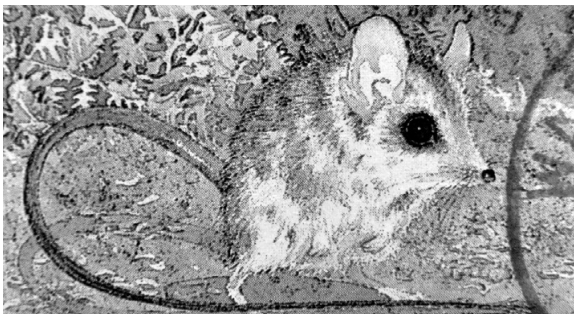


Little marsupials¹⁾ in danger

- 1 A little pygmy possum has been found on Kangaroo Island, South Australia, almost a year after a fierce bushfire destroyed the place where the creatures live. Ecologists feared that the fragile animal from the marsupial family was wiped out following a fire. However, a recent survey has revealed at least one of them has survived in a large unburnt patch on the western side of the island. Pat Hodgens, a fauna ecologist, explained that sightings were rare due to the species' tiny size. The discovery is seen as an ecological win.



Little pygmy



Long-tailed dunnart

- 2 In addition to the pygmy possums, researchers found southern brown bandicoots, native bush rats, eastern banjo frogs and more. The Kangaroo Island Wildlife team is surveying all species in the unburnt area as they search for the dunnart, another local marsupial. "They are very difficult to find," Hodgens said. There are more records of little pygmy possums compared to dunnarts. They are only found on the western end of the island – 93 per cent of the predicted habitat range has been burnt. "We didn't catch any, but we monitor the area with camera traps so we know they're in the area."

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noot 1 marsupials = buideldieren

- 1p **6** Wat wordt in alinea 1 verteld over dwergbuidelmuizen (little pygmy possums) op Kangaroo Island?
- A** Die kwamen daar oorspronkelijk helemaal niet voor.
 - B** Men was bang dat die allemaal omgekomen waren bij een brand.
 - C** Sommige ontsnapten aan een natuurramp door in bomen te klimmen.
- 1p **7** Wat wordt in alinea 2 verteld over smalvoetbuidelmuizen (dunnarts) op Kangaroo Island?
- A** Die worden op een veilige plek weer losgelaten.
 - B** Van hun leefgebied is nog maar een klein deel over.
 - C** Ze leven op het eiland alleen nog in gevangenschap.