

Quintana Roo's Crocodile Specialist Group

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Abstract: Mexico has a great diversity of ecosystems and Quintana Roo is habitat of two species of crocodiles: *Crocodylus moreletii* and *C. acutus*. Due to the characteristics of the Mexican Caribbean, crocodile populations behave differently than in the rest of the country, so a group of experts was created at the state level with the aim of giving attention to issues such as in situ conservation, monitoring the status of populations, human-crocodile conflict, training, and environmental education. This specialized group named GETQROO is made up of government institutions such as the Comisión Nacional de Áreas Naturales Protegidas (CONANP), the Instituto de Biodiversidad y Áreas Naturales Protegidas de Quintana Roo (IBANQROO), the Secretaría de Ecología y Medio Ambiente (SEMA), Fondo Nacional de Fomento al Turismo (FONATUR infrastructure), Procuraduría Federal de Protección al Ambiente (PROFEPA), Benito Juárez City Council; non-governmental organizations such as Onca Maya, Tsukan, Reserva Ecológica El Edén, Amigos de Sian Ka'an, Centro del Cambio Global y la Sustentabilidad, and research institutions such as the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México and El Colegio de la Frontera Sur. One of the group's short-term actions is the implementation of the S.O.S. attention strategy that will allow timely attention to the different aspects in the conservation of this saurian.

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