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Crocodile Removed from Donkey Camp

A 3.92 metre male estuarine (saltwater) crocodile was removed from a crocodile trap located in the Katherine River at Donkey Camp today, Monday 5 September 2011.

Northern Territory Parks and Wildlife Service Senior Ranger John Burke said this is the second crocodile removed from the trap this year.

“We think this crocodile has been in the area for a while but has evaded our traps until now, as crocodiles are usually less active during the colder months,” Mr Burke said.

“As the weather heats up and temperatures rise, crocodiles become more active and more likely to move around looking for food.”

The trap at Donkey Camp is located 15 kilometres upstream from the Katherine Township and 10 kilometres downstream from Nitmiluk National Park.

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

This brings the number of crocodiles caught in the Territory to 184.

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

To 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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Image – Parks and Wildlife Rangers John Burke and Di Bowman with the 3.92m estuarine crocodile.

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