



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Suspected Crocodile Sighting Prompts Manton Dam Closure**

Manton Dam, 76km south of Darwin, has been closed to the public after another suspected crocodile sighting at the popular recreation site.

Sunday's suspected sighting by two fishermen south from the dam wall is believed to be the same saltwater crocodile that was spotted by Parks and Wildlife Service Rangers two weeks ago.

Senior Wildlife Ranger Tommy Nichols said notification of the suspected crocodile sighting only came through yesterday, prompting the dam's closure until further notice.

Mr Nichols will lead a spotlight survey tonight with two traps set in place to help catch the suspected saltwater crocodile.

If tonight's attempts fail a helicopter survey could be conducted tomorrow morning.

"The difficult part about trying to capture this crocodile is the area where it has twice been sighted," Mr Nichols said.

"The area we are dealing with is quite shallow, weedy and difficult to access but we will do what we can to catch this crocodile we believe to be over two metres in length.

"If and when we catch it we will relocate it to the Darwin Crocodile Farm at Noonamah."

The last saltwater crocodile removed from Manton Dam was just under 2m long in 2004.

**Media note – For more information contact Tommy Nichols on 0419 822 859**

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