



**Northern Territory Government**

Department of Natural Resources, Environment and the Arts

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Crocodile Update**

Parks and Wildlife Rangers are expected to continue their search tonight for a 2.7m saltwater crocodile believed to be at Nitmiluk National Park.

Last night's spotlight survey of the first gorge failed to locate the crocodile and a helicopter survey this morning was also unsuccessful.

Senior Wildlife Officer Pat Carmody said swimming and canoeing at the gorge remained suspended until further notice.

"We will repeat the process tonight of trying to locate the crocodile and if we still can't locate the crocodile we'll give the helicopter another go tomorrow morning," Mr Carmody said.

"Apart from this extra activity we have also got a permanent trap located within the first gorge as part of the Katherine River Crocodile Management Strategy."

Mr Carmody said seven crocodiles had so far been removed from the Katherine River this year, which equates to the annual average.

Meanwhile, Parks and Wildlife Officers this morning received a report of an alleged crocodile sighting at Darwin's Bayview Marina.

An initial search failed to locate the crocodile and a spotlight survey will be conducted tonight in an effort to find the crocodile.

**Media Note \_ For more information about the Nitmiluk National Park search contact Pat Carmody on 0407 958 405.**

**For more information about the Bayview Marina search contact Tommy Nichols on 0419 822 859.**

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