

# **The Crocodylia of Mexico by Alvarez del Toro: book presentation**

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*Abstract:* Miguel Alvarez del Toro was a Mexican naturalist who worked for 54 years in the state of Chiapas. In 1974 he published the book, “*Los Crocodylia de Mexico*” that positioned him as one of the pioneers in the knowledge of the natural history and conservation of the Crocodylia. Before passing away in 1996 he accepted to publish the second edition of the book that was released in 2001. Now in 2020, we have the honor and pleasure to review, translate into English, and invite more coauthors for this edition. The 2020 version has the seven original chapters written by Alvarez del Toro translated for the first time into English plus ten chapters that give a clear understanding of the current situation of these reptiles in Mexico. The last chapter is about the Human – Crocodile Conflict in Mexico, a situation that has been increasing lately. Nine coauthors contributed information about the conflict in their states and Brandon Sideleau updated and analyzed the information with the perspective of CrocBite. The book is published with colorful images, some of them reflecting facts never seen before in Mexico. Special thanks to Enrique Beltran Brozon who authorized the copyright under IMRNR power of attorney for this edition. Forty-six years after this book was published, we present it at the CSG meeting in Mexico to honor one man devoted to conservation.

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