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Dated: 18.3.1977

To  
Mr. Reuben David , FZS.  
Director,  
Municipal Hill Garden Zoo,  
Kamharlia, Ahmedabad,  
G U J R A T.

Dear Mr. David,

Perhaps my earlier letter of 23 x 76 escaped you notice which I wrote to you after your visit to Madras in connection with the Zoo site selection. I hope <sup>you</sup> still remember about me who took you around the Madras Crocodile Bank of Mr. R. Whitaker.

Your keen interest in Reptiles and breeding success is a record. I have some queries about ~~the~~ species of my interest i.e. about Crocodylus palustris.

1) C. palustris breeding achievement in your Zoo was from 1960 onwards as reported in IUCN. Crocodile paper No. 41 by Rene E. Honnegger. I would request you to provide me the details of palustris breeding from the 1st. year to the latest if such record are available. I would also like to know about the breeding pair i.e. date / Age and size on their arrival in to the Zoo, first year of mating and egg laying and size of the pair then etc.

2) Perhaps this proforma would help.

Year	Date of Laying.	Clutch Size.	Date of hatching	Incubation period.	Total No. hatched.	' Spoiled' eggs.	Hatching %
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3) What are the total number of muggers you have in your Zoo now( Adult & Sub-adult ) , and Juveniles.

4) If you have 1960 hatchling with you, by now they are ready to breed. Are they in your Zoo or are in other Zoo's elsewhere in the country or abroad ?

Hope you won't mind this inconvenience ~~caused~~ caused to you.

With sincere regards.

YOURS SINCRELY,

( B.C. CHUDHURY )

18/3/77





Andhra Pradesh Crocodile Conservation Project,

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3 December 1977.

Mr Reuben David F.Z.S.,  
Ahmedabad Zoo,  
Ahmedabad.

Dear Mr David,

I seek your kind co-operation in collection of data regarding Mugger Crocodile breeding in Indian Zoos. I knew from International zoo year book and I.U.C.N supplementary paper publication that Ahmedabad zoo has been breeding this species since 1960 onwards. This was confirmed by your zoo people during my visit to your zoo in May 1977. They however suggested that I write to you for details. I could have met you then but unfortunately I learnt that you are unwell and I did not consider it fit to disturb you. I would very much appreciate if you could please send me the following details in the proforma given below .

Year	No. of Clutches	Date of laying	Clutch size	Date of hatching	Hatched and survived	Spoiled eggs	Hatching	Remarks
								k Like of age of female fat the time of laying.

I have received such informations from Jaipur Zoo, Madras Crocodile Bank and have written to Delhi Zoo and Baroda Zoo. Here at Hyderabad Zoo we have just taken up mugger breeding with the hope that by next year our muggers would start breeding.

with regards,

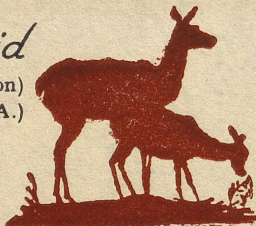
Sincerely Yours,

Binod C Choudhury, Research Scholar.

Reuben David

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Dated 19th January 1978

Dear Shri Choudhury,

I am sorry, I could not reply your letter earlier as I had misplaced your letter.

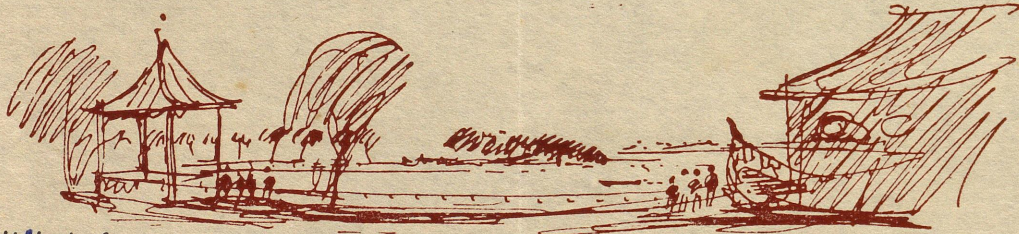
It also took me quite a time to find out the details from various diaries, anyway whatever information I could gather I have sent it to you which might be of some use to you for your reference. Also a reprint of my paper is enclosed for your reference.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

(REUBEN DAVID)  
ZOO SUPERINTENDENT

Shri Binod C. Choudhury  
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Recipient of

- (1) 'Padmashri' Award (1975).
- (2) 'Tamra Patra Prasasti' by Karnataka Veterinary Association.
- (3) 'Silver Plaque' Awarded by Gujarat Veterinary Association.
- (4) Honorary Member, Cheetah Rescue Club, Canada.
- (5) Honorary Member, Gujarat Veterinary Association
- (6) Member, Gujarat State Wild Life Advisory Board, Etc.

