

A sizeable record

Sitting in the Museum gallery are these two skulls of the estuarine crocodile (*Crocodylus porosus*) which came from the collections of the Raffles Museum. An exciting revelation was made two years ago by a crocodile researcher who found them to be among five of the largest known skulls of the species. Touted to be the largest living crocodile species, the males usually reach a staggering length of six metres. It is estimated that these two crocodiles reached about 6.7 metres in length when they died!



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Question _____

Write answers on this side of the paper, only.

Do not write on
either margin.

The Island Club Hamadryad
brought to the museum alive on Monday
10 July having been caught by three
greenmen. One of them commenced
by seizing it by the tail. We kept it
in the box in which we received it, allowing it to drink
until Wed. morning, when it was killed
with chloroform followed by injection into
the oesophagus of potassium cyanide
in dissolved in alcohol. It measured
15 feet 7 inches ^(tail 36 inches) & weighed $26 \frac{1}{2}$ lbs.
[c.f. Dittman, Snakes of the World p. 150
a 15 foot specimen weighs 16 lbs].
(The spring balance was used & afterwards
corrected against a certified scale in the
Singapore Cold Storage Co's).

After curing it was decapitated
& the head preserved, & then skinned. It is
a female but the gonads are not active.
It was very fat, lumps of fat in the margins of
abdominal cavity. The alimentary canal
contained nothing solid, so its weight was
not due to a large recent meal, but it
voided a lot of excrement on Tuesday &
its lethargic behaviour was probably
due to a meal - which was fully
assimilated before it was killed.

Subcaudals: anal + 44 + 5 pairs
+ 3 + 46 pairs.