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Crocodile Management Team Has a Busy 2006

The Northern Territory Parks and Wildlife Service crocodile management team has had another busy year.

Senior Wildlife Officer Tommy Nichols said 225 crocodiles were removed from Darwin Harbour this year, two more than last year.

“Since the record year in 2004 when 243 crocodiles were removed from Darwin Harbour, the numbers have been consistently just below that mark,” Mr Nichols said.

“And the team in Katherine again removed 11 crocodiles from Katherine River this year as they did last year.

“Many of the crocodiles we have removed this year, either from Darwin Harbour or Katherine River, have been courtesy of traps, although we do get callouts where we are required to capture crocodiles before relocating them to a crocodile farm.”

Mr Nichols said the largest crocodile removed and relocated from any part of the Top End this year was a 4.85m male saltwater crocodile at Adelaide River.

“The call came through from a member of the public on Christmas Eve and as a guess it would have weighed about 500kg, so we had to winch him onto our vehicle,” Mr Nichols said.

“We then transported the saltie to the Crocodile Farm at Noonamah, which is where most of the crocodiles we come across find their new home.”

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