

# **Certificate II – Remote Crocodile Management**

## **Training**

On 21 February to 4 March the second stage of training was conducted with Dr Adam Britten of Big Gecko Crocodilian Research, with six Rangers participating in the Remote Crocodile Management course. This round of training focused on nesting site surveys, egg collection and incubation, completing the training to a Certificate II level for six Rangers (consisting of five Gangalidda and Garawa Rangers and one Normanton Ranger).

### **The training consisted of theory and practical work:**

**Training module 1:** Identify crocodile nest by aerial survey using a helicopter and by using boats on our river systems.



Above: View from the aerial survey



Above: Rangers conducting the boat survey

**Training module 2:** Safe method and procedure on how to approach a crocodile nest.



Above: Approaching a crocodile nest after aerial and boat surveys were completed



**Training module 3: Counting eggs and collecting data from the nests using I-Tracker, camera, and GPS**



**All above: Opening a crocodile nest and counting eggs**

With the completion of this training Rangers are now able to comprehensively monitor croc numbers in local waterways and deal with any rogue individuals, creating a local solution to a local problem. The training also has the potential for Gangalidda and Garawa people to begin investigating commercial aspects of croc management, a long term aspiration of Traditional Owners.

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