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## In a Nutshell: Archaeobotany in the Kimberley

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Little research has been conducted in the area of carpology in Australian archaeology. Carpology, the study of seeds, nuts, and fruits, provides insights into past diet and people's ecological relationships. A significant proportion of hunter-gatherer diet and nutrition is met using food obtained from plants and taxonomic information also contributes to reconstructions of landscape, environment and palaeoclimate. This PhD research will use multiple lines of evidence including macroplant remains recovered from archaeological sites, rock art, ethnographic evidence, ethnobotanical records, and oral histories from the Kimberley. Regional differences will be used to infer local environmental variations and symbolic or social diversity. This study will lead to a better understanding of the role that plants and environmental mosaics play in people's social and economic lives and how and why these change across time and space. Placing collaboration at the forefront of the project and combining tangible, intangible, and symbolic dimensions of hunter-gatherer plant interactions this study will provide a nuanced picture of human-plant use and interaction in the Kimberley.



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