AHMEDABAD ZOO- CROCODILE BREEDING RECORD

Year	No. of Clutches	Date of laying	Clutch Size	Date of hatching	Hatched & survived		Spoiled eggs	Hatching %	Remarks Age of female at the time of laying
					Survived	Death			
1967	1	18-4-67	24	✓ 18-6-67	12 (4)	7	8	50 %	About 35 years
1969	1	2-4-69	30	✓ 6-6-69	23	2	5	73 %	Same female
1970	1	14-4-70	23	15-6-70 <del>21-6-70</del>	15	-	8	65 %	Same female
1972	1	13-4-72	45	18-6-72	33 (6)	-	12	79 %	Same female
1973	1	3-4-73	34	3-6-73	25 (10)	-	9	73 %	Same female
1974	1	7-4-74	28	9-6-74	20 (10)	5	3	71 %	Same female
1975	Female 1	12-4-75	43	13-6-75	8 (8)	21	14	68 %	Same female
"	Female 2	10-4-75	18	13-6-75	-	-	18	0	About 8 years
1976	1	8-4-76	25	9-6-76	-	5	20	0	About 45 years
1977	1	22-4-77	25	23-6-77	20 (20)	5	8	68 %	About 45 years

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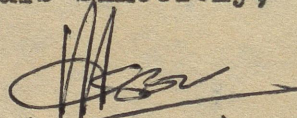
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Dated 9th June 1980

Dear Shri Choudhury,

With reference to your letter dated 24th April 1980, herewith I am enclosing the statement showing the details regarding breeding of Mugger crocodile in our Zoo.

Yours sincerely,




( H. G. GOR )

**Addl. Zoo Superintendent**  
**Municipal Hill Garden Zoo**  
**Kankaria, AHMEDABAD.**

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STATEMENT REGARDING BREEDING OF MUGGER CROCODILES IN AHMEDABAD ZOO

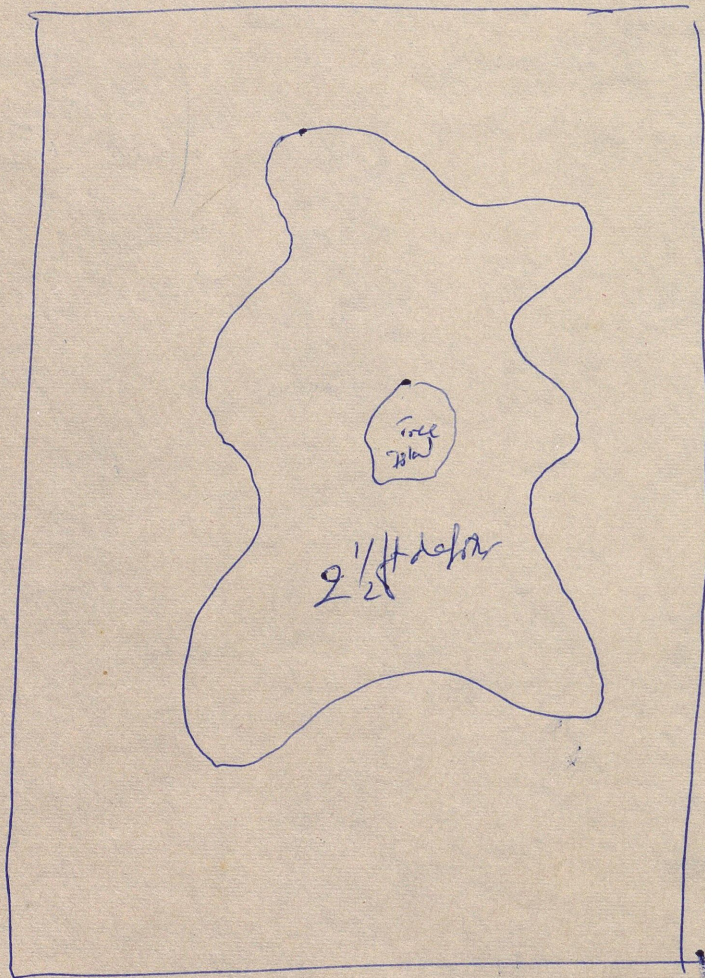
Year	Date of laying	Clutch size	Date of hatching	Incubation period	Number hatched	Remarks (like age of females)
1977	22-4-77	25	23-6-77	2 months	20	about 45 years
1978	7-4-78	15	7-6-78	2 months	10	about 45 years
1979	14-4-79	78	14-6-79	2 months	40	45 years (21) 15 years (21) 10 years (21) 10 years (15)

  
 Addl. Zoo Superintendent  
 Municipal Hill Garden, No. 10,  
 Kankaria, AHMEDABAD.

Ahmed al-Said al-Hayshi Breeding Plot

50 ft -

80 ft



not to exact scale  
drawn on 17/8/83