

# Traditional Indigenous Knowledge Forum



**XII INTERNATIONAL  
RANGELAND  
CONGRESS**  
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A Traditional/Indigenous Knowledge Forum will be held in conjunction the International Rangeland Congress (IRC) in South Australia. The Forum will explore how Traditional and Indigenous Knowledges can help land managers better manage their country, in particular protecting biodiversity of native plants and animals. The benefits and challenges of bridging Traditional or Indigenous knowledges and western rangeland knowledge will also be addressed.

The intent of the forum is to facilitate discussion between people from different knowledge systems, with a focus of allowing Traditional and Indigenous peoples to be heard and provide a platform for harnessing traditional approaches to rangeland management.

## Focus and topics

The key focus of the Forum is to explore how Traditional and/or Indigenous Knowledge can help land managers better manage native plants and animals – both in terms of maintenance as well as restoration of country.

The forum will cover a range of themes, including:

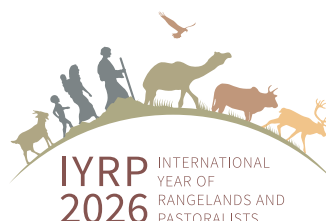
- Reimagining conservation through Indigenous perspectives
- Cultural knowledge and values, and the role of medicinal plants
- Indigenous science principles and collaborative partnerships
- Ecosystem restoration and maintenance and the need for both
- Lessons from country and moving forward.

Facilitated panel discussions and breakout session will give the audience the opportunity to participate. These will ensure that participants share their own experiences, and how traditional knowledge enhances management efforts across the world's rangelands.

## Audience

These topics may be of interest to Indigenous land managers, Traditional knowledge holders, herders, other pastoralists and land stewards from around the world.

The Forum provides an opportunity to share knowledges, build networks, and to support each other in the future.



## When and Where

### **Traditional Indigenous Knowledge Forum: Sunday 1st June, in Adelaide.**

This forum is open to all Congress delegates, and bookings required. This forum will facilitate broad discussions between Traditional/Indigenous Knowledge holders, pastoralists and western rangeland scientists and rangeland managers from around the world.

Delegates at the Congress can register through the IRC web-site:  
<https://irc2025.rangelandcongress.org/>

### **International Rangeland Congress, 2-6 June 2025, Adelaide.**

All participants at the Traditional Indigenous Knowledge Forum need to register for the Congress, which has sessions about the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists (IYRP) 2026. The IYRP provides the opportunity for all Australian First Nations people managing rangelands to showcase their stories, of how their country is cared for.

*Other activities are by invitation only*

### **Pre forum discussion: Saturday 31st May, in Adelaide.**

First Nations people and international traditional/Indigenous pastoralists will meet with each other to discuss the key themes for the Forum on the Sunday. They will also develop recommendations for the Congress to endorse, about Indigenous and Traditional pastoralists and land managers from around the world.

This discussion day will have speakers and break-out session to allow people to speak freely, and to support individuals for who may not speak English.

### **Trip to rangelands in South Australia: expected Wednesday to Friday, 28th - 30th May.**

Some Traditional and Indigenous knowledge holders will be invited to visit First Nations country in the rangelands of South Australia. This trip is by invitation only, as numbers are limited. The trip will start and finish in Adelaide.

## Outcomes

One major outcome of the Forum is to create the awareness of the value of traditional/Indigenous knowledge, and to foster action among the scientific communities and policy makers. The forum will also provide opportunity to learn from and tap into the unique knowledge/insights of these communities.

The views of Traditional/Indigenous people and recommendations from the Forum will be voted on at the IRC Congress. This is an opportunity for the role of traditional knowledge and traditional practices to be presented to the rangeland world-wide community. These recommendations will then be promoted to governments around the world through the extensive IRC networks.

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