



MEDIA RELEASE

Crocodile Removed From Ballongilly Farm

Parks and Wildlife Service today removed a 2m male saltwater crocodile from Katherine River at Ballongilly Farm, 30km southwest of Katherine.

Parks and Wildlife Service senior wildlife officer Pat Carmody said today's catch was the fourth male saltwater crocodile to be removed from Katherine River during the past week.

The three previous crocodiles were all more than 3m long.

Mr Carmody said this crocodile would be relocated to Coolibah Crocodile Farm near Timber Creek later today to join the other three crocodiles removed since May 4.

"We found the 2m crocodile in a trap located at the farm after the farm's owner contacted us earlier today," Mr Carmody said.

"One of the three other crocodiles removed during the past week was found in the same trap near the farm, but this one was actually at the farm.

"We have been busy during the past week setting and strategically locating traps and will continue to do crocodile surveys and trapping for a few weeks to come.

"The river level is still quite high meaning there is a strong chance that saltwater crocodiles need to be trapped and transferred to Coolibah Crocodile Farm."

The crocodile removals are part of the Katherine Crocodile Management Plan aimed at minimising the risk of saltwater crocodiles attacking humans.

A similar plan in the Darwin Harbour region has led to 85 saltwater crocodiles being removed from waters in and around Darwin so far this year to the Darwin Crocodile Farm.

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