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Geographical range

Species of the Day: Northern Hairy-nosed Wombat

The **Northern Hairy-nosed Wombat**, *Lasiorhinus krefftii*, is listed as 'Critically Endangered' on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species™. One of the world's rarest mammals, it is now only found at a single location in Queensland, Australia, and the total population numbers only around 115 individuals.

This species may have already been uncommon before European settlers arrived, but due to a combination of drought and competition with grazing livestock, the population decline accelerated. Its small colony is further threatened by unpredictable environmental effects, loss of genetic diversity and exotic buffel grass taking over its natural habitat.

The entire range of the Northern Hairy-nosed Wombat is encompassed by the Epping Forest National Park. A recovery plan has been implemented and, as a result, a 20 km long Dingo and cattle exclusion fence has been built, its habitat is managed, and kangaroo numbers are monitored. A second colony in the wild has recently been established, with the transfer of a small number of wombats to a reserve in south-central Queensland, with promising results so far. There are also plans to develop a captive breeding programme.

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