

# Culture Nature, Islander knowing and the 1875 Chevert Expedition

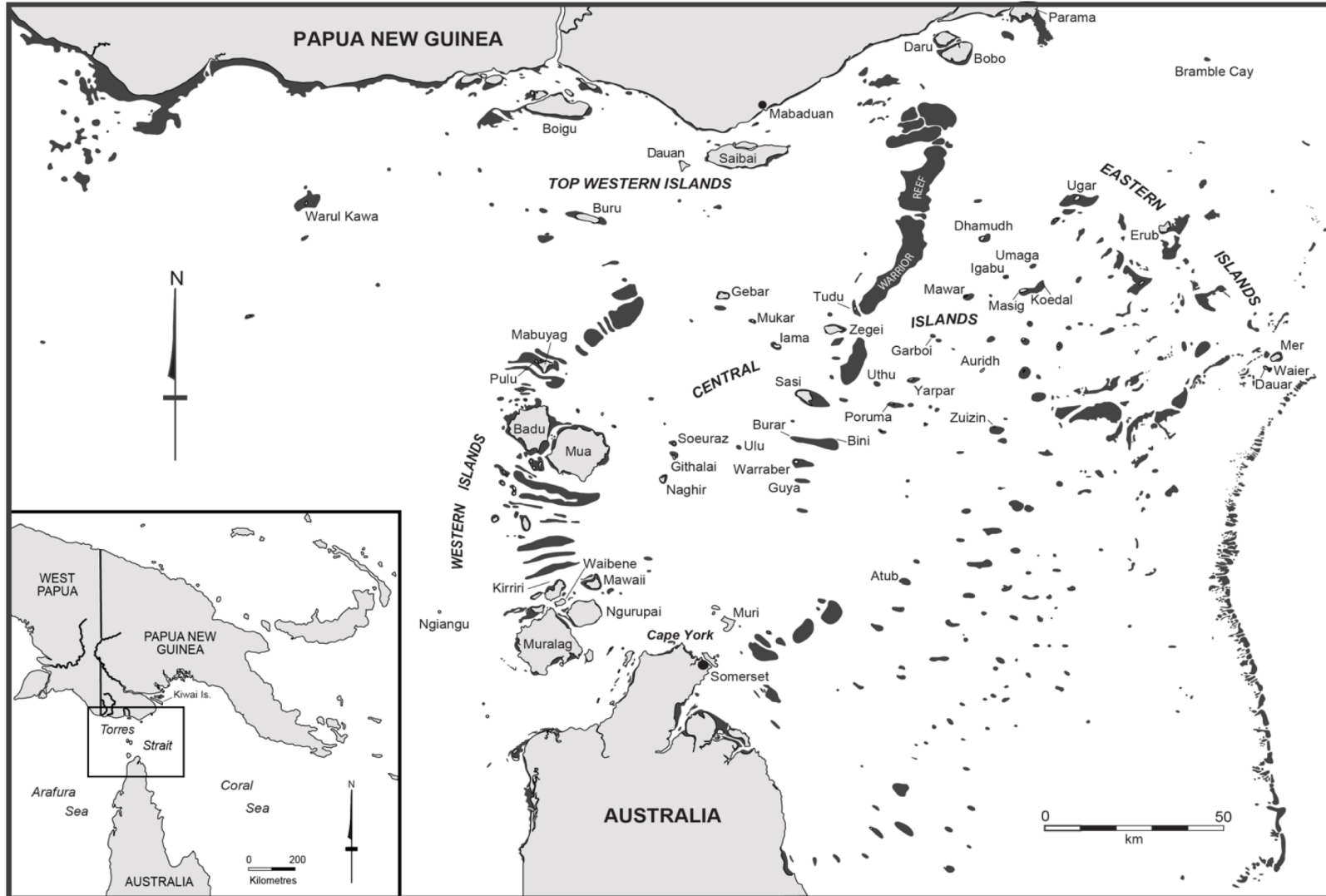


THE UNIVERSITY OF  
SYDNEY

