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Crocodile Removed from Harrison Dam

A 2.5m male estuarine (saltwater) crocodile has been removed from a trap located at Harrison Dam Conservation Reserve, approximately 60 kilometres south of Darwin.

Parks and Wildlife Service Senior Ranger Tom Nichols said the trap was placed in Harrison Dam late last week as a precaution for the upcoming Waterfowl Hunting Season.

“Parks and Wildlife rangers place a trap in Harrison Dam each year before the waterfowl hunting season, as the area is popular with hunters,” Mr Nichols said.

“This is the first of around 3 or 4 crocodiles that are removed from the area each year.

“The trap will remain in place until the end of the wet season or before access is restricted.”

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.

Hunters are also reminded to exercise caution around the Top End’s waterways as crocodiles will become more active as the weather heats up and water temperatures rise.

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

For more information concerning parks access in the Northern Territory go to www.nt.gov.au/nreta/parks/access

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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Media Note – for more information contact Tom Nichols on 0419 822 859.

Image – The 2.5m male estuarine crocodile removed from Harrison Dam.

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