relevant attach:

- Descriptions, sketches
- Map / plan showing location
- Photographs
- Video recording
- Audio recording
- Supporting Information
- Copies of any technical reports that may assist the application