



American Crocodile (*Crocodylus acutus*)

Size: Body length, including tail, 2.3 - 6.1 m **Weight:** Up to 1,000 kg **Habitat:** Brackish estuaries, rivers, coastal lagoons and mangrove swamps **Surviving number:** Unknown



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Hungry for anything. The American crocodile will eat whatever it can overpower, from fish and crabs to snakes, turtles and small mammals. At home in the water, the crocodile moves surprisingly fast when galloping on land. It is also quite noisy considering its lack of vocal cords; pushing air from lungs to nostrils, it can hiss, cough, growl, grunt and bellow. These

sounds come into play for courtship, contact calls and when threatening. But this formidable predator is also threatened, facing habitat loss, hunting and deadly run-ins with vehicles.

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