



MEDIA RELEASE

Crocodile Search Set to Begin in Katherine

Northern Territory Parks and Wildlife Service is urging people to avoid swimming in Katherine River following unconfirmed reports of a saltwater crocodile, about 800m downstream from the Low Level bridge.

Katherine region acting director Sarah Kerin said this area of the river falls within Zone One of the Crocodile Management Strategy for the Katherine River, which is a “no tolerance” zone for estuarine crocodiles.

“While we are yet to confirm we could be dealing with a saltwater crocodile the Wildlife Rangers will attempt to confirm and if required catch and remove the crocodile from the river,” Ms Kerin said.

“We know many people like to swim in the river at the low level area but for the time being we urge people to refrain from doing so.

“Crocodiles are on the move at this time of the year and while we have no record of ever having removed a saltwater crocodile from this particular area, we don’t want to leave anything to chance.”

Ms Kerin urged people to contact Parks and Wildlife Service on 0407 958 405 if saltwater crocodiles were spotted in or around the area.

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Media Note – For more information contact Sarah Kerin on 8973 8853

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