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## **Signs Stolen from Territory Parks**

The Northern Territory Parks and Wildlife Service asked Territorians to be on the lookout or come forward with any information concerning National Park signage.

Parks and Wildlife Chief District Ranger Barry Scott said the Djukbinj National Park sign was stolen from the parks between 7pm on the 30 April and 8am on the 1 May 2008.

The thieves then proceeded to Mary River where they didn't manage to steal the sign in its entirety, but managed to totally ruin what was left.

"These signs, made of 50mm hard wood boards are over five metres in length and nearly a metre high, and are a considerable weight," Mr Scott said.

"The estimated cost of replacing the signs is about \$8000 and NT Police are currently investigating the matter.

Mr Scott said it is believed the thieves backed their vehicle up to the signs and used power tools to remove them.

"It was quite an operation and there is the possibility that some members of the public may have witnessed or even know something about the theft." Mr Scott said.

"Vandalism such as this is costing Parks and Wildlife Service up to \$50,000 per year."

Anyone who has information relating to the stolen signs is urged to contact the Northern Territory Police on 131 444.

Djukbinj National Park and Mary River National Park are popular Territory attractions located south of Darwin.

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**Media Note – for more information contact Barry Scott on 8988 8004.**

**Image – Djukbinj National Park, Posts remaining where the Djukbinj National Park sign was stolen and the Remains of the Mary River National Park Sign**

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