**Dr Leah Lui-Chivizhe**  
**Postdoctoral Fellow, History**



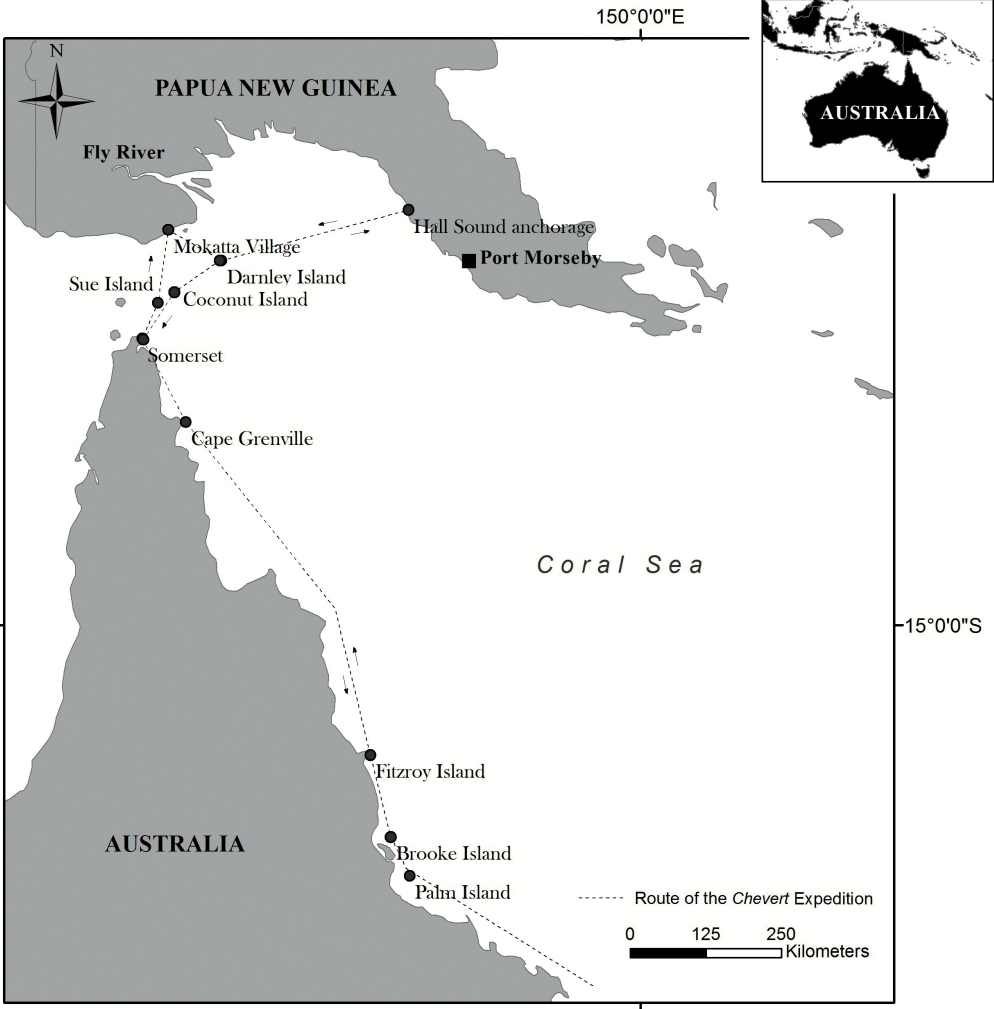
# Torres Strait Islands



# William