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Crocodile Sighted at Palmerston Boat Ramp

The Department of Natural Resources, Environment, The Arts and Sport (NRETAS) is advising the public to take caution around the Palmerston Boat Ramp following the reported sighting of an estuarine (saltwater) crocodile, approximately 3.5 metres, in the area last night.

The Northern Territory Parks and Wildlife Service crocodile management team are checking the area this afternoon.

Two permanent traps are located within close proximity of the boat ramp, one in Mitchell Creek and the other in Elizabeth River, which are checked and re-baited regularly.

A member of the public also reported sighting an estuarine (saltwater) crocodile, approximately 3 metres, in the Vestseys Beach area.

NRETAS urges the public to **BE CROCWISE** and remember that croc danger is real, so don't risk your life.

For more information go to www.nt.gov.au/becrowise

To report sightings of estuarine (saltwater) crocodiles in the Darwin region phone 0419 822 859 or in the Katherine region phone 0407 958 405.

Ends

Media Note – the crocodile management team are not contactable at this stage. Updates will be provided to media as they arise.

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