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Birriliburu Indigenous Protected Area

Birriliburu Vision for Country

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What Martu want for country?

What Martu say...

Culture has to be strong

We gotta learn 'em up country, the young ones. We want our young people to lean the traditional ways

We want to keep country healthy

We want to go back to country; People are part of country, country is empty without Martu people in it

Keep the rock holes clear, make Kapi healthy

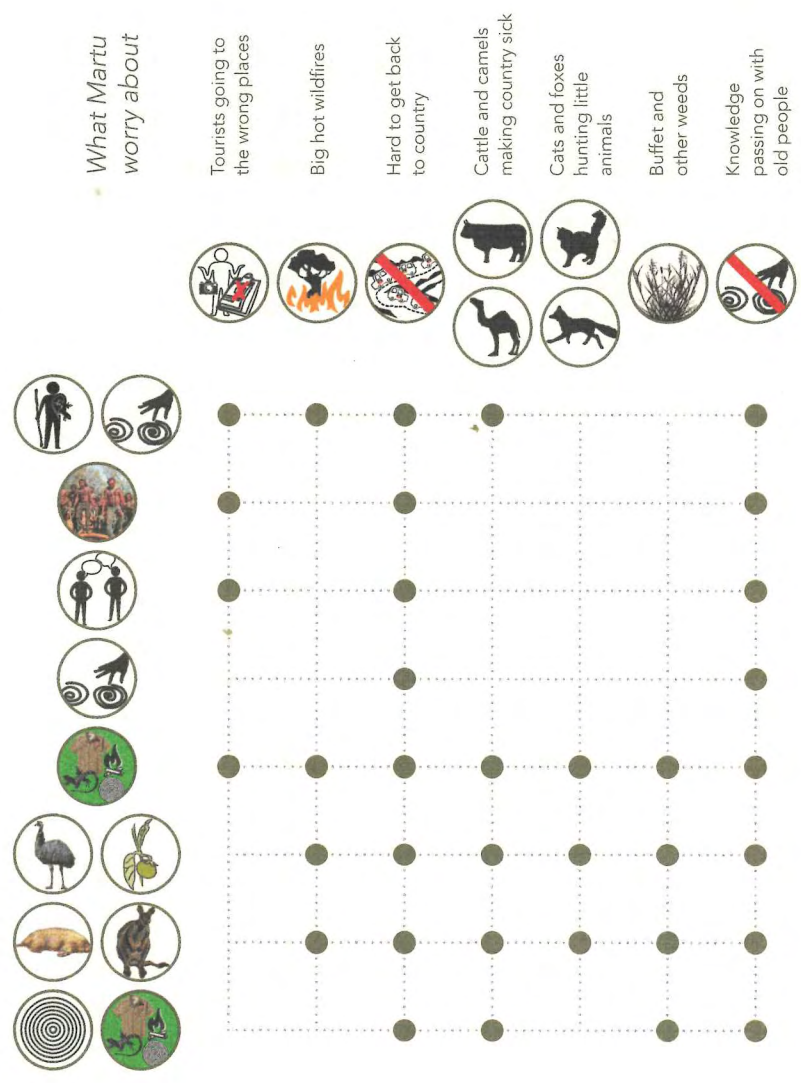
Look after tourists so they do the right thing

