



本集内容

- **Sweet potato helps tackle child malnutrition** 红薯可帮助应对儿童营养不良
- **Work starts on British polar research ship** 英国新极地科考船正式开建

文字稿

From the red soil of Uganda, these farmers are unearthing an unlikely solution to a silent killer. Orange flesh sweet potatoes are rich in beta-carotene, needed to prevent Vitamin A **deficiency**; an affliction that leads to the death of an estimated 670,000 people globally every year. In Uganda 32% of children under five are estimated to suffer from Vitamin A deficiency. Scientists here are hoping to change that. Through a technique called biofortification, they interbred sweet potatoes from across the world to produce the most nutrient-rich variety.

在乌干达，这些农民们正在从红壤里挖掘看似不可能却有望治疗一种致病“隐形杀手”的良方。橙瓢红薯富含预防维生素 A 不足的 β -胡萝卜素。缺乏维生素 A 是困扰并导致每年全球约 67 万人死亡的病症。据估算，在乌干达有 32% 的五岁以下儿童缺乏维生素 A。这里的科学家们希望能改善该状况。通过利用生物强化技术，他们将产自世界各地的红薯杂交繁殖，从而种植出最富有营养的红薯品种。

Work has officially begun on a new British polar research ship, the RRS Sir David Attenborough, named after the broadcaster and naturalist. The **vessel** is perhaps best known for the online vote to name it, which saw the public choose 'Boaty McBoatface' after a social media campaign hijacked the poll. Once complete, the vessel will conduct crucial scientific research in both the Arctic and the Antarctic.

以播音员及博物学家大卫·艾登堡命名的英国最新极地科考船“皇家考察舰大卫·艾登堡爵士号（RRS Sir David Attenborough）”已正式开工建造。围绕这艘舰艇最令人熟知的事件想必应该是一次网络投票命名活动，这次民意调查被一股社交媒体风潮抢了风头，导致公众选择将其命名为“小船·麦克船脸号（Boaty McBoatface）”。这艘船一旦完工会立即在北极与南极开展至关重要的科学考察活动。

词汇

deficiency

缺乏

vessel

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练习

请从以下词汇中选择适当的答案来完成句子。注意：你可能需要改变单词的时态来完成句子。

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