



'Savvy' croc outwits Aussie hunters 「精明」鱷魚智高澳洲獵人一籌

A large and "savvy" crocodile which snatched a pet dog just meters away from two children has **outwitted** a team of Australian hunters, a report said.

The 3.5-meter saltwater crocodile remains **at large** in northern Western Australia despite the best efforts of professional shooters, public broadcaster ABC said on its Web site.

"They've spent a couple of nights up there spotlighting, doing day things as well, but mainly trying to work at night," said Kingsley Miller from the Department of Environment and Conservation.

"It's a pretty savvy animal. They've sighted it but every time they see it, it basically disappears."

Miller said the hunters would now change tack and try to trap the animal and take it to a crocodile park.

"What we're doing now is we'll get the trap in using four-wheel drives, motorbikes, a small **trailer** and do it slowly," he said.

"We've got a boat up there as well. It's going to take a while to get it in, and it's not going to be an easy job."

The hunt for the crocodile was **launched** after it terrified the children by taking their dog as they played at a popular swimming spot in the Kimberley region. (AFP)

報導指出，一隻「精明的」大鱷魚在距離兩名孩童僅數公尺之處咬走一隻寵物犬；在和澳洲獵人團隊的鬥智大戰中，這隻鱷魚目前略勝一籌。

澳洲國家廣播公司的網站上報導，儘管一群專業獵人盡力追捕，這隻身長三點五公尺的鹹水鱷魚仍在西澳北部逍遙。

澳洲環境保育部的金斯利·米勒說：「他們花了幾個晚上在那裡找尋鱷魚的蹤跡，白天也同樣搜索，但主要仍以夜間為主。」

「這隻動物相當聰明。獵人曾發現牠的蹤跡，但每次一轉眼牠就消失無蹤了。」

米勒說，鱷魚獵人現在打算改變策略，設陷阱捕捉這隻鱷魚後，將牠送至一處鱷魚公園。

他說：「我們現在打算使用四輪傳動車、摩托車和一輛小拖車來設陷阱，一切慢慢來。」

「我們也準備了一艘小船。引牠上鉤需要花一點時間，這不會是件簡單的差事。」

這隻鱷魚在金伯利地區一處熱門戲水景點咬走兩名孩童的小狗，嚇壞兩位小主人後，這場捕鱷行動便就此展開。

(法新社/翻譯：袁星塵)

A worker takes hold of a young Nile crocodile on the clearwater crocodile farm in Bloemfontein, South Africa, on June 18, 2009.

六月十八日，在南非布隆方丹的清水鱷魚農場中，一位員工用手抓住一隻小尼羅鱷。

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TODAY'S WORDS 今日單字

1. **savvy** /'sævi/ adj.

精明的 (jing1 ming2 de5) · 通曉的 (tong1 xiao3 de5)

例: According to savvy insiders, there'll be a tax cut in the fall.
(根據內部知情人士的消息，今年秋天會減稅。)

2. **outwit** /aut'wit/ v.

智勝 (zhi4 sheng4)

例: Rich is delighted that he finally managed to outwit his father at chess.
(瑞奇很高興他終於在西洋棋局上贏他老爸了。)

3. **trailer** /'treɪə/ n.

拖車 (tuo1 che1)

例: Damon got into an accident on the freeway when his trailer came loose.
(戴蒙的拖車在高速公路上鬆脫，發生了事故。)

4. **launch** /'lɒntʃ/ v.

展開 (zhan3 kai1)

例: The police have launched a search for the stolen money.
(警方已展開搜索失竊款項的調查行動。)

IDIOM POINT 重要片語

at large 逍遙法外

A person is **at large** if they are being pursued, usually by the police or other law enforcement officers.

Examples: "The perpetrators of Saturday's bank robbery are still **at large**, but the police plan to make some arrests in the next few days," or "Despite the massive publicity, the fugitive is still **at large**."

若說某人「at large」，就表示他們正被追捕，通常是被警察或其他執法單位緝捕。

例如：「星期六搶銀行的搶匪仍在逃，但警方計畫在未來幾天內將他們緝捕到案」，或是「儘管警方已發布通緝，但逃犯仍逍遙法外」。

OUT LOUD 對話練習

Prudence: I've just heard on the news that an escaped convict is **at large** in the area!

Ari: Are you serious? Are you worried about it?

Prudence: Of course I'm worried. I won't feel safe until he is apprehended.

Ari: Have you taken any safety precautions?

Prudence: Yes. I've locked all my doors and windows.

Ari: That sounds like a good idea. I hope the police catch him soon.

Prudence: So do I. It's terrifying.

普登斯: 我剛聽新聞說有一個囚犯逃獄，現在就在這一帶！

阿里: 你說的是真的嗎？你會擔心嗎？

普登斯: 當然會擔心啦。他一天不被逮捕我就不能安心。

阿里: 你有做什麼安全預防措施嗎？

普登斯: 有，我已經把所有的門窗都鎖了。

阿里: 這聽起來是個好方法。希望警方可以早日抓到他。

普登斯: 我也希望，真是恐怖。