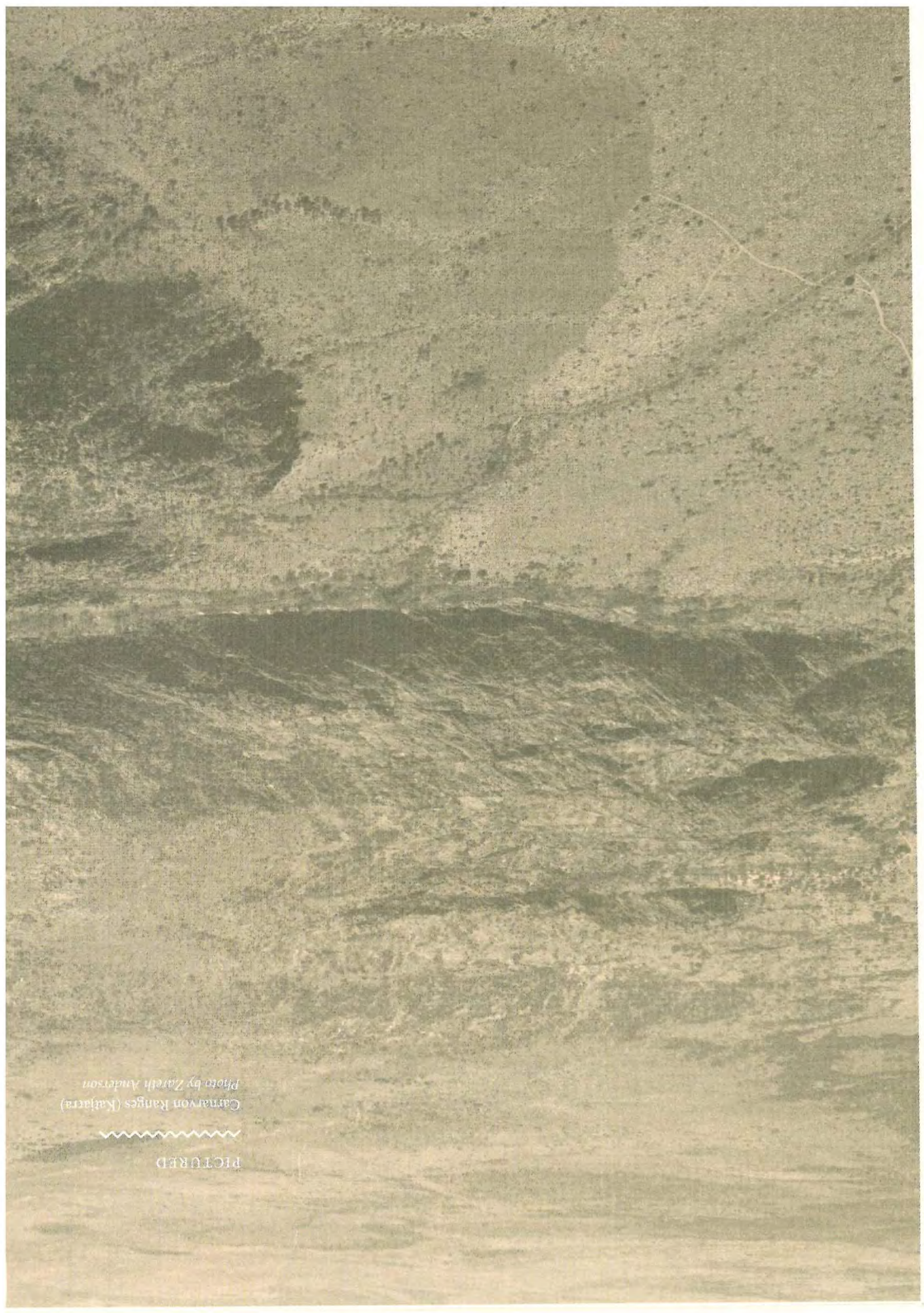
[Plants are] there for us to look after

Learn them [young people] up about plants; poison plants, medicine plants and food plants

We want jobs and money for Martu people to look after country

What Martu worry about?





