

Croc facts

Hearing

Crocodiles have excellent hearing and can hear lower frequencies much better than we can. The ears are attuned to the sounds other crocs make as well as the sounds their prey might make. The crocs ear flaps are located just behind the eyes.



Smell

Crocs have a very good sense of smell - with the ability to detect smells from several hundred meters away if carried on the wind. They also secrete a musk to communicate with other crocs. The musk smell lingers for several minutes and is used to express fear, danger, aggression and submission.



Sixth Sense: Vibration alert

Crocs have a sixth sense – the ability to sense pressure changes and vibrations in the water. The thin skin on the head and face is covered with tiny, pigmented domes, forming a network of neural pressure receptors that can detect barely perceptible vibrations in the water. They are so sensitive they can feel a fish swimming past their head and can detect a water droplet breaking the water nearby.