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**Transcript** 文字稿:

A beloved symbol of Australia.

Koalas have been listed as a **threatened** species in some parts of the country after a **plunge** in the wild population.

Habitat loss, urban expansion, vehicle **strikes**, dog attacks and disease have contributed to their **dwindling** numbers.

Estimates on koala numbers vary but some studies suggest there are fewer than 80,000 koalas left in the wild.

**Vocabulary** 词汇:

<b>beloved</b>	热爱的, 喜爱的
<b>threatened</b>	受威胁
<b>plunge</b>	大幅度下跌
<b>strikes</b>	被车撞
<b>dwindling</b>	下滑, 减少

**中文文字稿:**

这是澳大利亚的一个可爱的象征。

树袋熊在澳大利亚的部分地区已经被列为濒危动物, 因为野生树袋熊数目急剧下滑。

栖息地的丧失、城市扩张、车祸、狗的袭击和疾病都已经减少了它们的数目。

虽然各项科研调查对树袋熊的数量的估计不同, 但有些研究提出在野外存活的树袋熊已经少于 80,000 只。

**Watch this video online: Koalas at risk**     <http://bbc.in/JeeKBk>

**Exercise 练习:**

以下练习中的语句全部选自于 **BBC** 其他网页。

请从下面的词汇表里选择答案来完成句子。

注意：你可能需要改变单词的时态来完成句子。

**beloved / threatened / plunge / strikes / dwindling**

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2. Conservationists hailed the move as a way to protect Equatorial Africa's endangered animals and \_\_\_\_\_ forests.
  
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