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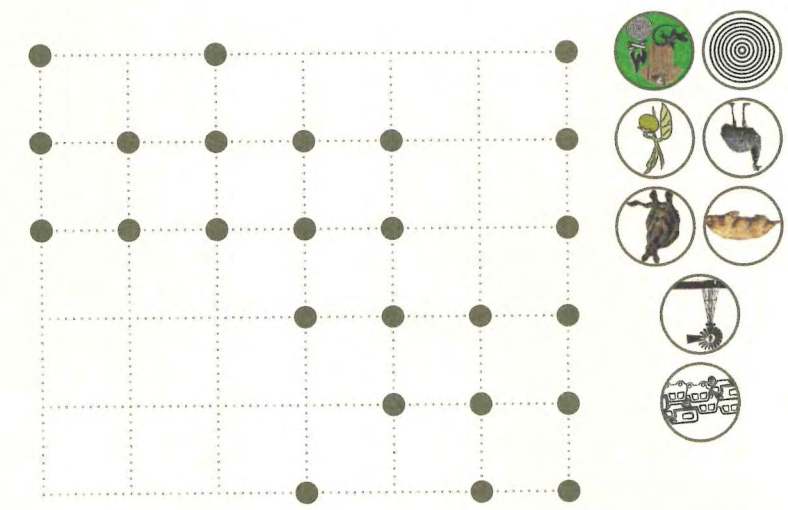
Carnarvon Ranges (Kalitara)

Photo by Zarah Anderson

What other people worry about?



What other people care about

What other people worry about

- Increased Development
- Restricted access and increased regulation
- Loss of heritage places and historical knowledge
- Altered fire regimes
- Overgrazing by large feral herbivores
- Predation by feral animals
- Invasive Weeds

What Martu are going to do about…?

Tourists going to the wrong places

- Planning - Decide where tourists can and can't go
- Implementing a permit system for places they can go
- Get rangers to check permits
- Put up signs to close off areas
- Manage tracks and campsites close, move or hide them
- Distract tourist with Martu tours
- Give information to tourist about doing the right thing

Big hot wildfires

- Planning - Work with Fire Project on how and where to burn
- Burn the right way
- Train up rangers to burn the right way
- Martu do on-ground burning more
- Trial using helicopters to get to remote country and to burn from helicopters
- Work with DEC to burn from planes.

Hard to get back to country

- Get money from government for return to country trips
- Get more ranger teams that can go back to country and work on country
- Go back to country with helicopters to burn
- Take photos of country for other Martu to see

Cats and foxes hunting little animals

- Hold a workshop about feral cats
- Hunt cats and foxes
- Talk to DEC about how to control cats and foxes
- Burn the right way to make sure little animals still have old spinifex to hide in
- Keep tracking cats and foxes to see what they are doing
- Maybe fence off important areas to protect little animals

