Parks and Wildlife Minister Karl Hampton today called for expressions of interest from organisations keen to undertake crocodile management and monitoring in the Top End.

Mr Hampton said today’s call is part of the Territory Government’s plan to expand crocodile management in the Top End while also supporting job creation.

“The Territory Government made a decision last year to increase crocodile management in the outer Darwin region as population in the rural residential areas is booming,” Mr Hampton said.

“We’ve taken this opportunity to consider all aspects of crocodile management, including whether this service can be provided by the private sector.

“That’s why we are calling on organisations interested in trapping and removing crocodiles in the Top End – including Darwin Harbour - to put in a submission.

“Our crocodile management team does a wonderful job reducing the risk of crocodile attack in Darwin Harbour and will continue to undertake this role during this EOI process.

“The aim of the EOI is to determine the level of private sector interest and capacity to undertake crocodile management and at what cost.

“Through this process, we will ensure the best possible system is implemented meaning that crocodile management won’t be transferred to a private company if established criteria cannot be met.

“This includes having the skills, knowledge, capacity and commitment to fulfil our requirements to the highest standard of community safety.

“We are also calling for Expressions of Interest to undertake the population monitoring program for saltwater crocodiles as part of managing these pre-historic reptiles.

“This monitoring will help determine the approximate population of crocodiles and what changes are occurring within that population.”

The Expressions of Interest are open until 18 February with a decision to be made later this year.

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