



PRESS RELEASE

CROCOPARC AGADIR INTRODUCES THE BROAD-SNOUTED CAIMAN (CAIMAN LATIROSTRIS), AN ICONIC SOUTH AMERICAN REPTILE



Crocoparc Agadir introduces the Broad-snouted Caiman (*Caiman latirostris*), an iconic South American reptile now on display at the park.

The Broad-snouted Caiman belongs to the order Crocodylia, which includes crocodiles, alligators, caimans, and gharials. It joins the park's collection, which already includes nearly 300 Nile crocodiles and desert crocodiles, among other reptile species.

This new arrival follows a major milestone: last May, Crocoparc Agadir hosted the World Congress of Crocodile Specialists (Crocodile Specialist Group of the International Union for Conservation of Nature – IUCN), bringing together the world's leading crocodilian experts in Agadir. It also reflects the park's commitment to introducing new species, showcasing the remarkable diversity of reptiles, and pursuing its mission of education and conservation.

A fascinating species from South America

Native to the wetlands of Brazil, Argentina, Paraguay, Bolivia, and Uruguay, the Broad-snouted Caiman inhabits marshes, lagoons, and slow-moving rivers throughout South America.

Adults typically measure between 1.5 and 2.5 metres in length, and the largest individuals can exceed 100 kilograms in weight. With a lifespan of up to 50 years, this remarkable predator plays a vital ecological role by helping maintain the balance of freshwater ecosystems.

Its diet mainly consists of fish, crustaceans, and small aquatic vertebrates. Perfectly adapted to aquatic life, its eyes and nostrils are positioned on the top of its head, allowing it to hunt while remaining almost completely submerged. Quiet and discreet in its natural habitat, it is easily recognised by its broad snout and impressive strength.

Its arrival at Crocoparc Agadir offers visitors a unique opportunity to discover one of South America's most remarkable reptiles.

A carefully recreated habitat

Crocoparc Agadir has designed a dedicated enclosure that faithfully reproduces the natural habitat of the Broad-snouted Caiman. Temperate-water pools, controlled basking areas, and carefully selected vegetation have been combined to recreate the environmental conditions found in the wild.

This meticulous reconstruction, based on recognised expertise in crocodilian husbandry, ensures the animal's welfare while providing visitors with exceptional viewing conditions.

A symbol of conservation

Listed under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), the Broad-snouted Caiman is an internationally protected species. In the wild, it faces numerous threats, including the destruction of South American wetlands, increasing urbanisation, illegal hunting, and water pollution.

Its presence at Crocoparc Agadir represents far more than a new attraction. It highlights the importance of protecting fragile wetlands and threatened aquatic ecosystems while raising public awareness of global biodiversity conservation and the urgent need to preserve wildlife and their natural habitats.

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