John Macleay and route of the 1875 voyage on the *Chevert*



1820-1891



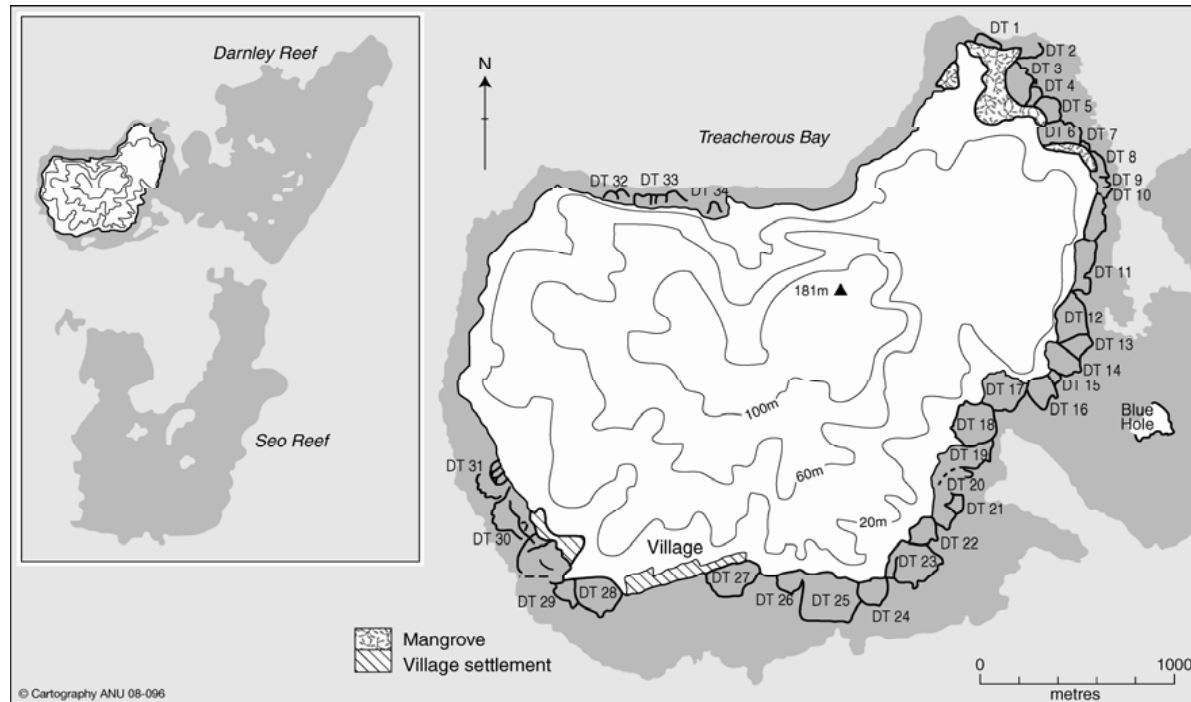
Fulton, 2016, p.53.

