

# Indigenous and Torres Strait Islander Separating Techniques

## Hand Picking

I have chosen to research the hand picking technique that was used by indigenous people to separate mixtures. They do this by picking out one object at a time using their hands. They use this technique to separate dry mixtures of things that look or feel different to one another. It is also used to separate by hand desired particles from a mixture containing undesired particles as shown in the picture below.



This separation technique can be used to separate different food sources, medicines, minerals and other valued resources. It is also used to sort out bad fruit and separate the ripe fruit from the unripe fruit.



The Aboriginal people part the mixture and put the parts they want into one container and the bits they want to discard in another container.

The hand picking technique used by Indigenous people is different to other separation techniques because it doesn't use any machines or equipment. It is similar to the filtering process though.