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Modification History

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

Performance Evidence

An individual demonstrating competency must satisfy all of the elements and performance criteria in this unit.

There must be evidence that the individual has worked in a team:

- capturing, transporting and releasing at least five crocodiles.

In doing the above, there must also be evidence that the individual has:

- complied with crocodile risk and safety standards
- treated crocodiles humanely
- worked in a team environment
- used appropriate equipment correctly
- complied with regulation associated with crocodile care
- complied with biosecurity guidelines and environmental standards
- communicated with relevant parties.

Knowledge Evidence

An individual must be able to demonstrate the knowledge required to perform the tasks outlined in the elements and performance criteria of this unit. This includes knowledge of:

- types of equipment and how to use, including:
 - vehicles
 - rescue straps/webbing, ropes, slings
 - harpoons
 - glide mats or similar improvised equipment
 - head/eye protection for crocodiles
 - wooden dowel
 - first aid kit
 - tape
 - traps, cages or other crocodile relocation devices

- key features of crocodile anatomy and physiology, including:
 - different crocodile species size
 - the animal's sensory organs
 - the animal's muscular jaw
 - the animal's muscular tail
- techniques involved in the manoeuvring of crocodiles, including:
 - roles of team members, including first aiders
 - communication
 - sequence of action to be followed
- variations to methods in crocodile capturing techniques depending on the size of the crocodile
- ways to restrain crocodiles, including:
 - using a crocodile trap with a gate that is secured and is appropriate for a large crocodile
 - working in a team that enables operators to restrain a crocodile and secure its jaws
 - covering the crocodile's eyes to limit sight so as to calm the animal
 - hauling the crocodile into the transport vehicle using the appropriate haulage methods for a large crocodile
 - when to seek advice from appropriate personnel regarding the use of chemical restraint
- crocodile habitat safety procedures, including:
 - never swimming or wading through any water in northern Australian waterways
 - only crossing rivers at shallow water sites or rocky areas in the narrowest section, no more than 30 cm (knee deep)
 - carrying some form of communication equipment
 - being careful when walking through long grass and when near banks
- appropriate action if confronted by an aggressive crocodile:
 - maintain sight of crocodile while retreating as rapidly as possible
 - raise the alarm and identifying location of crocodile to others
 - ensure all team members are accounted for and uninjured
 - use communication systems to inform others
- state and territory regulations and codes associated with crocodile habitats and crocodile activity
- biosecurity guidelines for crocodile habitats:
 - not contaminating waterways
 - observing standard operating procedures (SOPs)
- culturally sensitive communication protocol.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of the skills in this unit of competency must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - skills must be demonstrated in an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - crocodiles
 - equipment required for manual manipulation techniques
- specifications:
 - crocodile safety documentation, codes of practice, policies and procedures
- relationships:
 - team members.

Assessors of this unit must satisfy the requirements for assessors in applicable vocational education and training legislation, frameworks and/or standards.

Links

Companion Volumes, including Implementation Guides, are available at VETNet: -
<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=e31d8c6b-1608-4d77-9f71-9ee749456273>