

Mountain-Pygmy possum Bilbo has a feed and (inset) assistant curator Sue Jaensch with some resident dingoes at Healesville Sanctuary.  
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THE grub's good, but that's not all Bilbo the Mountain-Pygmy possum's got to be happy about.

With 12 more of his new mates to feed, according to Zoos Victoria, there's plenty to go around.

Thanks to the dedicated work of the Melbourne Zoo and Healesville Sanctuary threatened species teams, the number of Australia's critically endangered species are on the rise.

Zoos Victoria is celebrating its most successful endangered species breeding season, after five priority animals increased their populations by more than 10 per cent.

The numbers of the helmeted honeyeater, orange-bellied parrot, eastern barred bandicoot and Tasmanian devil are up, as well as the pygmy possums.

