

THIS **SMALL CROCODILE ATLAS** IS DESIGNED TO MAKE THE GENERAL PUBLIC FAMILIAR WITH BASIC INFORMATION REGARDING VARIOUS INDIVIDUAL CROCODILE SPECIES, IN AN EFFORT TO CONTRIBUTE TO INCREASED INTEREST IN THESE ANIMALS AND TO PROMOTE THEIR PROTECTION. UNFORTUNATELY, CERTAIN PROTECTIVE MEASURES ADOPTED

AT THE START OF THE 21ST CENTURY PROVED UNSUCCESSFUL, AND SEVERAL CROCODILE SPECIES (E.G. THE CUBAN CROCODILE, PHILIPPINE CROCODILE, AND INDIAN GHARIAL) ARE ON THE BRINK OF EXTINCTION AGAIN IN THE PRESENT ENLIGHTENED PERIOD.

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GLOSSARY OF FOREIGN TERMS

- ALVEOLUS - TOOTH SOCKET
 BIPEDAL - TWO-FOOTED
 BRACKISH WATER - MIXED FRESH WATER AND SEAWATER IN THE MOUTHS OF RIVERS
 DIAPYD CRANIUM - CRANIUM WITH TWO TEMPORAL WINDOWS
 EMBRYONIC MORTALITY - DEATH RATE OF FOETUSES
 ENDEMIC - OCCURRING IN A SPECIFIC SMALL TERRITORY
 EPITHELIUM - CELLULAR TISSUE COVERING EXTERNAL BODY SURFACES, OR A LINING
 EXPLOITATION - ECONOMIC UTILIZATION
 PHYLOGENESIS - DEVELOPMENT OF SPECIES
 HYBRIDIZATION - CROSS-BREEDING OF VARIOUS SPECIES
 CARCASS - DEAD BODY
 LATERAL - SIDE, ON THE SIDE
 MORPHOLOGY - SCIENCE DEALING WITH BODY STRUCTURE AND FORM
 MUSCULATURE - POSITION AND STRUCTURE OF THE MUSCLES
 NEOCORTX - GREY CEREBRAL CORTEX
 OSTEODERM - BONY DEPOSIT FORMING SCALES IN THE DERMAL LAYERS OF THE SKIN
 REINTRODUCTION - RENATURALISATION
 ROSTRUM - MUZZLE, BEAK
 SUBSPECIES - NATURAL SUBDIVISION OF THE SPECIES
 SYMPATRIC - OCCUPYING THE SAME TERRITORY
 THECODONT TEETH - TEETH SET IN JAW SOCKETS