

Genomes link aboriginal Australians to Indians

Some aboriginal Australians can trace as much as 11% of their genomes to migrants who reached the island around 4,000 years ago from India, a study suggests. Along with their genes, the migrants brought different tool-making techniques and the ancestors of the dingo, researchers say¹.

This scenario is the result of a large genetic analysis outlined today in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*¹. It contradicts a commonly held view that Australia had no contact with the rest of the world between the arrival of the first humans around 45,000 years ago and the coming of Europeans in the eighteenth century.

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