

2 crocodiles with satellite transmitter released in river in Sundarbans

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Online Desk: Aiming to know the life cycle of crocodile, the Forest Department released two crocodiles with satellite transmitters in the Bhadra River of the Sundarbans on Wednesday night.

‘Juliet’ and ‘Madhu’— two 3-meter long female crocodiles which were collected from Karamjal Wildlife Breeding Centre in the Sundarbans and Jashore, were released in the river after placing satellite transmitter at night, said Muhammad Nurul Karim, Divisional Forest Officer of Sundarbans East Zone.

Both the crocodiles are 35-year-old.

In Asia, Bangladesh is the first country which has released two crocodiles in the river attaching satellite transmitter to learn about their movement, food habits, home range and abode, said Nurul Karim.

Everything about the two crocodiles will be known through the satellite and the information will be analysed through apps, he said.

The experimental test will continue for one year, he added.

The crocodiles were released with the finance of German based GIZ and technical assistance of International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

Nurul Karim also said satellite transmitter will also be attached to the body of a male crocodile and released soon.

Azad Kabir, officer-in-charge of Karamjal Wildlife Breeding Centre, said so far a total of 207 crocodiles have been released from the centre and currently there are 111 crocodiles at the breeding centres.