

### FRESHWATER CROCODILES BRING MEN TO COURT

The Chief Warden of Fauna has been advised by Constable T.P. Wright, of the Fitzroy Crossing Police Station, that he and Constable Thurston apprehended three men who were shooting Johnstone crocodiles - the freshwater species that is fully protected under the provisions of the Fauna Conservation Act. Constable Wright said in his report that a complaint was received and a subsequent investigation of the Junction Hole area led to the apprehension.

On arrival at Junction Hole a well equipped crocodile shooting party of 3 men was encountered. A search of the camp revealed 2 four-wheel drive vehicles, 3 dinghies, 2 outboard motors, 3 bags of fishing nets, 2 bags of salt, a number of smaller items, unlicensed firearms and ammunition, some freshly killed and a number of skinned Johnstone crocodile carcasses.

The three men apprehended appeared that very same day in the Fitzroy Crossing Police Court and were convicted. One was fined \$100 for being in possession of an unlicensed firearm and \$100 for taking protected fauna, another was fined \$100 for being in possession of an unlicensed firearm and the third was fined \$100 for taking protected fauna. The Court ordered that the carcasses be disposed of by burying them and that all the equipment, except the vehicles, be forfeited to the Crown.