



**Yamatji Marlpa**  
ABORIGINAL CORPORATION



Capability statement:  
How YMAC can assist  
Prescribed Bodies Corporate  
and Aboriginal corporations





## Acknowledgement of Country

***Country is our mother, our provider  
and keeper of our cultural belongings.***

***Culture and Country go together.***

***You can't have one without the other.***

Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Owners and custodians throughout Western Australia, and on whose Country we work.

We acknowledge and respect their deep connection to their lands and waterways.

We honour and pay respect to Elders, and to their ancestors who survived and cared for Country.

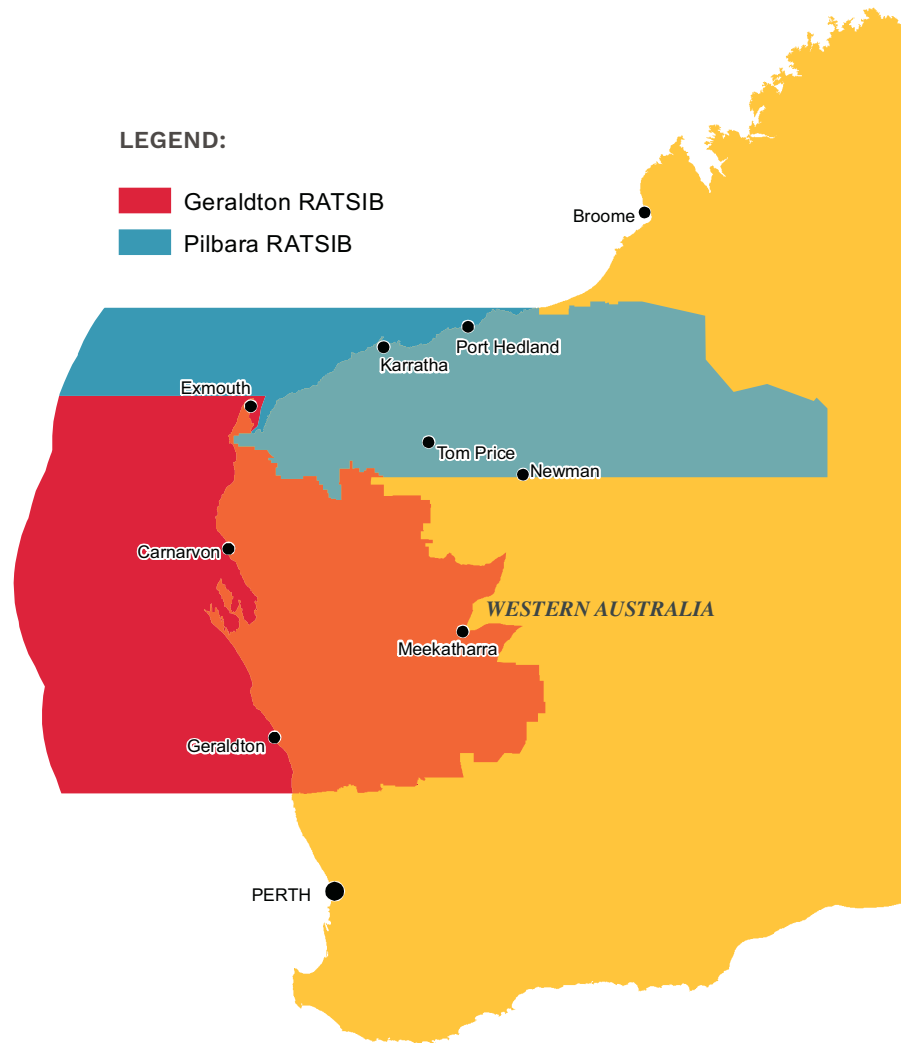
Our offices are located on Whadjuk Country, Southern Yamatji Country, Kariyarra Country, and Yawuru Country.

We recognise the continuing culture, traditions, stories and living cultures on these lands and commit to building a brighter future together.

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# YMAC Representative Areas

# About YMAC



RATSIB - Representative Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander Body

**Recognised nationally for our leadership, Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation (YMAC) has for three decades provided services to Traditional Owners throughout our Yamatji and Marlpa regions, each with their own language, culture, traditions, and protocols.**

Run by an Aboriginal Board of Directors, we are a not-for-profit, Aboriginal corporation and Native Title Representative Body (NTRB) operating under the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006* (Cth) (CATSI Act) and the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) (NTA).

As an NTRB YMAC delivers a range of functions described under the NTA. We have successfully supported over 30 groups in native title claims, in the negotiation of Indigenous Land Use Agreements (ILUAs), and – following native title recognition by the Federal Court – supporting Prescribed Bodies Corporate\* (PBCs) to effectively manage their native title rights and interests.

Upon request, YMAC can also deliver as partners, services to PBCs and Aboriginal corporations through service agreements. Any surplus income generated through fee-for-service work goes directly back to support our native title and other work, with and for First Nations peoples in our regions.

Our service agreements are tailored to provide the structure and support your PBC needs, so that you can focus on what matters most – cultural connection; and protecting, managing and making the most of Country to lay a strong foundation for generations to come.

\*Note that, for simplicity, we use the term 'PBC' to refer to Prescribed Bodies Corporate (PBCs) and Registered Native Title Bodies Corporate (RNTBCs), in line with terminology regularly used in the native title sector.

These are just some of the services PBCs and Aboriginal corporations can contract YMAC to deliver.



Some may be eligible for support through an Application for Assistance, and some through PBC Basic Support Funding.

