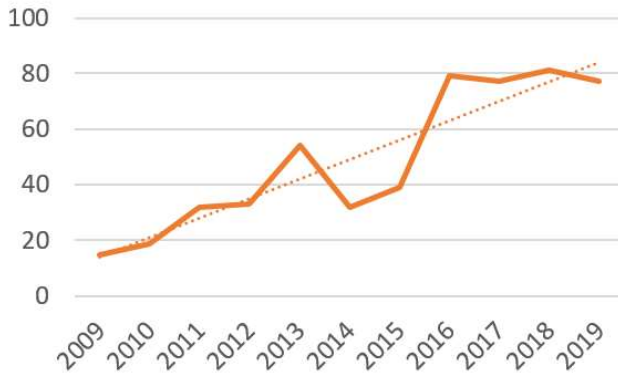


2.5. Douglas Shire Summary

Douglas Shire Council Crocodile Sightings & Removals Summary 2009 – 4th May 2020

Number of crocodile sightings reported

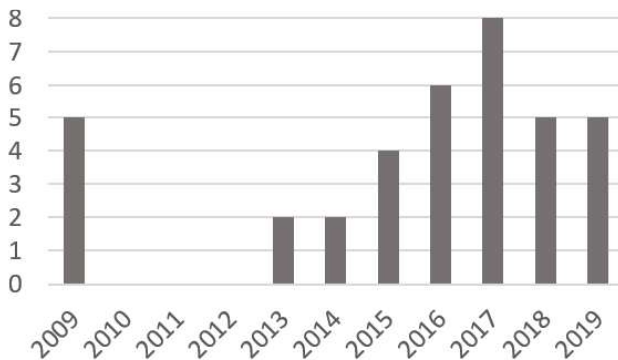


81 the greatest number of sightings reported in a year (2018)

561 total number of estuarine crocodile sightings reported

From 1 st Jan 2020 to 4 th May 2020	Sightings	Removals
	23	1

Number of crocodiles removed



2017 year with the greatest number of removals (8)

38 total number of removals

2.7m average length of crocodiles removed



4.3m largest crocodile removed

*Douglas Shire Council consists of the popular tourist destination Four Mile beach whose expanse is designated 'Zone D: Targeted Beach Management Zone'. Other prominent management zones include 'Zone C: Targeted Management Zones' located within Ferndale Lake Port Douglas, the upper Mossman River past Foxtan Beach, and the Newell Beach boat ramp. One crocodile was released after capture in Coopers Creek, Cape Tribulation in 2016 during a critical incident response where the crocodile was inadvertently trapped whilst targeting a declared problem crocodile. Average size of crocodile removed is not an indication of average size of crocodiles in an area but rather more indicative of management policies for a region.