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## **Female Crocodile Removed from Katherine River**

A 2.9 metre female estuarine (saltwater) crocodile was removed from a crocodile trap located in the Katherine River at Taylors Park today, Friday 4 November 2011.

Northern Territory Parks and Wildlife Service Senior Wildlife Ranger John Burke said it is unusual for them to capture female crocodiles in that area.

“This is only the second female saltwater crocodile removed from Katherine River since 1994, which is when we started keeping records,” said Mr Burke.

“The last one we recorded was in April 2005.”

The trap at Taylors Park is located approximately 45 kilometres downstream from the Katherine Township.

Mr Burke said rangers also removed a 2 metre male estuarine crocodile from a trap approximately 1km from the Low Level Bridge in Katherine on Monday, 31 October 2011.

“With two being caught in one week, it serves as a reminder to people to be extremely cautious about any waterways around Katherine and throughout the Top End, as estuarine crocodiles can and do move around throughout the year,” Mr Burke said.

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.

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

**Image – 1. The captured female estuarine crocodile and Senior Wildlife Ranger John Burke in the background.**

**2. The captured female estuarine crocodile and Nitmiluk National Park Ranger Paul O'Neill, who assisted in the removal.**

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