## Erub (Darnley Island), eastern Torres Strait



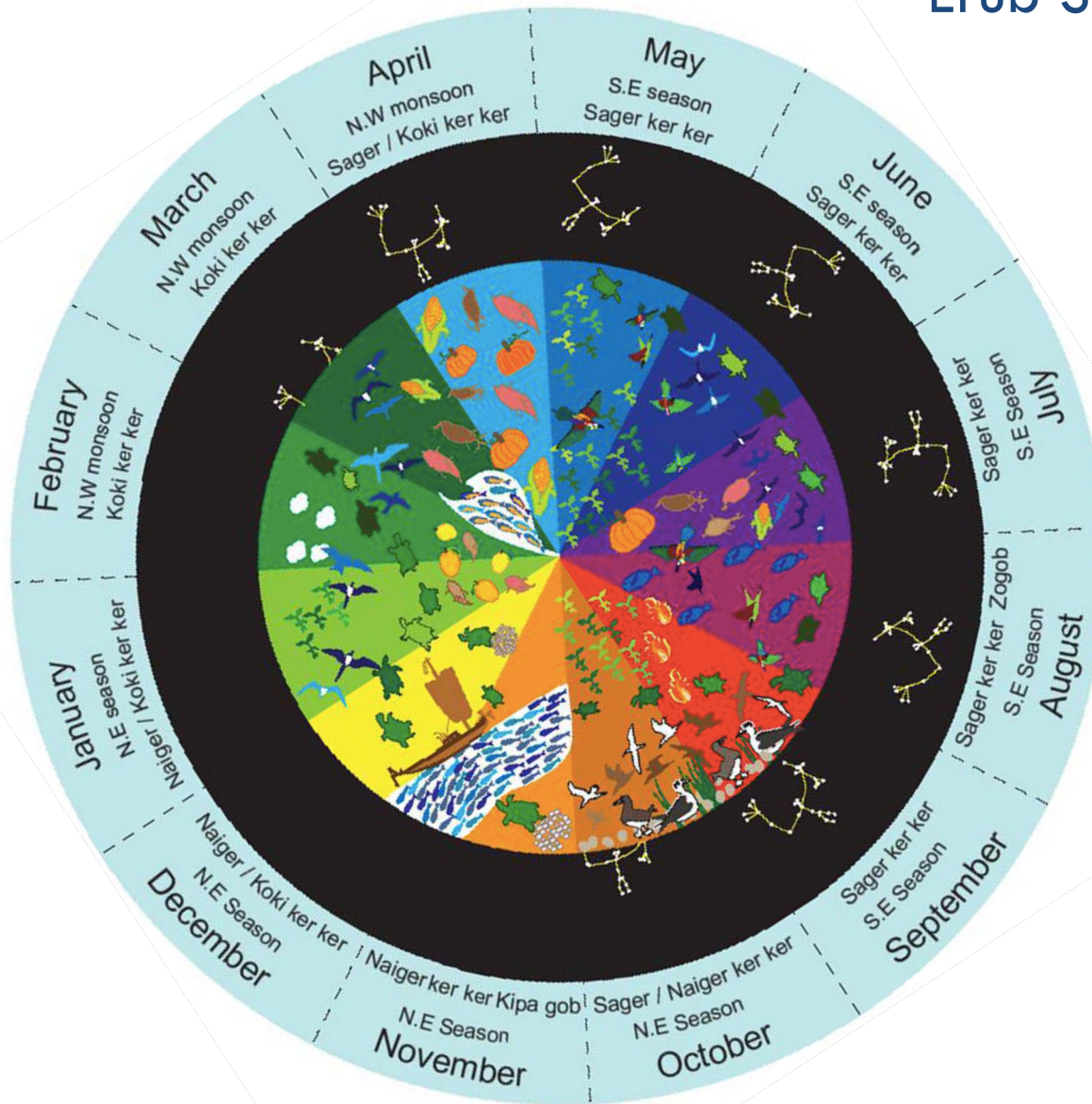
Image downloaded: [http://riverbend8.rssing.com/chan-12189449/all\\_p29.html](http://riverbend8.rssing.com/chan-12189449/all_p29.html)

# Erub fish traps



© Cartography ANU, Rowland and Ulm 2011.

# Erub Seasonal Calendar



Chevert's time on Erub  
31 July to 13 August

# Some of Macleay's Collection from Erub





## Approximation of natural history specimens collected on Erub, 1875

| Type        | No of species |
|-------------|---------------|
| Annelids    | 19            |
| Birds       | 14            |
| Corals      | 20            |
| Crustaceans | 251           |
| Echinoderms | 63            |
| Fish        | 42            |
| Molluscs    | 759 lots      |
| Reptiles    | 26            |
| Spiders     | 8             |

# Culture Nature



Gep/sharksucker, NHF1444, 1875

Image: Michael Myers



Le Op, ETA466, 1875

Image: Micheal Myers 2010

## References

Crouch, Joe. "Small island, 'big swamp', Kuiku Pad Reef: Sarbi 4200–3500 cal BP, western Torres Strait", *Quaternary International* (2015).

Fulton, Graham R. "Thomas Reedy 1842-1929: gardener for Sir William Macarthur and plant collector on the Chevert Expedition to New Guinea in 1875." *Cunninghamia* 16 (2016): 51-63.

McNamara, K., Sibtain, J. and Parnell, K. "Documenting and Sharing the Seasonal Calendar for Erub Island, Torres Strait. Final Project Report to the Marine and Tropical Sciences Research Facility". Published online by the Reef and Rainforest Research Centre Limited, Cairns (2010).

Rowland, Michael .J. and Sean Ulm.. Indigenous fish traps and weirs of Queensland. *Queensland Archaeological Research*, 14, (2011):1-58.

**Thank you**



THE UNIVERSITY OF  
**SYDNEY**

