

Supersize Crocs
Are They Gone for Good?

Crocodiles Eat Dozen People in Lake Victoria in Uganda

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KAMPALA, May 20 (Xinhuanet) -- Crocodiles have already eaten over a dozen people since January this year along the shores of Lake Victoria in the eastern Mayuge district of Uganda, local media reported on Monday.

Namugongo resident council chairman Joseph Waiwsa was quoted by the New Vision as saying that the crocodiles had attacked many children from going down the lake to collect water.

"We are living in fear of the carnivorous crocodiles that have already eaten over a dozen people this year and over 30 people in the last two years," Waiwsa added.

The crocodiles had increased in the recent months since the heavy rains started, local people said, adding that the crocodiles had eaten over eight people from Namugongo landing site and neighboring areas.

It was recalled that in Mayuge's neighboring district, Bugiri, the Uganda Wildlife Authority sent a four-man patrol armed with semi-automatic rifles to hunt down crocodiles in March this year after the man-eaters killing over 40 people in the district in past six months.

Both Bugiri and Mayuge districts are located in east part of Uganda. There are about 100 crocodiles on Uganda's portion of lake Victoria, African's biggest fresh water lake, which Kenya and Tanzania also share.