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**Also see endnotes for information about—**

- **when provisions commenced**
- **editorial changes made in earlier reprints.**

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# Nature Conservation (Problem Crocodiles) Conservation Plan 1995

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## Part 1 Preliminary

### 1 Short title

This conservation plan may be cited as the *Nature Conservation (Problem Crocodiles) Conservation Plan 1995*.

### 2 Definitions

In this plan—

*code* means the Code of Practice for the Taking, Handling and Transportation of Crocodiles published by the department.<sup>1</sup>

*crocodile* means a protected animal of the species *Crocodylus porosus*.

*licensee* means—

- (a) the holder of a wildlife exhibitor or wildlife farming licence for crocodiles under the Nature Conservation Regulation; or
- (b) a person in another State who, under the law of the State, may keep crocodiles.

*management program* means the Management Program for the Conservation and Management of *Crocodylus porosus* in Queensland.<sup>2</sup>

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1 The code is available for inspection at the department's head office, 160 Ann Street, Brisbane.

2 The management program is published by the department and is available for inspection at the department's head and regional offices.

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***Nature Conservation Regulation*** means the *Nature Conservation Regulation 1994*.

***permit*** means a damage mitigation permit under the Nature Conservation Regulation for crocodiles.

***problem crocodile*** see section 3.

***scientifically examine*** includes take a biological tissue sample.

***stock*** has the meaning given by the *Stock Act 1915*.

***take*** does not include shoot, kill, skin, poison, dredge for, injure or harm.

### **3 Problem crocodiles**

A crocodile in the wild is a ***problem crocodile*** if, in the chief executive's opinion, it is, or is likely to be, a source of danger to humans, stock or dogs.

### **4 Purpose of plan**

The purpose of this plan is to ensure a level of protection for the public against crocodiles by allowing problem crocodiles to be taken under a permit, and their taking monitored, while maintaining wild populations of crocodiles across their current ranges.

### **5 Administration of plan**

- (1) This plan is to be administered in conjunction with the management program.
- (2) If there is any conflict between this plan and the management program, the plan prevails over the program.

### **6 Application of Act, s 121(2) (Plan replaces interim or declared management intent)**

Section 121(2) of the Act does not apply to this plan.<sup>3</sup>

## **Part 2                      Taking of crocodiles**

### **7            Who may take crocodile**

- (1) This section applies to a person who agrees to a conservation officer's request to take and move a problem crocodile.
- (2) The person must—
  - (a) apply for a permit; and
  - (b) start field operations under the permit within 72 hours of obtaining the permit.
- (3) Despite chapter 3 of the Nature Conservation Regulation, the chief executive must not grant the permit for more than 30 days.
- (4) If the person does not comply with subsection (2)(b), the chief executive may cancel the permit.

### **8            Restriction on taking of crocodile under permit**

The permit holder—

- (a) must only take a problem crocodile; and
- (b) must take and handle the crocodile in a way that is consistent with the code; and
- (c) if required by the chief executive—must allow a conservation officer to be present when the crocodile is taken and handled.

Maximum penalty—80 penalty units.

### **9            Procedure on taking of problem crocodile by permit holder**

- (1) This section applies if a permit holder takes a problem crocodile under the permit.
- (2) The permit holder may—

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3 The declared management intent in the *Nature Conservation (Wildlife) Regulation 1994* for crocodiles is not affected by this plan.

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- (a) keep the crocodile; or
  - (b) move the crocodile to a place approved by the chief executive.
- (3) However, the permit holder must care for the crocodile and ensure, as far as is practicable, it is kept alive for 30 days after taking it.
- Maximum penalty—165 penalty units.
- (4) The chief executive may give an approval to move the crocodile to a place outside Queensland only if the necessary permission of an entity in the place has been obtained to move the crocodile to the place.

**10 Conservation value not payable**

The conservation value of a crocodile is not payable on the problem crocodile taken by the permit holder under the permit.

**11 Procedure on accidental taking**

- (1) This section applies if a crocodile (other than a problem crocodile) is accidentally taken by the permit holder.
- (2) The permit holder must—
  - (a) immediately notify a conservation officer of the taking; and
  - (b) unless a conservation officer otherwise directs in writing, release the crocodile unharmed at the place of capture within 24 hours after capture.

