

Mugger Crocodile

Crocodylus pelutris



Range: India

Size: ♂: 400-500cm (13-16 ft)

♀: 250 cm (8 ft)

Weight: ♂: 200kg (880 lb)

♀:

Teeth: 66-68

Habitat: lakes and slow moving rivers

Incubation: 55-75 days

Eggs: 25-30

Dispersal: 12 months

Sexual maturity: ♂: 320 cm ♀: 170cm

Nest: holes

Social: social

Breeding: polygynous

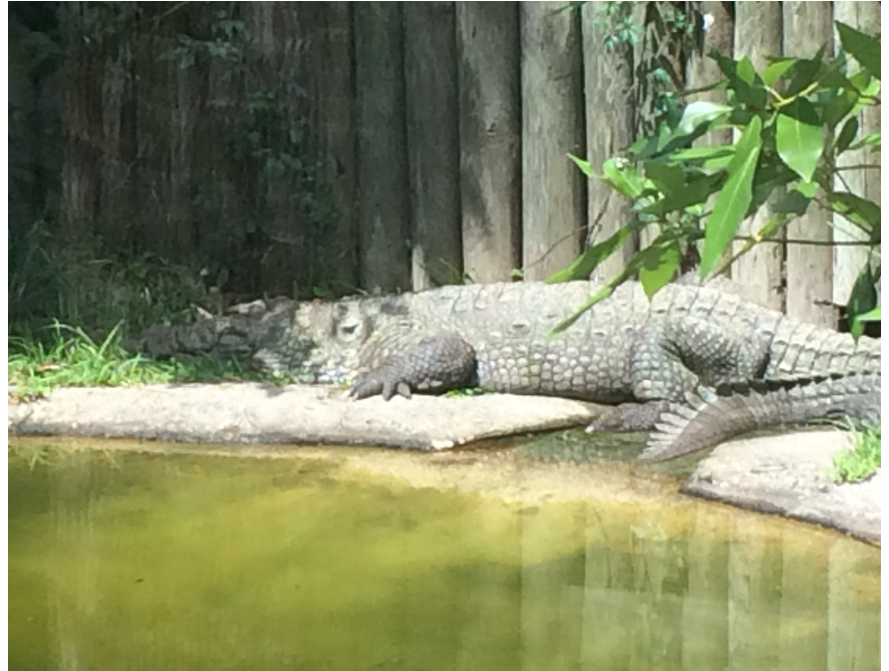
Food: fish, birds and mammals

IUCN: Vulnerable

Subspecies: monotypic

Longevity: captive: 28 years

Wild: 40 years



Order: Crocodylia **Family:** Crocodilidae

With a broad snout for a crocodile the Mugger Crocodile has a very alligator-like appearance. A monotypic species the mugger is found throughout the Indian subcontinent, ranging from southern Iran to Myanmar. It is the national reptile of Pakistan

The mugger is a freshwater species preferring slow moving rivers and lakes. Although sympatric with the larger Saltwater crocodile they are rarely found together. Like other crocodiles the mugger is an ambush hunter feeding on mammals and birds.

This species' population is declining and it is listed as Endangered by the USFW. It is also listed as Vulnerable by the IUCN and is on CITES Appendix I. The major threats to the species are poaching and habitat destruction.

The word mugger is derived from the Sanskrit word "makara" a mythical water monster.