**Contact YMAC to learn the full range of services, or about the Application for Assistance or PBC Basic Support Funding processes.**

\*ORIC - Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations

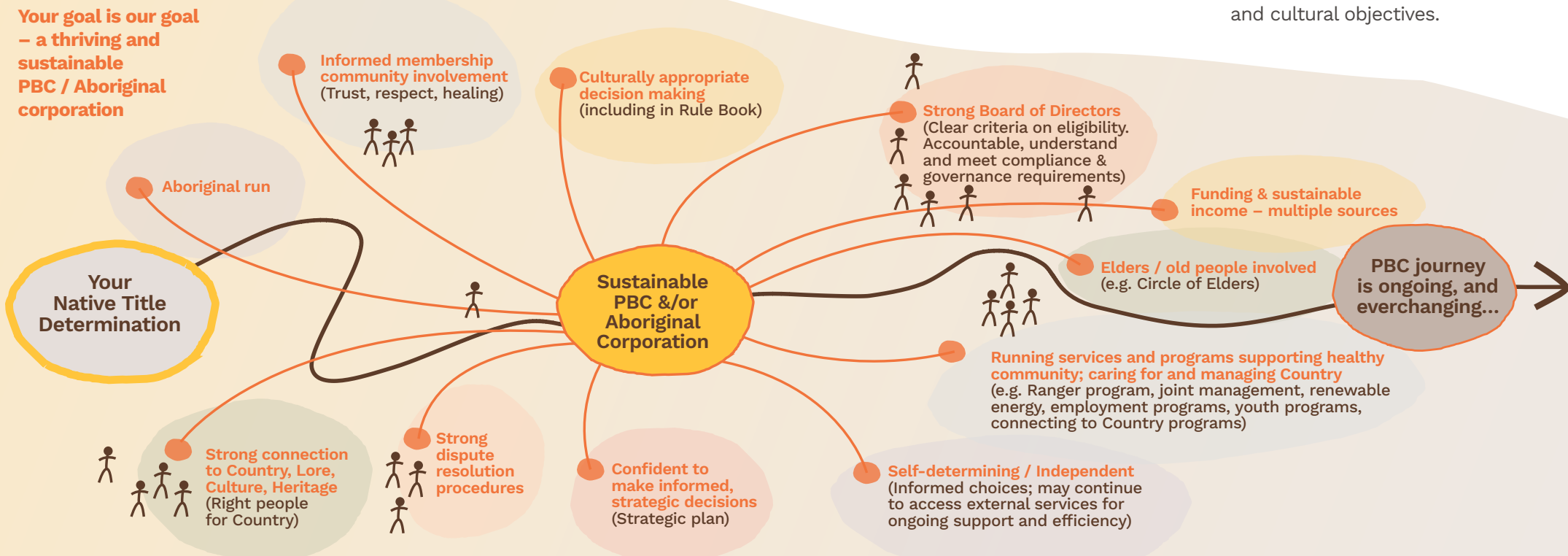
# Our Knowledge Partnerships approach

We acknowledge and respect the self-determination of First Nations peoples, and underpin our support through listening and responding to the needs of your corporation as it grows and evolves.

We also understand the financial pressures PBCs can face. To alleviate this, where possible, YMAC recovers our costs directly from project proponents.

Our teams work collaboratively, delivering professional yet affordable services to support PBCs and Aboriginal corporations to:

- Understand and manage the full range of legal and governance responsibilities, including those of the CATSI Act.
- Successfully meet administration and financial management requirements.
- Clearly understand and navigate native title rights and responsibilities under the NTA, and other State and Federal laws.
- Build capacity to develop and deliver projects supporting economic, social, environmental and cultural objectives.



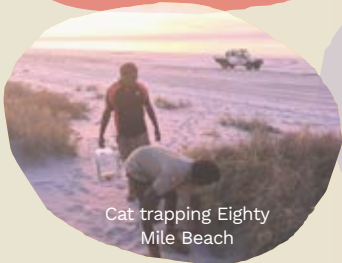
# Why choose YMAC?



Malgana Country  
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## Multi-disciplinary collaboration

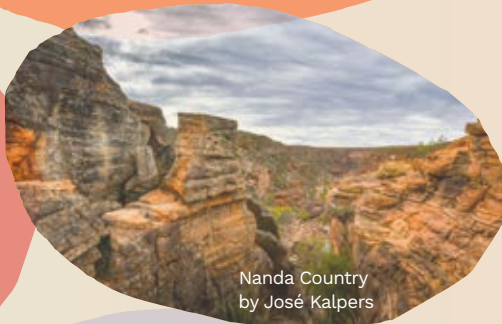
We employ over 150 in-house staff with a range of skills and expertise and can help access some of the Country's best independent experts working in native title and related fields.



Cat trapping Eighty Mile Beach

## 30 years in native title

After decades working in our Yamatji and Marlpa regions we have developed unique insight and local knowledge. We identify and respond quickly to emerging industry trends, and work hard to support and advocate for the best possible outcomes for Yamatji and Marlpa Traditional Owners.



Nanda Country  
by José Kalpers

## We invest in our teams

We invest in our staff through regular training and involvement in industry events, with a strong focus on cultural awareness.

## Regional locations

Our teams work from offices in Perth, Hedland, Geraldton and Broome.



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Vallerina Aspro

## Good governance

We take a serious approach to financial management and good governance – for both our corporation and yours – and are proud to have maintained over two decades of clean financial audits.



Rangers on  
Nyungumarta Country

## We are connected

30 years of operation means we have a wealth of connections to share with our clients, including community organisations, peak bodies and industry associations, international advocacy groups, and State and Federal government agencies.



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