

RED CRAB MIGRATION BULLETIN NO. 3 - 2009

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- the rain over the last few days has been sufficient to set off those crabs that were holding back for wetter conditions.
- crabs are now moving toward the coast from all over the island. Roads that previously did not have crabs crossing over now do. This includes roads around the edge of the town area and soon we will experience crabs on internal town roads.
- More roads have been closed and a number of these include those roads to some of the island's visitor destinations. These roads will remain shut till the crabs move through. Numbers of crabs will keep increasing as more and more join in the migration. There are now high numbers of female crabs participating and they will outnumber the males as the migration proceeds.
- You can help protect migrating red crabs. Vehicles are a serious threat to the crabs. Surveys have shown that around 425,000 red crabs are killed by traffic during each year's migration. Drive slowly and carefully in areas where you encounter high crab numbers.
- The crabs have missed the opportunity to spawn (drop eggs into the sea) around 12 November and are now aiming to meet the possible 11 December spawning date. They have lots of time and will move slowly.
- Road closures will be indicated on the big red signs at the roundabout and at upper Poon Saan. Information may also be obtained from the Park Office by ringing 9164 8700.
- thanks for your continued cooperation during this amazing time.....
enjoy and appreciate one of the worlds natural wonders!!!!!!

