

# Orinoco Crocodile

## *Crocodylus intermedius*



**Range:** Venezuela and Colombia

**Size:** ♂:360- 480cm ( 144-192 in )

♀:300 - 330cm (117-132 in)

**Weight :**♂: 380 - 635kg (840-1400lbs)

♀ : 225-317kg (496-699 lbs)

**Teeth:** 68

**Habitat:** rivers in the llanos

**Incubation:** 90 days

**Eggs:** 40

**Fledge:**

**Sexual maturity:** ♀:250 cm

**Nest:** holes in sandy banks

**Social:** single male several females

**Breeding:** polygynous

**Food:**mid to large vertebrates

**IUCN:** Critically endangered

**Subspecies :** monotypic

**Longevity:**captive: 17 yrs

Wild: 70yrs

Order:Crocodylia Family: Crocodylidae

The Orinoco crocodile (*Crocodylus intermedius*), is a critically endangered crocodile. Its population is very small, estimated at only 547 in the wild and it can only be found in freshwater environments in Colombia and Venezuela of northern South America, in particular the Orinoco River and its tributaries. Extensively hunted for their skins in the 19th and 20th centuries, this species is one of the most critically endangered species of extant crocodiles. It is a very large species, in fact the largest species of crocodilian and predator in

the Americas.