



# Developing Sustainable Enterprises in the Djelk IPA

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**MANINGRIDA  
WILD FOODS**



# Maningrida Wildfoods

- Developed by Bawinanga Aboriginal Corporation in 2018
- Mixes Traditional Knowledge with social enterprise
- Natural resource-based enterprises focusing on Bushfoods and Seafoods





# Bushfoods

- Established in 2017 with Leila Nimbadja
- Started with Man-morlak (Kakadu Plum)
- Now 10 different products plus many experimental
- Large harvests of Djarduk and Man-morlak benefit about 150 harvesters
- Value adding – spice mix
- Loved by chefs around Australia





# Seafood

- Operating since 2016 – Vision of Don, Jimmy, Stuart
- Aboriginal Coastal Licenses – net and line fishing
- Mud Crabs
- Barramundi (currently leasing license)
- Aquarium Species
- Quality and affordable protein for the community
- Support from NT Government, NT Fisheries, CDP





# Why we do this?

- Cultural importance
- Health benefits
- Economic opportunities for residents of Maningrida and the 32 Homelands





# Moving Forward

- Many challenges but just as many opportunities
- Regulation-heavy industries – appropriate training required
- Logistics
- Protecting indigenous knowledge and product provenance
- Wild harvesting vs Cultivation

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