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SFICRO303 Care for crocodiles over 1.2 metres in a controlled environment

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Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 1	This version released with SFI Seafood Industry Training Package Version 2.0.

Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to care for crocodiles over 1.2 metres in a controlled environment. While it relates mostly to saltwater crocodiles, it may entail caring for other crocodile group species (alligators, caimans, crocodiles and gharials).

The unit applies to individuals who care for crocodiles on farms, wildlife parks or research facilities.

All work must be carried out to comply with workplace procedures, according to state/territory health and safety, biosecurity and environmental regulations, legislation and standards that apply to the workplace.

No licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication. Licences or permits may be required for the use of firearms or restricted drugs on crocodiles or if operating vehicles.

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Unit Sector

Crocodiles (CRO)

Elements and Performance Criteria

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<i>Elements describe the essential outcomes.</i>	<i>Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.</i>
1. Prepare for care of crocodiles over 1.2	1.1 Determine and prepare to observe relevant crocodile protection legislation/regulation and codes of practice

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metres in a controlled environment	1.2 Determine biosecurity issues associated with working with crocodiles in captivity 1.3 Identify risk factors that could affect crocodile care operations, and plan to minimise risk 1.4 Source information on sound crocodile husbandry and welfare processes that enhance crocodile health and prevent skin damage 1.5 Identify the purpose of specific facilities, including crocodile breeding enclosures 1.6 Discuss the site-specific requirements with relevant personnel 1.7 Gather required equipment, including personal protective equipment (PPE) to prepare for work with crocodiles in a controlled environment according to workplace health and safety standards
2. Feed crocodiles over 1.2 metres	2.1 Identify the nutritional needs of crocodiles over 1.2 metres in a controlled environment as specified in the relevant codes of practice 2.2 Prepare and store food and food supplements according to food safety requirements 2.3 Feed crocodiles that are over 1.2 metres, following standard operating procedures (SOPs) and according to crocodile safety procedures 2.4 Maintain feeding records according to organisation SOPs, and report any observed feeding abnormalities
3. Maintain pens of crocodiles over 1.2 metres	3.1 Remove excess food and record leftover amount according to SOPs 3.2 Clean crocodile pens and remove dead crocodiles according to SOPs and relevant codes of practice 3.3 Monitor and maintain water quality and temperatures according to SOPs
4. Monitor health of crocodiles over 1.2 metres in a controlled environment	4.1 Monitor and record crocodile health to prevent disease and illness 4.2 Monitor and document husbandry records according to facility SOPs and internal auditing process
5. Conduct crocodile stock administrative activity	5.1 Check completeness of pen cleaning and disposal of waste materials according to SOPs, biosecurity and environmental requirements 5.2 Update facility records and report any abnormal observations,

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	events, or deaths, to relevant personnel 5.3 Check condition and storage of tools and equipment, and report repair and maintenance requirements to relevant personnel

Foundation Skills

This section describes those language, literacy, numeracy and employment skills that are essential for performance in this unit of competency but are not explicit in the performance criteria.

Skill	Description
Reading	Interpret technical information relating to crocodile species
Writing	Record data with technical detail relating to crocodile care
Oral communication	Communicate in a clear, concise and culturally sensitive manner

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
SFICRO303 Care for crocodiles over 1.2 metres in a controlled environment	Not applicable	Unit has been created to address an emerging skill required by industry	Newly created

Links

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