

Croc facts

Size

The saltwater croc is the largest species of crocodile in the world. They can grow to approximately 6.5m (animals of this size are extremely rare though) and are a danger to humans when they reach about 3m. Females are typically much smaller than males with an average adult female being about 3m long.

Longevity

Crocodiles can live up to 70 or 80 years

Teeth

A typical croc might have about 66 teeth at any one time. These teeth are replaced up to 2 or 3 times a year.



Replacements are needed because as the croc grows it needs progressively larger teeth and teeth are often broken in fights or when crunching into the hard bone of prey. Each tooth is hollow at the base with the new tooth filling into that cavity.

As a result a croc will have up to 3500 teeth over its life time.