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## **3.1m Crocodile Captured at Katherine River**

A 3.1 metre male estuarine (saltwater) crocodile was removed from a crocodile trap in Katherine River yesterday after Parks and Wildlife rangers received reports of a problem crocodile in the area.

Northern Territory Parks and Wildlife Service Acting Senior Wildlife Ranger John Burke said a trap was placed in Taylors Park, approximately 45 kilometres downstream from Katherine, following the reports.

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

“However, we believe the problem crocodile is larger than the one captured yesterday and may still be in the area, so the trap will remain operational until that crocodile is removed.

“Though the problem crocodile appears to be in an area that has few visitors, it could move up or down the river system as the weather begins to get hotter.

“Efforts are being made to capture it as soon as possible, but we still urge people to use caution at Katherine River and any waterways in the Top End, as estuarine crocodiles can move around.”

This is the third estuarine crocodile that Parks and Wildlife rangers have removed from the Katherine River this year.

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).

To 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](http://www.nt.gov.au/nreta/parks).

**Media Note – for more information, contact John Burke on 8973 8860 or 0419 828 487.**

**Image – 3.1m crocodile captured at Katherine River.**

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