



CRITERIA FOR CROCODILE EGG ALLOCATION 2009-2010 SEASON

The allocation of allowable eggs to permit applicants for the 2009-2010 harvest season will be based on the following criteria:

1. Permit processes implemented for 2009-2010 will be that:
 - a. egg harvest permits will be allocated prior to the harvest commencing;
 - b. egg counts for allocation and permitting will be based on the number of live eggs, i.e., eggs placed into an incubator;
 - c. the number of live eggs allocated in permits will not exceed the 50,000 harvest ceiling;
 - d. the allocation of egg permits may be shifted by negotiation between locations within season to accommodate areas of low seasonal harvest (e.g. from fire, flood etc) but will not exceed the 2009-2010 limits. Any such re-allocation will occur by issuing a new permit (with a corresponding stoppage of the obsolete permit); and
 - e. egg allocation will be broadly based on regional catchments for all harvested catchments (see attached).
2. No allocation will be considered in instances where there are outstanding returns.
3. The productivity of an area as measured by the actual number of eggs harvested in previous seasons (rather than the numbers applied for) carries significant weighting in determining allocation.
4. The defined area for egg harvest under a particular permit will be an exclusive area. Multiple permits will not be issued for the same area.
5. For 2009/10 season single year permits only will be issued.
6. Relevant Northern Territory Government policy, such as Working Future, will be considered in determining the allocation across regional catchments
7. There will continue to be non-harvest areas, which are currently largely confined to Kakadu National Park.

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