Idnya update

A second release of the Western Quoll (Idnya) will occur within the next two or three months after last year's trial release was deemed successful.

The latest *Idnya e-News* reported that the December trapping captured 10 juvenile Idnya and recaptured 12 of the original 41 release animals.

A dedicated team of trappers descended on the Wilpena Shearers Quarters to set cage traps at 152 trap sites over eight nights (each trap was trapped for four nights).
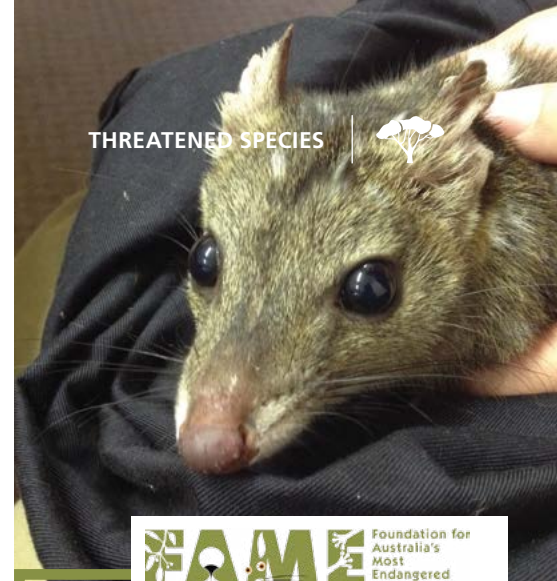
Despite the long hours and early mornings, the group was ecstatic to capture the first new sub-adult Idnya on the first night of trapping along the Wilcolo Track. In total 10 new sub-adult Idnya were captured along with 12 of the original release animals.

Results are encouraging and suggest conditions are suitable for Idnya re-establishment in the park. All adult females that were captured had large post-lactating teats suggesting that they had successfully raised young.

Special thanks to Stephen Robinson and Rachel Ladd, interns who worked over the summer to radio-track juvenile Idnya.

The Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources and the Foundation for Australia's Most Endangered Species (FAME) thank the many volunteers, contractors, donors, land managers and partners of Bounceback and FAME for their support for this project.

Look out for more news in the next edition of *Across The Outback* or subscribe to *Idnya e-News* for a more detailed email update on the Idnya's progress: send an email with the subject "Quoll update" to SAAridlands@sa.gov.au

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FAME is leading the drive to raise approximately $1.7 million over a five year period to fund the recovery of the Idnya. They greatly need your help to continue this vitally important project and make it the success it deserves to be. Donations to the Western Quoll project can be made by visiting fame.org.au/projects/western-quoll or contact fame@fame.org.au for more information.