

Two rare baby penguins make their debut at Hungary zoo

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Young penguins are pictured in the zoo of Szeged, Hungary near the Serbian border on February 27, 2014

Two rare baby penguins, Lila and Gelb, waddled into the spotlight on Friday, making their first public appearance at a zoo in Hungary.

The pair born in January belong to a [rare species](#) of African penguins, the only ones still found on the continent.

The workers at the [zoo](#) in Szeged—about 170 kilometres (105 miles) from Budapest—have set up areas for the penguin family and both parents are taking part in bringing up the little ones.

Lila and Gelb are between 40 to 60 centimetres (16 to 24 inches) long and weigh between two to four kilos (2.2 to 8.8 pounds).

The [penguins](#) belong to a species with a population of less than 200,000—a tenth of what it was a century ago—and it is not unusual for them to be born in captivity.

Life expectancy is greater at the zoo, about 20 years compared with 10 years in the wild.



A young penguin is pictured after an injection of an ID chip in the zoo of Szeged, Hungary near the Serbian border on February 27, 2014

The Szeged zoo founded in 1989 is the newest and the largest one in Hungary comprising an area of 45 hectares (110 acres).

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