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Crocodile Removed from Dam in Darwin Rural Area

Parks and Wildlife Service rangers have removed a 3.44m male estuarine (saltwater) crocodile from a dam in the Darwin rural area, believed to have been the crocodile that was sighted at a local resident's property on Friday.

Parks and Wildlife Service Wildlife Ranger Robbie Risk said the estuarine crocodile was captured and removed from the local property.

"We believe this is the same crocodile that was sighted by the resident" Mr Risk said.

"The Crocodile Management Unit placed a trap in the dam on Saturday morning and found the crocodile there last night when we went back to check it and survey the area" Mr Risk said.

"We ask the public to report crocodile sightings to us as soon as possible so that we can act immediately.

"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 Risk said 27 saltwater crocodiles have been removed from Top End waterways this year.

NRETAS urges the public to **BE CROCWISE** and remember that croc danger is real so don't risk your life. Go to www.nt.gov.au/becrocwise for more information.

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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