



BE CROCWISE on the Water

Recreational fishing and boating in the Top End of the Northern Territory is extremely popular. The opportunity to hook a Barramundi, navigate dramatic tidal rivers and view a diverse range of tropical wildlife makes it easy to see why.

Our Top End waters are home to crocodiles and ultimately how you behave around crocodile habitats is your responsibility. The Northern Territory Government, the Amateur Fishermen's Association of the NT and Parks Australia (Kakadu) takes your safety seriously.

- Don't become complacent – crocodile and human interactions can be risky **BE CROCWISE**
- Crocs do move around and can be found in any Top End waters (fresh or salt).
- Never swim in fishing waterways.



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- Crocodiles are common in the Top End – Assume crocodiles are present in all waterways and do move around.
- Crocodile danger is real and attacks can be fatal.
- Crocodiles are expert hunters and well camouflaged – they will see you before you see them.
- Saltwater crocodiles can attack people in boats – the smaller the boat, the greater the risk.
- Humans and crocodile populations are increasing more than ever - leading to more frequent interactions.



Be Crocwise advice from local fishers to enjoy our waterways safely:

1. Obey all crocodile warning signs; they are there for your protection.
2. Avoid paddling, cleaning fish, preparing food, washing or carrying out repetitive actions at the water's edge or boatside.
3. Always use landing nets when bringing in fish and never dangle arms, legs or any part of your body over the side of the boat.
4. A lure is not worth risking your life for. Never lean over the edge of a boat, out on a tree limb or enter the water to retrieve snagged lures.
5. When fishing from the bank fish five meters from the water's edge.
6. Never provoke or harass crocodiles - it's extremely dangerous; always report problem / aggressive crocodiles – see contact numbers.
7. When fishing at night, illuminate the outside of your boat making it easier for you to see what is around you, and stay back from edge of the boat.
8. Using wire crab traps make it harder for crocodiles to access your bait and catch. Don't let crocodiles associate traps, boats and fishermen with food.
9. Rethink taking your dogs with you while fishing - they are a favourite prey of crocodiles and their presence may attract them.



**To report problem
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