

Legal and institutional challenges to bush food development in remote Australia

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What we'll look at?

1. Development of traditional plant foods
2. Legal and institutional challenges
3. Possible paths forward

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HUMAN FOOD AND FOOD ADJUNCTS.*

HOOKEE, in his *Flora of Tasmania*, truly remarks that the products of many plants, although "eatable," are not "fit to eat," and would never be employed as food except in the direst necessity. Australian indigenous fruits, roots, leaves, and stems are nothing to boast of as eatables; and, as in the greater part of this continent there is a very great scarcity, or even entire absence of water, an explorer can rarely traverse long distances without taking suitable food with him.

There is little doubt that most of those which are here recorded as having been utilised for food in other countries are also eaten by the omnivorous Australian aboriginal. Besides these, only those parts of certain plants have been referred to which have been recorded as having been used as food by aboriginals and colonists. Extended observations must greatly augment the list.

Knowledge in regard to the indigenous vegetable food resources of these colonies should be considered an absolute necessity by those whose avocations take them out of beaten tracks, especially in the dry country, while the ordinary citizen may find himself occasionally in a position in which an acquaintance with the scanty vegetable food products of the bush would be useful to him.

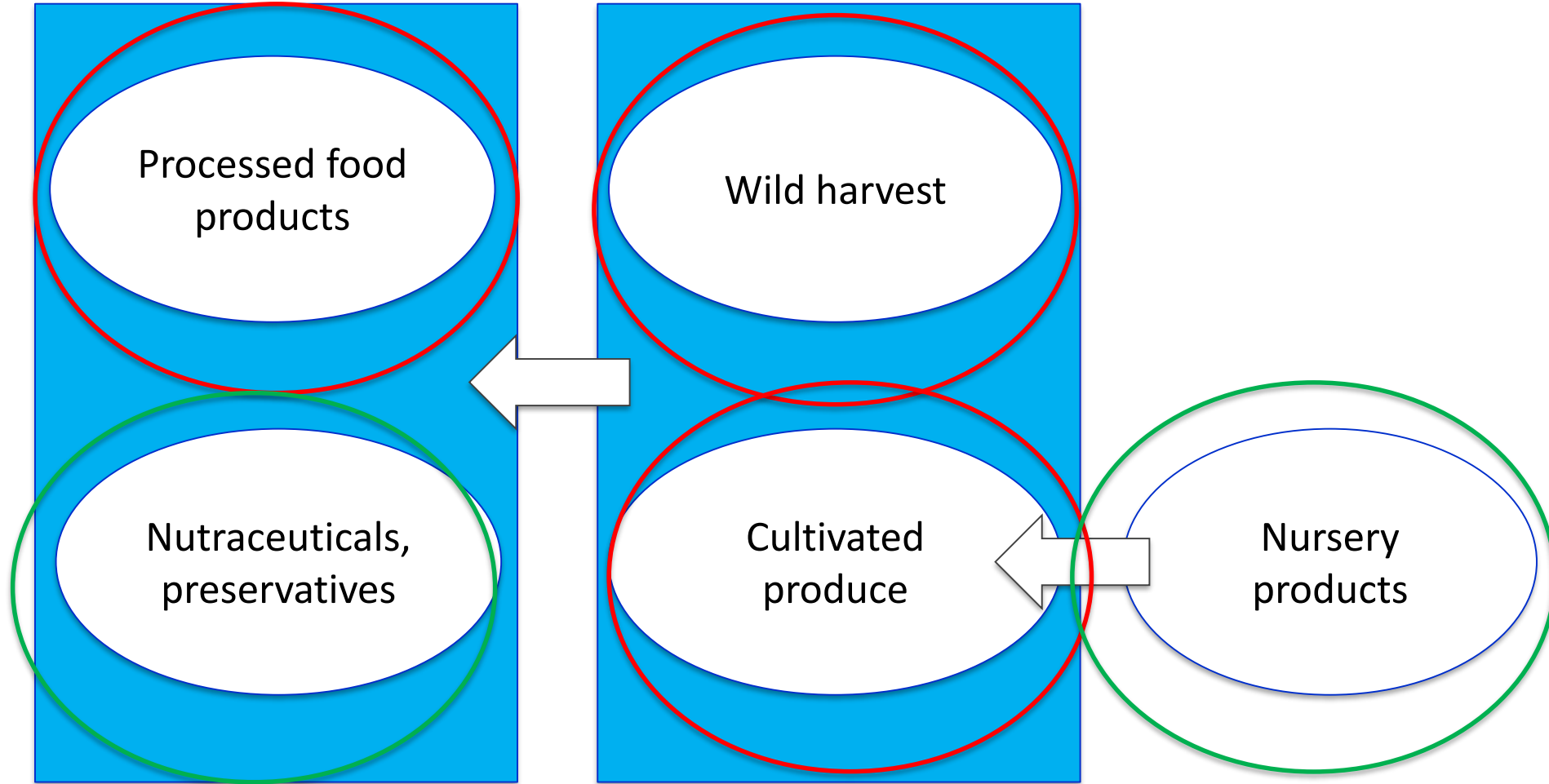
ABORIGINAL METHOD OF OBTAINING WATER.

We are indebted to the aboriginals for a method of obtaining water, and that from a source in which we should perhaps least look for it. This simple method, which had best be given in the words of those who have had much intercourse with the blacks, is now given, and no adult in Australia should be ignorant of it.

* This section forms the substance of a paper entitled, "Australian Human Foods and Food-Adjuncts," read by the author before the Linnean Society of New South Wales, 30th May, 1888.



Product development pathways



Cultivation

- Money
- Permits

Wild harvest

- Permits
- Transport
- Money
- Competition

Processed foods products

- Supply
- Money
- Competition

Development support

Regional supply hubs

Remote business support unit

TM prohibitions and right to exploit

Development fund

Closing the Gap

Horticultural levy

Cultivation and manufacture royalties

Nutraceuticals, preservatives, cosmetics and nursery products

Research

Secure, exploit and enforce IP rights

ABS partnerships

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