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SCSU professor researches disease attacking Tasmanian devils --

A St. Cloud State researcher may be getting a little help from Warner Brothers as he tries to save Tasmanian devils. The devils are dying from a newly discovered disease, and assistant professor Marco Restani is working with Australian officials to research it. Devil facial tumor disease causes tumors that typically strike the marsupial's mouth before spreading and debilitating the animal. Most devils die within months of contracting the disease. Restani says he's concerned about the disease depressing the devil population. Warner Brothers, which created the cartoon character Taz, has expressed interest in supporting some of the research. He says not much is known about the disease.