

## *Nile Crocodile*

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this certificate to:

Mechislav Klimovich

for taking a Nile Crocodile

with a Rifle measuring 9 11

On a hunt in R.S.A., Mabula on 07/06/2008

Measured by Konstantin Popov on 07/15/2008.

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### **Crocodylus niloticus**

**DESCRIPTION** The Nile crocodile is by far the largest in Africa, averaging 11-1/2 feet (3.5 m) in length, very occasionally to around 16-1/2 feet (5 m), and sometimes even more.

**BEHAVIOR** Spends much of the day basking in the sun at water's edge in order to maintain its preferred body temperature of 75 degrees F. (25 degrees C.). When overheated, it seeks shade or partly submerges. Returns to the water at dusk, for early evening is its most active period. Eats mainly fish, though large adults routinely capture antelopes and domestic animals that come to drink, even animals as large as Cape buffalo. Birds are frequently eaten, as are snails, small mammals and sometimes humans. Does not require large quantities of food. The Nile crocodile is a hole-nesting species, in which the female lays its eggs in holes excavated by its hind legs, and tends to return to the same hole each year. The male and female cooperate in protecting their young for six to eight weeks after hatching.