

2 rare Barbary lion cubs born in Czech zoo

July 8 2019



Two Barbary lion cubs rest in their enclosure at the zoo in Dvur Kralove, Czech Republic, Monday, July 8, 2019. Two Barbary lion cubs have been born in a Czech zoo, a welcome addition to a small surviving population of a rare majestic lion subspecies that has been extinct in the wild. A male and a female that have yet to be named were born on May 10 in the Dvur Kralove safari park. (AP Photo/Petr David Josek)

Two Barbary lion cubs have been born in a Czech zoo, a welcome



addition to a small surviving population of a rare lion subspecies that has been extinct in the wild.

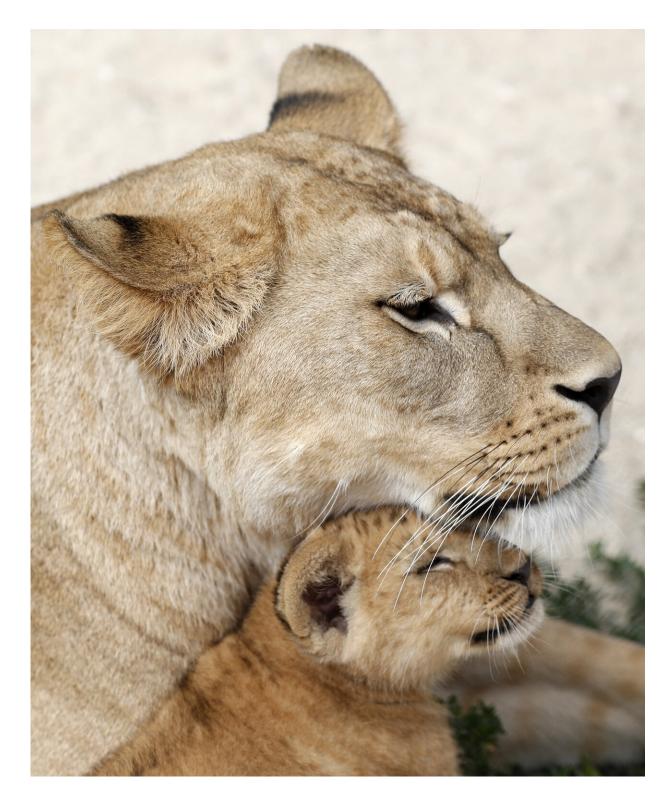
The pair, one male and one female, were born on May 10 in the Dvur Kralove park. Under the guidance of mother Khalila, they have taken their first steps in their enclosure in recent days. They have not yet been named.

The biggest <u>lion</u> subspecies, which once roamed its native northern Africa, was completely wiped out due to human activities. Many were killed by gladiators in Roman times while hunting contributed to their <u>extinction</u> later.

It's believed Barbary lions went extinct in the wild in the 1960s.

Fewer than 100 are estimated to live in captivity.



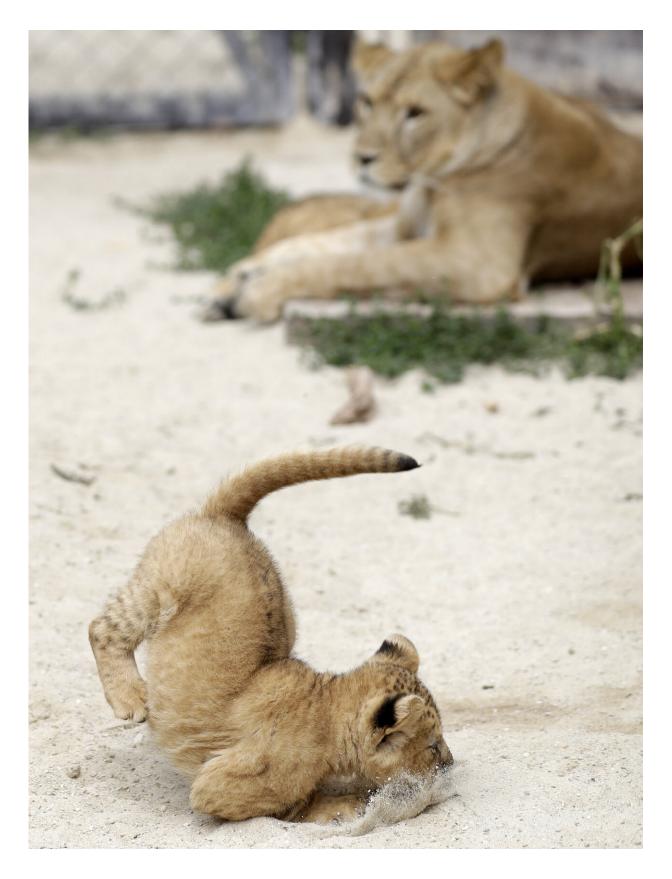


A Barbary lion cub with its mother Khalila rests in its enclosure at the zoo in Dvur Kralove, Czech Republic, Monday, July 8, 2019. Two Barbary lion cubs have been born in a Czech zoo, a welcome addition to a small surviving



population of a rare majestic lion subspecies that has been extinct in the wild. A male and a female that have yet to be named were born on May 10 in the Dvur Kralove safari park. (AP Photo/Petr David Josek)







