

TOP TEN TIPS TO AVOID ATTACKS

1. If crocodiles live nearby, **be careful when entering dams or pools:** they travel overland usually at night.
2. A big croc can stay underwater for 1 hour: **don't assume it's not there if you can't see it.**

3. A croc can jump almost its whole body-length: **stay 3m from the water's edge,** and don't camp near water.
4. **Don't dangle** your legs, arms or bottoms **over the sides of boats.**

DON'T GET EATEN BY A CROC

5. If you must enter the water, do it **when it's cool,** stay the **minimum time,** and **keep quiet** – noise attracts crocodiles.
6. If your **fishing line gets tangled** in the water, **cut the line.** Your life's worth more than your fishing gear.

7. **Don't gut fish** or leave **dead animals** at the water's edge, and **don't feed wild crocs.**
8. **Don't try to catch baby crocs;** their mother may be nearby.

9. **Don't ignore warning signs** and keep **pets** and **small children** out of the water.
10. Be **extra careful** of crocodiles from **November to February**

CROC ATTACKS

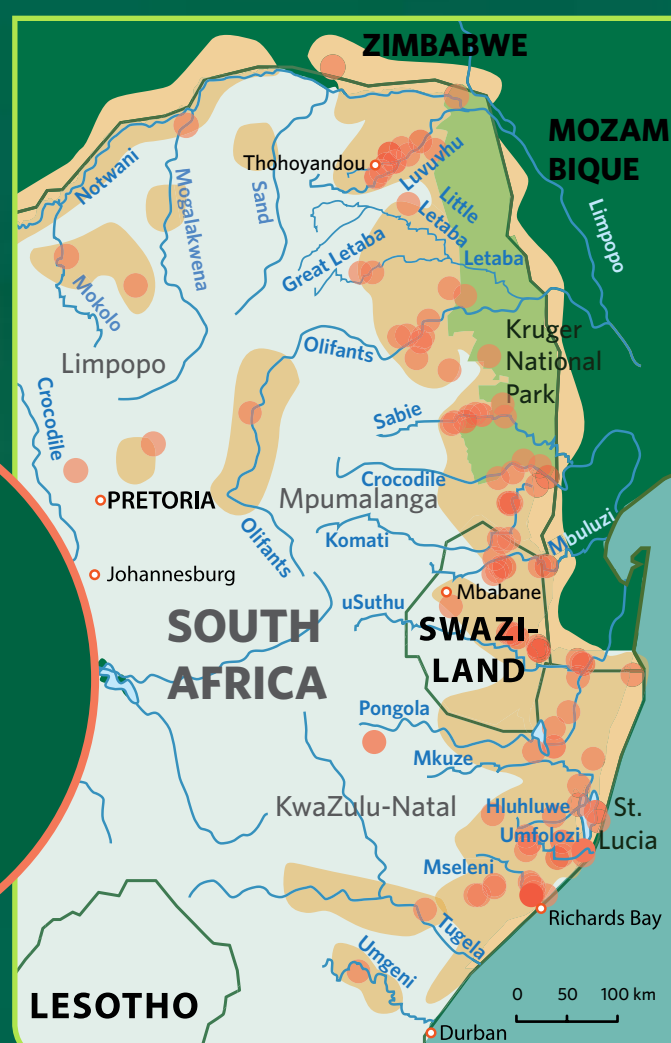
IN SOUTH AFRICA AND SWAZILAND, 1949 - 2017

INCIDENTS

Where do attacks happen?

Region

Total number of attacks: 214



SUMMARY OF ATTACKS

(214 ATTACKS, FROM 1949-2016)

WHERE: MOSTLY IN RIVERS; SINCE 2000, AN INCREASE IN DAMS

WHEN: MOSTLY THE HOT SUMMER MONTHS, OCTOBER-MARCH, DAY OR NIGHT

WHO: ALL AGES AND GENDERS, BUT: 65% MALES; 51% CHILDREN, ESPECIALLY TEENAGERS (29%)

ACTIVITIES: MOST VICTIMS (WHERE KNOWN) WERE SWIMMING/BATHING (31%), FISHING (22%), FETCHING WATER/WASHING CLOTHES (18%) OR CROSSING WATER (16%)

SOME THINK CROCS ARE MAGICAL: FOCUS ON THE NORMAL CROCS WE CAN AVOID. CROCS ARE IMPORTANT, PROTECTED ANIMALS. BE SMART, AVOID THEM, OR CALL FOR HELP.

