

《澳大利亚野狗泛滥 澳专家:做狗肉罐头卖中国》

导读:近日,澳大利亚野犬专家本杰明·艾伦称:“与其让野狗尸体任其腐烂,不如做成罐头卖给中国等东南亚国家。”你怎么看?



A researcher who is no stranger to controversy has pondered whether exporting wild dog meat to South-East Asia is a sustainable way to manage the pest.

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Dr Benjamin Allen most recently worked on a plan to release dingoes into a Great Barrier Reef island to kill feral goats.

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His latest research started with a throwaway comment.

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Dr Allen said the control of wild dogs on Australian pastoral land had become a major concern to local, state and federal governments.

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"We've got no idea how many wild dogs are in Australia, but there's something in the order of 10,000-15,000 scalps a year handed in to local governments for bounty payment," he said.

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"The dog is often hung on a tree or hung on a fence, or left to rot on the ground."

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Dr Allen has spent the major part of his career trying to curb the impact of feral animals on prime agricultural country.

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"In those areas, dogs are not a conservation focus, they are a pest to those industries. Those enterprises are worth a lot to our economy," he said.

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Dr Allen was in November awarded the inaugural Dave Choquenot Science Prize for developing and implementing strategies for dealing with wild dogs and feral cats in Australia.

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He said the hypothetical case of a wild dog meat industry raised many ethical questions.

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"The cultural dilemmas fascinate me," he said.

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