

Cuban Crocodile

Crocodylus rhombifer



Range: Cuba

Size: ♂: 400-500cm (11 ft)

♀: 250 cm (8 ft)

Weight : ♂: 200kg (440 lb)

♀: (150lb)

Teeth: 66-68

Habitat: lakes and slow moving rivers

Incubation: 58-70 days

Eggs: 30-40

Dispersal: 12 months

Sexual maturity: ♂: 320 cm ♀:

170cm

Nest: holes and Mounds

Social: social

Breeding: polygynous

Food: turtles, birds and mammals

IUCN: Critically Endangered

Subspecies : monotypic

Longevity: captive: 28 years

Wild: 40 years

Order: Crocodylia Family: Crocodylidae

Found only on the island of Cuba the Cuban Crocodile has a very restricted range. It is now extinct from the surrounding islands it once inhabited. It is now restricted to the 1 million acre Zapata Swamp.

Like other crocodiles this species is an ambush predator waiting almost completely submerged then striking quickly when prey comes within reach. Although the Cuban crocodile also feeds on birds and mammals it possesses broad rear teeth adapted to break the tough shells of turtles.

One of the most endangered species of crocodiles in the world this species is listed as Critically Endangered by the IUCN. It is also listed on the USFWS endangered species list and Appendix I on CITES.