New $46,500 Croc Boat For Darwin Harbour

Parks and Wildlife Minister Karl Hampton today unveiled a new $46,500 pontoon vessel to catch and remove crocodiles from Darwin Harbour.

“The Territory Government continues working hard to catch and remove saltwater crocodiles from Darwin Harbour,” Mr Hampton said.

“Our new $46,500 custom fitted croc boat – named Muk Muk, which means sea eagle in Larrakia - is a wonderful addition to the Crocodile Management Team’s resources.

“The front of the boat is painted black to help the team work at night and to avoid reflection from spotlights – it also makes it harder for the crocodiles to see them.

“Crocodiles are more active at night and are easier to catch – their red eyes can be seen up to 100 metres away.

“Other design features include specially fitted harpoon racks, crocodile slide, self draining deck and side rails.

“Harpoon techniques are commonly used for the Crocodile Management Team to respond to reported sightings of problem crocodiles and are an extra technique to trapping.”

Mr Hampton said 125 saltwater crocodiles have been removed from the Darwin Harbour management zone since the start of the year, well short of the record 247 removed in 2004.

The public are urged to call 0419 822 859 to report any crocodile sightings.

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