**12 Procedure on taking of problem crocodile by conservation officer**

- (1) This section applies if a problem crocodile is taken by a conservation officer.
- (2) The chief executive may deal with the crocodile in the way the chief executive considers appropriate.

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- (3) However, the chief executive must not give the crocodile to a licensee who uses crocodiles for a commercial purpose, unless—
  - (a) the chief executive is satisfied the crocodile is to be cared for and, as far as practicable, kept alive by the licensee for 30 days; and
  - (b) the licensee pays the State the conservation value for the crocodile.
- (4) The conservation value is—
  - (a) if the crocodile is a male—\$110 for each metre or part of a metre of the crocodile's length; and
  - (b) if the crocodile is a female—\$220 for each metre or part of a metre of the crocodile's length.

## **Part 3                      Keeping of identified crocodiles**

### **13      Crocodile to be kept in isolation**

- (1) A person who moves a problem crocodile taken under a permit to a place in Queensland must—
  - (a) keep the crocodile in isolation until a conservation officer—
    - (i) inspects, scientifically examines, measures and tags the crocodile; and
    - (ii) authorises the crocodile's release from isolation; and
  - (b) care for the crocodile and ensure, as far as is practicable, it is kept alive for at least 30 days.
- (2) The person, or a competent person employed or engaged by the person, must help the conservation officer to inspect, scientifically examine, measure and tag the crocodile.

Maximum penalty—80 penalty units.

## Endnotes

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### 2 Date to which amendments incorporated

This is the reprint date mentioned in the Reprints Act 1992, section 5(c). Accordingly, this reprint includes all amendments that commenced operation on or before 5 July 2000. Future amendments of the Nature Conservation (Problem Crocodiles) Conservation Plan 1995 may be made in accordance with this reprint under the Reprints Act 1992, section 49.

### 3 Key

#### Key to abbreviations in list of legislation and annotations

Key	Explanation	Key	Explanation
AIA	= Acts Interpretation Act 1954	(prev)	= previously
amd	= amended	proc	= proclamation
amdt	= amendment	prov	= provision
ch	= chapter	pt	= part
def	= definition	pubd	= published
div	= division	R[X]	= Reprint No.[X]
exp	= expires/expired	RA	= Reprints Act 1992
gaz	= gazette	reloc	= relocated
hdg	= heading	renum	= renumbered
ins	= inserted	rep	= repealed
lap	= lapsed	(retro)	= retrospectively
notfd	= notified	rv	= revised edition
o in c	= order in council	s	= section
om	= omitted	sch	= schedule
orig	= original	sdiv	= subdivision
p	= page	SIA	= Statutory Instruments Act 1992
para	= paragraph	SIR	= Statutory Instruments Regulation 2002
prec	= preceding	SL	= subordinate legislation
pres	= present	sub	= substituted
prev	= previous	unnum	= unnumbered

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## 4 Table of reprints

Reprints are issued for both future and past effective dates. For the most up-to-date table of reprints, see the reprint with the latest effective date.

If a reprint number includes a letter of the alphabet, the reprint was released in unauthorised, electronic form only.

Reprint No.	Amendments included	Effective	Reprint date
1	none	22 December 1995	29 January 1996
1A	2000 SL No. 130	1 July 2000	5 July 2000

## 5 List of legislation

### **Nature Conservation (Problem Crocodiles) Conservation Plan 1995 SL No. 407**

approved by the Governor in Council on 21 December 1995

notfd gaz 22 December 1995 pp 1672–6

commenced on date of notification

exp 1 September 2006 (see SIA s 54)

Note—The expiry date may have changed since this reprint was published. See the latest reprint of the SIR for any change.

amending legislation—

### **Nature Conservation (Problem Crocodiles) Amendment Conservation Plan 2000 SL No. 130**

notfd gaz 23 June 2000 pp 652–4

ss 1–2 commenced on date of notification

remaining provisions commenced on 1 July 2000 (see s 2)

## 6 List of annotations

### **Procedure on taking of problem crocodile by conservation officer**

s 12 amd 2000 No. 130 s 4