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TOP ENDERS URGED TO TAKE CARE THIS EASTER AS CROCS OUT AND ABOUT

The capture of a saltwater crocodile at a Humpty Doo property this morning has prompted Environment Minister Marion Scrymgour to urge Territorians to exercise caution when entering Top End waterways over the Easter weekend.

Ms Scrymgour said the 2.38m crocodile was removed from the property after the owners noticed crocodile slide marks on the sandbank of the Howard River.

“The property owners contacted the Parks and Wildlife Service after noticing the slide marks along the sandbank, so a trap was set up, not knowing if it would be a saltwater or freshwater crocodile,” Ms Scrymgour said.

“Parks rangers checked the trap this morning and inside it was the eight foot salt water crocodile, which has since been relocated to the Crocodile Farm in Noonamah.

“This incident highlights the need for everyone, especially children, to avoid rivers and waterways that link up to Top End rivers as this could be very dangerous – especially with people heading out and about this Easter.

“Flooded rivers have caused crocodiles to move into creeks and billabongs where they normally would not be found.”

Ms Scrymgour urged Territorians to call the **0419 822 859 crocodile removal** number if they spotted any crocodiles close to their homes or in the Darwin Harbour.

So far this year 63 crocodiles had so far been removed from the Darwin Harbour as part of the Darwin Harbour crocodile management program.

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