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## **4.5m Crocodile Captured at Cascades**

A 4.5 metre male estuarine (saltwater) crocodile has been removed from a crocodile trap located in Cascade Falls Creek at Litchfield National Park today, Tuesday 22 February 2011.

Northern Territory Parks and Wildlife Service ranger Robbie Risk said it is the largest crocodile removed from Territory waters so far this year.

“The crocodile was captured in a permanent trap located in Cascade Falls Creek, approximately 2km downstream from the Cascade Falls lower section swimming area,” Mr Risk said.

“It is likely that the crocodile would have entered the creek downstream from Reynolds River and not through the recently opened Cascades waterhole.

“This is another reminder to people to be extremely cautious about any waterways in the Top End, because estuarine crocodiles can move around throughout the year.

“With recent wet weather conditions it is critical that people stay away from swollen creeks, rivers, stormwater drains and low-lying areas that are subject to flooding, as there is an extremely increased likelihood of estuarine crocodiles entering these waters.”

The lower section of Cascade Falls is seasonally closed for the duration of the wet season and the upper section of Cascade Falls remains temporarily closed to swimming due to recent wet weather conditions.

For up to date information regarding access to parks and reserves administered by NRETAS go to [www.nt.gov.au/nreta/parks](http://www.nt.gov.au/nreta/parks)

The Department of Natural Resources, Environment, The Arts and Sport (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/becrocwise](http://www.nt.gov.au/becrocwise)

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

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**Media Note – for more information contact Robbie Risk on 0419 822 859.**

**Image – Parks and Wildlife Rangers remove the 4.5m estuarine crocodile from the trap at Cascades.**

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