1. Overview and Objective

Many Indigenous and local communities depend economically and culturally on the land, seas and resources within protected areas. As managers and users of protected areas, Indigenous and local communities have a vital interest in achieving sustainable financing for protected area management. Their interests include not only the long-term availability of funds for protected areas, but also the equitable allocation of funds within protected area budgets to ensure the values of Indigenous and local communities are recognised and protected. These issues relate not only to officially designated protected areas but also to Community Conserved Areas that are outside the official PA network.

The objective of the workshop is to explore and exchange ideas about achieving sustainable and equitable funding for the involvement of Indigenous and local communities in protected area management, and for the recognition and protection of cultural values held by Indigenous and local communities in relation to those protected areas.

The workshop will provide case studies to reveal the complexity of these funding, cultural and management issues, and provide examples of how resolution of these complexities can be achieved.

The intention is that workshop contributors and participants will include protected area managers, Indigenous people, local community representatives, financial administrators, funding organisations, conservation NGOs and representatives of cultural tourism enterprises associated with protected areas.
2. Outputs

The outputs will include:

- Participants better equipped, educated and empowered to achieve equitable and sustainable financing for Indigenous and local community involvement in protected area management;

- Transcripts or papers from the case study presentations;

- Summaries of discussions, ideas and recommendations from the small discussion groups or panel discussion

- Contributions to the overall Sustainable Financing Stream outputs.