

Project Update: July 2019

A major component of the project was accomplished on the 19th June 2019. From 9 a.m. till 6 p.m., 15 of us worked tirelessly, in 42 C temperatures. The location was Anaikarai, a small town on the Cauvery River, Tamil Nadu. At least 11 crocodiles were counted on the morning of the same day, prior to us arriving with a large net, to attempt capture of five crocodiles. The remnant water body these crocs were in measured roughly 20 by 15 feet, providing one of the last water bodies that hadn't dried up. The number of males and females fitted with radio transmitters was two males and three females, and by real chance, the net resulted in us catching exactly this number and ratio of males to females! This is not the end though, as when upstream dams release water and the south-west monsoon begins, the crocs will probably waste no time in moving in directions we aren't able to predict. Only the pinging of the receiver will confirm presence of the crocs, and we may find ourselves running around an over 200 km stretch of river.





