## Current status of the Crocodile Management and Conservation Program in Cancun, Quintana Roo, Mexico

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<u>Abstract</u>: The work developed in the last seven years is presented, where an attempt has been made to permanently establish the Crocodile Management and Conservation Program in Cancun (PMCCC for the name in Spanish), partially carrying out activities in the various subprograms such as: population monitoring, attention to conflicts and environmental education. These activities include: the decrease in relative densities, the decrease in the number of encounters with adult specimens, the attention to conflicts between humans and crocodiles, the development of a database of negative human crocodile interactions and their respective analysis, the discovery of plastics in stomachs of run-over crocodiles and the ignorance of the residents and visitors about the true behavior and importance of crocodiles, as well as the population size present.

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