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4.5m Crocodile Caught at Corroboree Billabong

A 4.5 metre male estuarine (saltwater) crocodile was last night removed from Corroboree Billabong fishing area after being reported to Parks and Wildlife rangers as a problem crocodile.

Northern Territory Parks and Wildlife Service Ranger Robbie Risk said Corroboree Billabong is a popular fishing area, located north from the Arnhem Highway in Mary River National Park.

“We received reports that this crocodile was approaching boats, posing a high risk to fisherman in the area,” Mr Risk said.

“Estuarine crocodiles frequent Corroboree Billabong and it was important that the problem crocodile was successfully captured before the upcoming long weekend.

“The problem crocodile was easily identified to us last night as it displayed clear dominating behaviour and was successfully harpooned and removed from the area.

“Estuarine crocodiles can be found in freshwater systems, billabongs and low-lying areas subject to flooding as well as estuarine habitats.

“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.”

A total of 143 estuarine crocodiles have been removed from Top End waterways in 2011.

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/becrowise

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

For up to date information regarding access to parks and reserves administered by NRETAS go to www.nt.gov.au/nreta/parks

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

Images – Parks and Wildlife Rangers Joey Buckerfield, Dani Best and Robbie Risk with the 4.5m estuarine crocodile captured at Corroboree Billabong.

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