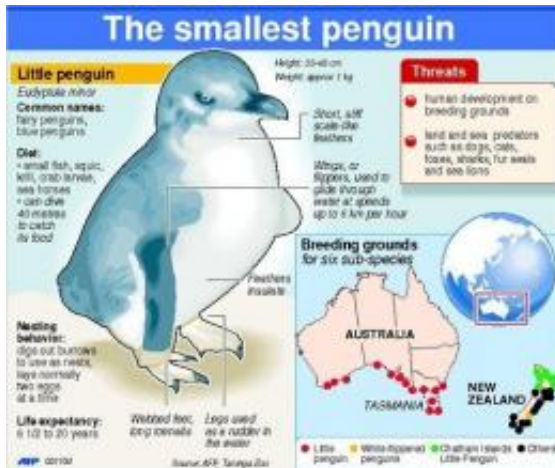


# Dog attack kills 27 penguins at Australia's Cat Bay

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Known as the Penguin Parade, the spectacle attracts thousands of people each year.

The owner of any dog found responsible for attacking a penguin could face fines of up to Aus\$3,000 (\$3,000).

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The protected Little [Penguins](#) were found mauled on Wednesday in the Phillip Island Nature Park in Victoria state, a popular tourist attraction.

"Department of Sustainability and Wildlife officers are investigating the cause of death, however preliminary observations of the injuries are consistent with a dog attack," a department spokesman said.

The Little Penguin, also known as the Fairy Penguin, is the world's smallest penguin species and the only one permanently found in Australia.

Phillip Island is home to one of the world's largest colonies and every night hundreds of the birds swim ashore and make their way to their homes in the [nature reserve](#).

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