



Kimberley Land Council

MEDIA STATEMENT

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Nyikina Mangala Rangers catch rogue croc

The Nyikina Mangala Rangers yesterday caught a 3.6m rogue crocodile at Telegraph Pool on the Fitzroy River.

The KLC-facilitated rangers worked with the Department of Parks and Wildlife to catch the big saltie, setting traps last Thursday after reports the crocodile had been behaving aggressively at the popular camping and fishing area.

Nyikina Mangala Ranger Cyril Watson said although catching such a large crocodile was an exciting experience, it was also really important for public safety.

“He was really big, it took seven of us to capture him,” he said.

“We put a rope around his top jaw and then pulled him out of the cage towards us. We then covered his head and lifted his back legs. He was pretty heavy.

“The croc had been harassing people camping at Telegraph Pool, so it was pretty important that we caught him and relocated him, so everyone could be safe.”

The crocodile was relocated to the Malcolm Douglas Wildlife Park yesterday afternoon, where he will settle in before being introduced to a female companion.

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