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## **Croc Capture Database Now Online**

Members of the public can now be even more **CROCWISE** with the Northern Territory Parks and Wildlife Service launching a new online crocodile capture database on the website [www.nt.gov.au/becrocwise](http://www.nt.gov.au/becrocwise).

Parks and Wildlife Service Director of Conservation and Wildlife Brett Easton said the online database utilises the Google Maps application to provide Territorians with up-to-date information about what areas across the Top End estuarine (saltwater) crocodiles are being removed from.

“This is the latest step in our **CROCWISE** campaign, which integrates public education and active crocodile management by the Northern Territory Government to reduce the risk of crocodile attacks in the Top End,” Mr Easton said.

“Our dedicated crocodile management team of five wildlife rangers work hard to manage the extensive crocodile trap network in place across the Darwin Harbour and Darwin rural region.

“Parks and Wildlife rangers also continuously monitor areas within national parks to ensure designated swimming areas remain croc-free and safe for visitors to enjoy.

“In 2010 more than 300 estuarine crocodiles were captured across the Top End, and this year we’re well on track for similar figures with 151 removed so far in 2011.

“The online database builds upon the regular public notices in the newspaper advising of crocodile captures, this is another mechanism for us to help spread the word and make the public more aware of estuarine crocodiles.

“The website not only shows the general locations and figures for estuarine crocodiles removed this year but also shows information from 2009 and 2010.”

Mr Easton said the **CROCWISE** program has educated more than 10,000 school children across the Top End through talks held by Parks and Wildlife community education rangers.

“Since late 2009 we have rolled out an extensive public awareness campaign including TV commercials, an educational DVD, a Teaching and Learning Resource Kit for schools as well as a range of materials including magnets, stickers, posters and wristbands,” Mr Easton said.

We continue to urge 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)

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

Ends

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