



## MEDIA RELEASE

### Crocodile Removed From Donkey Camp

A third male saltwater crocodile has been removed from Katherine River in less than a week.

Parks and Wildlife Service senior wildlife officer Pat Carmody said the 3.5m male saltwater crocodile was last night found in a trap located at Donkey Camp along Gorge Road, in Katherine North, 8km from Katherine's central business district.

Mr Carmody said the saltwater crocodile would be relocated to Coolibah Crocodile Farm west of Katherine near Timber Creek later today.

"The waters at Donkey Camp are as close to perfect habitat for saltwater crocodiles as you're ever likely to get," Mr Carmody said.

"The water level is maintained at a permanent level by a weir.

"The level of the Katherine River is still quite high after the late wet season and we're pretty sure we'll continue to find crocodiles in our traps during the next few days.

"Night time surveys and trapping is ongoing."

Mr Carmody said last night's catch was a lot darker than the 3.21m crocodile caught at Ballongilly Farm last Friday, suggesting it had been a while since it had been in saltwater.

A 3.65m male saltwater crocodile was removed from the first gorge at Nitmiluk National Park last Thursday.

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