

**Media Release:**

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## **Crocodile Captured in Leanyer**

The Northern Territory Parks and Wildlife Service advise a saltwater crocodile has been captured in the Leanyer area.

Parks and Wildlife ranger Tom Nichols said he believes the crocodile is the same one sighted by a member of the public last week.

“Following a reported sighting last Wednesday a trap was set up in the area and spotlight checks were undertaken at night,” Mr Nichols said.

“We check the traps every day and this morning we discovered the crocodile which seems to fit the description given last week.

“Once the tides are in our favour we’ll be removing the crocodile from the trap and taking it to the Darwin Crocodile Farm.

“We plan on leaving the trap in place for a few more days as a precaution.”

Mr Nichols said at this time of the year with the monsoonal rains causing flooding, it’s not uncommon for crocodiles to start popping up in places you wouldn’t usually find them.

“We urge everyone to be extremely cautious around any waterways and to heed all safety signs around beaches and recreation areas,” Mr Nichols said.

“Today’s capture brings the total number of saltwater crocodiles removed from the Darwin region up to 196 for the year.”

If anyone spots a crocodile in the Darwin region they should call 0419 822 859 or 8999 4691.

Ends

**Media Note – for more information contact Tom Nichols on 0419 822 859**

**For vision opportunities please meet Tom Nichols at 12pm at the trap located near the Darwin Model Flying Club (first left turn after Leanyer Recreation Park)**

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