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Animal Fact Sheet

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Saltwater Crocodile

Crocodylus porosus

The saltwater crocodile is the largest living reptile and has the most powerful bite ever directly measured in any living animal. Its jaw-closing muscles are enormous; its jaw-opening muscles are alm…

Quick facts

Classification: Reptile
Family: Crocodylidae
Habitat: Coastal wetlands, river deltas, estuaries, and mangrove swamps
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 70–100 years
Weight: 400–1,000 kg
Scientific name: Crocodylus porosus

Did you know?

- A saltwater crocodile can leap its entire body length out of the water to catch prey on low-hanging branches.
- It has the strongest bite ever measured in a living animal — yet its jaw-opening muscles are so weak that tape can hold its mouth shut. It crosses op…

What I learned

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