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SAVING A SPECIES

A renowned scientist has received funding from the Territory Government to help ensure the survival of two species of marsupial moles in Central Australia.

Minister for Parks and Wildlife, said the moles are shy and hard to study.

“It’s important for the survival of marsupial moles that we find out as much as possible about where they live, what they eat and how they behave.

“Victorian based scientist, Joe Benshemesh, has received \$167,000 from the Territory Government to carry out the work and I look forward to seeing the results.

“Initially, data will be on the distribution and relative abundance of the moles in Central Australia.

“This will include trench surveys, concentrating on dune fields between Broome and Alice Springs, Kalgoorlie and Alice Springs and the northern part of the Simpson Desert.

“Mr Benshemesh will also use field surveys to examine the rate of decay and creation of underground signs that can be used to track the moles.

“We also wanted traditional knowledge on marsupial moles to inform the research – and we’ll undertake an Indigenous pilot training program to further investigate the marsupial mole.

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