



The Siamese Crocodile Captive Breeding Programme



The future of the Siamese crocodile is in our hands

Forest rivers within the Cardamom Mountains of Cambodia remain the global population stronghold of the Critically Endangered Siamese crocodile.



But even there, populations are small and fragmented, with few if any signs of breeding. In order to restore this keystone species into the ecosystem, the Cambodian Crocodile Conservation Programme established Cambodia's first conservation captive breeding initiative for Siamese crocodiles at Phnom Tamao Wildlife Rescue Centre in 2011.



The programme started small, with two adult pairs. Only one egg was fertile in the initial clutch laid in 2011. From this egg emerged our first hatchling, a male we named Ratana.

Ratana was cared for at the zoo until 2016, when, he was released into a remote and protected crocodile sanctuary within the Cardamom Mountains.



Recovering a species from the brink of extinction, and restoring an important ecosystem

Another clutch of seven hatchlings were born in 2015. They will be released in to the wild once they are large enough to be safe from predation.

Since 2011 we have made a committed investment to improve the captive breeding programme. We have expanded our breeding stock to four adult females and three adult males; hosted international technical experts to advise and strengthen our team, and created state-of-the-art enclosures for our crocodiles.

Several crocodile farms in Siem Reap have agreed to support our programme by donating juveniles for release and adults for breeding.





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With the support of our donors our determined goal is to double the wild Siamese crocodile population in Cambodia. By focusing on improving the captive breeding programme, and protecting the areas in which we release our crocodiles, we are fully confident that this is achievable in the coming years.

