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## Press Release

*Crocoparc Agadir to Host the World Congress of Crocodile Specialists in Agadir in May 2026*

**For the first time in North Africa, the World Congress of the Crocodile Specialist Group of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)—a leading international scientific event—will be held in Agadir from 11 to 19 May 2026.**

Organized every two years, the congress will bring together more than 300 experts, researchers, and scientists from all five continents who are engaged in the study, management, and conservation of crocodilians.

**The 28th edition** will be led and coordinated by **Crocoparc Agadir**, recognized for its commitment to scientific research, biodiversity conservation, and public awareness.

Crocoparc Agadir's bid was selected by international bodies following a rigorous selection process, succeeding previous editions held in **Mexico** (2022) and **Darwin, Australia** (2024). This choice underscores the park's scientific credibility and confirms its growing standing within international conservation networks.

**The IUCN** is a global alliance of governments, public institutions, and civil society organizations working to preserve nature and promote sustainable development. Within it, **the Species Survival Commission (SSC)** brings together thematic expert groups, including the Crocodile Specialist Group (CSG).

***The 28th edition of the congress will be held under the theme:***

**“Crocodilians in an Anthropized World: Conservation, Challenges, and Solutions.”**

The proceedings will aim to take stock of current scientific knowledge, identify best practices in conservation and management, and propose appropriate responses to the increasing pressures exerted by human activities on ecosystems.

By hosting this international congress, **Crocoparc Agadir** affirms its role as a scientific platform and a catalyst for cooperation in biodiversity conservation in Morocco and Africa. The event will also help enhance the Kingdom's international visibility in the field of threatened species protection, in line with its commitments.

**The congress** will serve as an international showcase for **Agadir** and its region, highlighting its natural, cultural, and human heritage. The program will include a veterinary day, plenary lectures, specialized workshops, scientific poster sessions, as well as excursions and networking opportunities, fostering exchanges, collaborations, and international synergies.