Knowledge passing with the old people

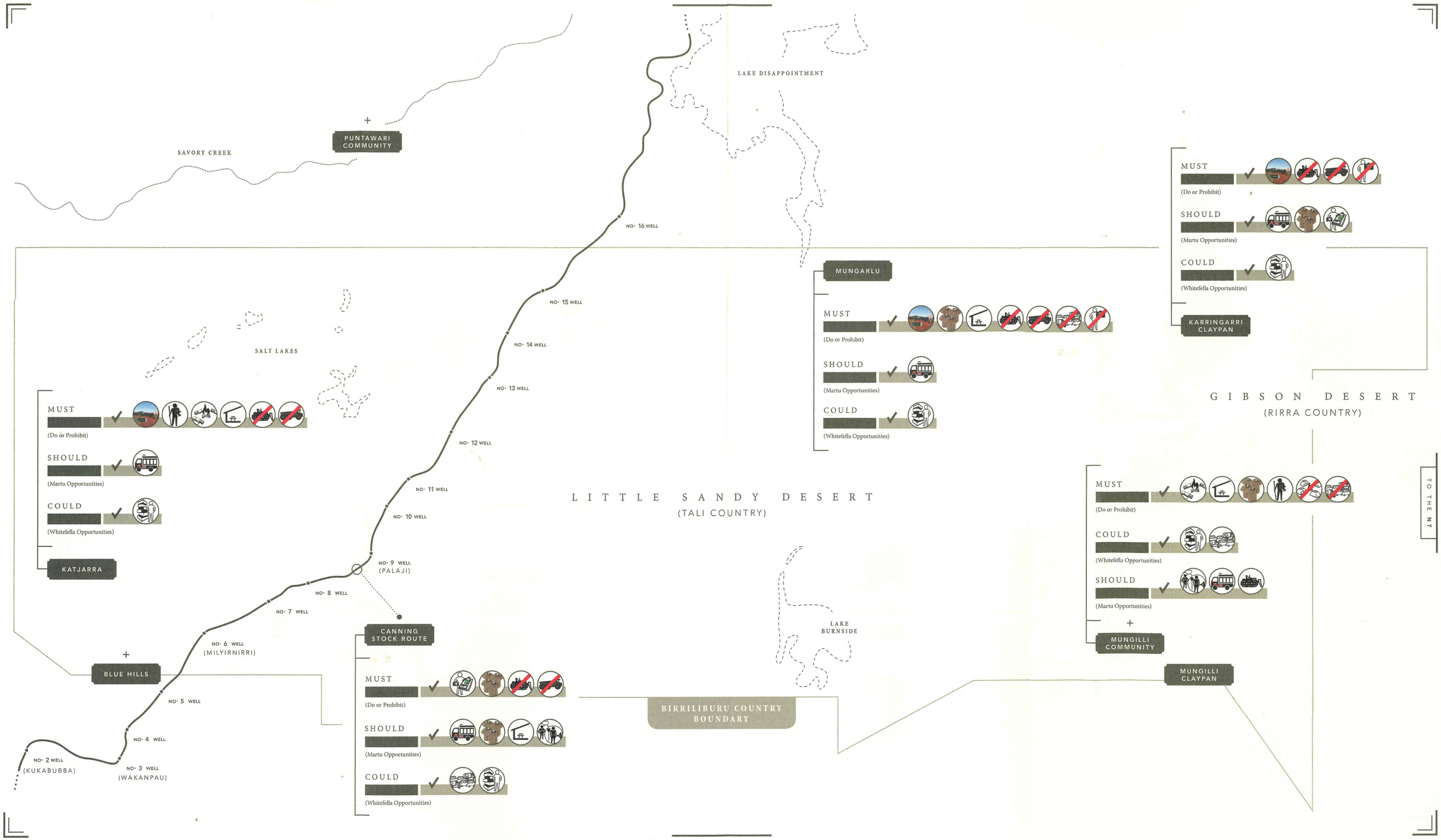
- More return to country trips
- Take more photos and videos of Martu and their stories
- Get old people and young people out as much as possible
- Write books on Martu stories and real history

Cattle and camels making country sick

- Talk to station bosses about cattle
- Have more wangka about camels
- Use fencing to protect areas

Buffel and other weeds

- More wangka and planning about what to do
- Provide information to tourists along CSR
- Talk to shire about grading into town
- Burn, spray and dig up priority areas along CSR
- Monitor for new weeds and their size



Birriliburu Country

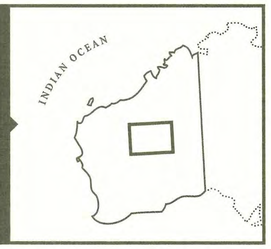
Martu see Birriliburu country as full of life and opportunity. The above map indicates some of the natural and cultural values of the area, conservation and land management actions and economic opportunities.

LEGEND

ACROSS BIRRILIBURU COUNTRY

- Martu
- Martu patch burning
- Turkey (Kiparra)
- Bilby (Marntangalku)
- Kangaroo (Marlu)
- Goanna (Parnka)
- Mouse (Minkirri)
- Mole (Kakarratul)
- Permits
- Enterprize
- Emu (Karlaya)
- Martu Camps
- Hunting
- Witchetty (Lugugki)
- Knowledge (Ninti)
- Water (Kapi)
- Rangers
- Signs
- Researcher
- Bush Tucker

LOCATION SPECIFIC

- Mining
- Return to country guided tours
- Shelter
- Tourists
- Tourist group
- Development
- Tourist Camp Site

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