WHO TO CALL

Swaziland: Big Game Parks (BGP)

2528 3943/4

KwaZulu-Natal: St Lucia Crocodile Centre

035 590 1386

Mpumalanga Tourism & Parks Agency

013 262 4184

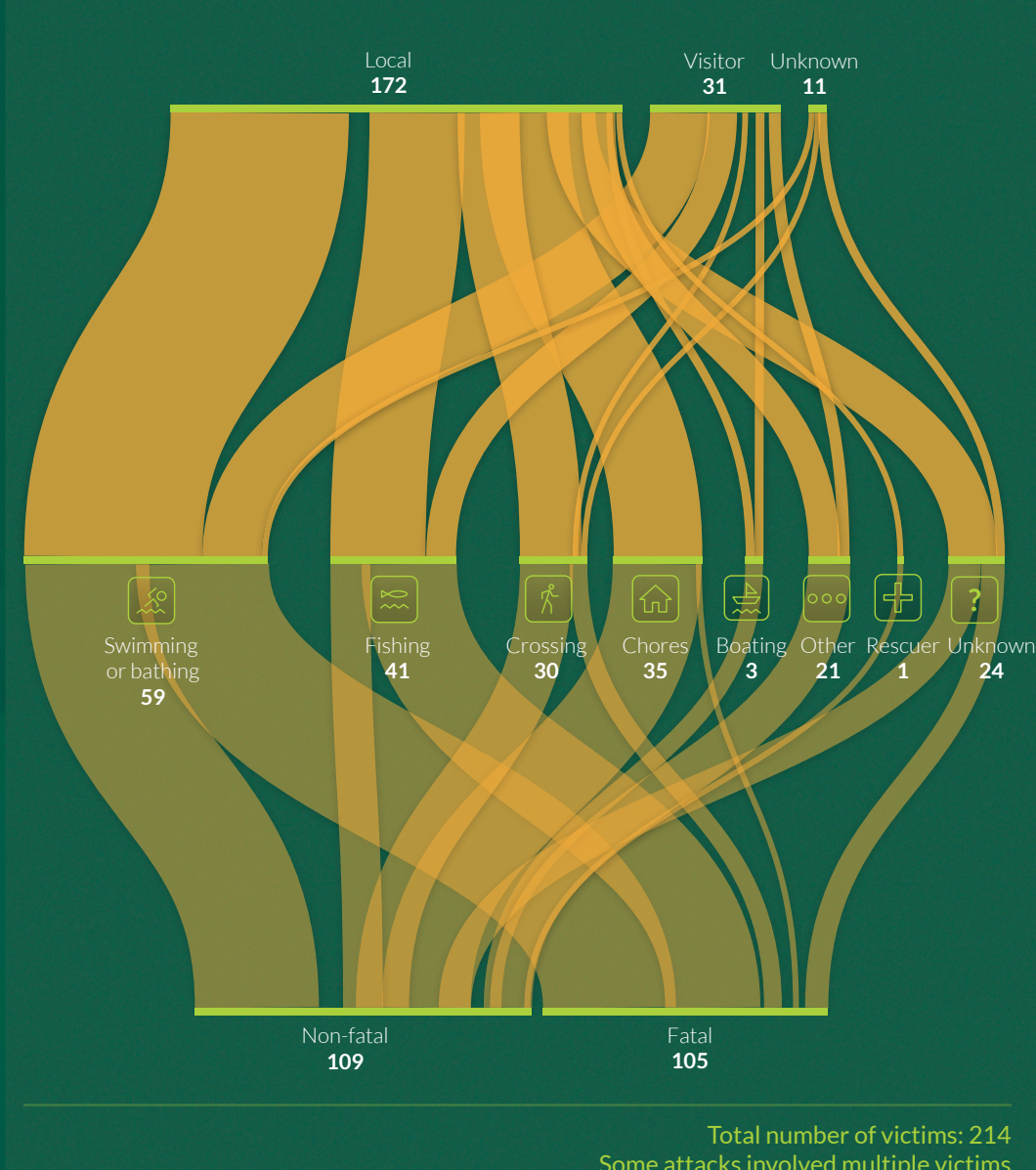
Limpopo Province

015 293 8300

VICTIMS

Data for South Africa and Swaziland

Victim profiles and outcomes



Total number of victims: 214

Some attacks involved multiple victims