A Barbary lion cub jumps in its enclosure at the zoo in Dvur Kralove, Czech Republic, Monday, July 8, 2019. Two Barbary lion cubs have been born in a Czech zoo, a welcome addition to a small surviving population of a rare majestic lion subspecies that has been extinct in the wild. A male and a female that have yet to be named were born on May 10 in the Dvur Kralove safari park. (AP Photo/Petr David Josek)



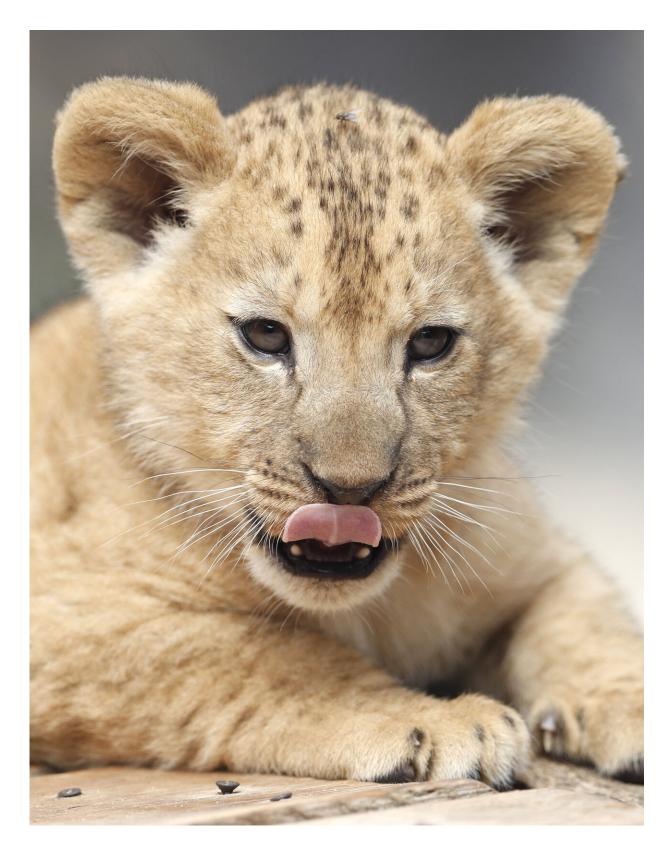
A Barbary lion cub jumps in its enclosure at the zoo in Dvur Kralove, Czech Republic, Monday, July 8, 2019. Two Barbary lion cubs have been born in a Czech zoo, a welcome addition to a small surviving population of a rare majestic lion subspecies that has been extinct in the wild. A male and a female that have yet to be named were born on May 10 in the Dvur Kralove safari park. (AP Photo/Petr David Josek)





Two Barbary lion cubs rest in their enclosure at the zoo in Dvur Kralove, Czech Republic, Monday, July 8, 2019. Two Barbary lion cubs have been born in a Czech zoo, a welcome addition to a small surviving population of a rare majestic lion subspecies that has been extinct in the wild. A male and a female that have yet to be named were born on May 10 in the Dvur Kralove safari park. (AP Photo/Petr David Josek)





A Barbary lion cub rests in its enclosure at the zoo in Dvur Kralove, Czech



Republic, Monday, July 8, 2019. Two Barbary lion cubs have been born in a Czech zoo, a welcome addition to a small surviving population of a rare majestic lion subspecies that has been extinct in the wild. A male and a female that have yet to be named were born on May 10 in the Dvur Kralove safari park. (AP Photo/Petr David Josek)

© 2019 The Associated Press. All rights reserved.

Citation: 2 rare Barbary lion cubs born in Czech zoo (2019, July 8) retrieved 25 April 2024 from https://phys.org/news/2019-07-rare-barbary-lion-cubs-born.html

This document is subject to copyright. Apart from any fair dealing for the purpose of private study or research, no part may be reproduced without the written permission. The content is provided for information purposes only.