

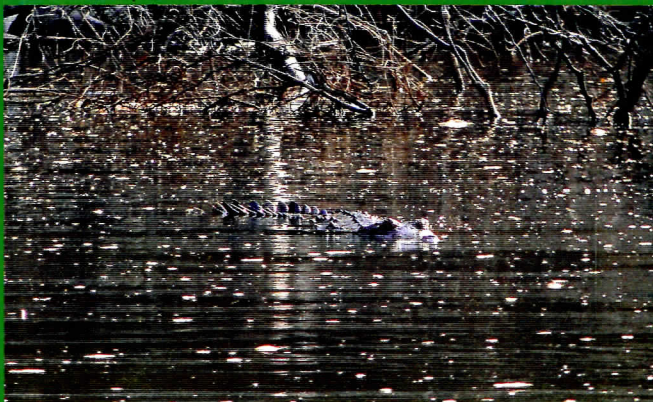
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Natural History and Conservation
of the Orinoco Crocodile
(*Crocodylus intermedius*)
in Colombia

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The irrational use of natural resources and the loss of biodiversity are global problems, but they are especially relevant to tropical regions.

The extinction of life forms has accelerated dramatically in the last few decades and today many species are severely threatened. The Orinoco crocodile (*Crocodylus intermedius*) is, undoubtedly, one of these species.

Listed as “Critically Endangered” by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), the Orinoco crocodile has suffered devastating declines since the 1930s. More concrete measures must be taken to preserve the meagre remaining populations of the species over its wide range of distribution, which spans the Colombian and Venezuelan Llanos within the Orinoco Basin. This book, which was produced under the framework of the conservation project that the Asociación Chelonia has been implementing since 2010, serves as a contribution to the significant efforts by other public and private organizations working towards the conservation of the species.



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