

CROCODILE SAFETY

FAST FACTS ABOUT SALTWATER CROCODILE:

- It is the largest of all living reptiles and the world's largest predator.
- *Crocodylus porosus* locally named as "buaya katak".
- The male can reach lengths of up to 7m and weigh as much as 2 tonnes.
- The female is much smaller and usually does not exceed 3m in length.
- A young crocodile is pale yellow in colour with black stripes and spots on their bodies and tails. This colouration lasts for a few years until the crocodile matures. The colour as an adult is much darker greenish-drab.
- Found in brackish and freshwater habitats such as river mouths, sea inlets and golf course ponds.
- The young eat insects, frogs, crabs and fishes, while the adult eat larger prey including fish, birds and mammals.
- Although generally lethargic, a saltwater crocodile loiters in the water or basks in the sun through the day, and hunts at dusk and night.
- Mating season is during the wet months, when water levels are at their highest.
- A saltwater crocodile has the strongest bite ever measured of any animal.
- May look slow, but they use their size and force to propel themselves forward. They can reach top speed of up to 17km/h.
- Are there certain times of year that it is safe to be near or enter the water? No, it is never 100% safe.
- Beaware of areas prone to crocodiles. They will see you before you see them.

