

Morelet's Crocodile

Crocodylus moreletii



Range: Eastern Mexico
Size: ♂:220- 300 cm (87- 118 in)
♀:150- 240cm (38-94 in)
Weight :♂: 38-58kg (84-128 lbs)
♀ :30.4- 46kg (66-102 lbs)
Teeth: 66-68
Habitat: freshwater prefers marshes and swamps
Incubation: 80 days
Eggs: 25-40
Fledge:
Sexual maturity: 150 cm
Nest: fresh vegetation. Mounds 3' tall
Social:
Breeding: polygynous
Food: small to medium sized vertebrates
IUCN: least concern
Subspecies : monotypic
Longevity:captive: 80 yrs
Wild:65 yrs

Order:Crocodylia Family:Crocodylidae

Due to their valuable hide, Morelet's crocodiles were hunted almost to extinction through the years 1940 to 1950. Under the Mexican Wildlife Protection Act, hunting them became illegal and their numbers have steadily risen, although illegal poaching and habitat loss continue to threaten the animal. To counteract this, Mexico has begun breeding Morelet's crocodiles in captivity. However, some individuals have escaped to form feral populations

outside of their regular breeding zones, creating a problem for the populations of American crocodile, which must compete with this newly-invasive species.