

Crocodiles In The River



Reports of crocodiles, spotted by locals, in the river Ozama, and on the coast at Sans Souci, have recently been confirmed by Authorities at the

Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources' Wildlife Department. Residents in the area along the banks of the rivers Ozama and Isabela have reported seeing crocodiles for some weeks now, particularly after the flooding caused by storm Noel at the end of October.

One Pantoja resident, Rafaela Rizizik, insists he saw about six crocodiles in a pond near the river Isabela. He also claims friends in the Villa Flores community have also had sightings. Similarly, a recent edition of one national newspaper reported that a number of people in La Cienega were convinced they had seen crocs in the Ozama.

The Wildlife Department however, have confirmed sightings of only two crocodiles, measuring one and two meters. Domingo Siri, a biologist ornithologist from the Wildlife Department, confirmed that they are being assisted by technicians from the National Zoo and several trips have been made in association with the Navy. Unfortunately, to date, their efforts to catch the reptiles with traps placed among mangroves near Sans Souci have been unsuccessful.

Siri admitted that the task is not an easy one, and requested the cooperation of all local residents who spot crocodiles. Tours of the area are continuing in attempts to catch the elusive crocs with submersed traps baited with chicken meat.

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"When the person tries to grab you like the bully or the person tries to give you a wedgie they just rip away," Justin explained on the Ellen DeGeneres Show.

The boys' invention made it to the finals of a central Ohio invention competition earlier this year, followed by a TV appearance and various news headlines in the US.

Lifetime Advertising on Skin

A man from Dorset in the UK intends to make around \$2 million dollars by offering companies the chance to tattoo advertising on his back.

25 year-old real-estate agent, Jonathan Mothers says any firms that pay him will get a lifetime of advertising on his back – a sort of walking billboard, and he'll be happy to show his back to people at any opportunity.

He said: "There has been a great response and if more than one firm wants to advertise, I could divide the space and sell it off that way."

Ed. Beats working for a living, I guess.

Cheap Flights Not Good For You

The ultimate cheap flight nearly cost a stowaway Russian boy his life when he hid inside the wheel well of a Boeing 737 due to take from the city of Perm in Siberia.

Andrei Lyssov, aged 11, had run away from his home after an argument with his parents and managed to bypass security.

Andrei somehow survived the 800 mile flight in temperatures reaching minus 50C and dropped onto the tarmac when the plane landed at Vnukovo airport in Moscow.

He was taken to hospital where doctors said he was suffering from severe frostbite. A spokesman for Vnukovo airport in Moscow said: "Parts of his clothing were frozen to his body. The fact the boy was from Siberia and was conditioned to extremely cold temperatures may have helped him to survive."

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Caribbean NAP Installed in Santo Domingo

A Network Access Point (NAP), which will tie internet access providers together, providing major switching facilities that serve the public in general is being installed in Santo Domingo's Cyber Park. The Terremark Company will be taking over operation with an investment of more than RD\$40 million, the project will generate 50 direct jobs and indirect employment for up to 500.

It is hoped that the NAP will provide multiple benefits to the country including reduced costs from using international links and a more efficient use of the internet. This could possibly mean a cheaper and faster service to users in the Dominican Republic with reduced congestion and a higher quality of communication.

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