
RED CRAB MIGRATION BULLETIN NO. 2 - 2009

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- the red crabs have stopped their migration because there has not been any further substantial rains since last Monday. They kept going while humidity remained high but it is now too dry for them to continue.
- those crabs that did move will now find shelter in shade in the forest and some may even dig a new burrow to wait out the time till the rains start again. They will continue their journey to the coast when it starts raining again.
- Roads have been re-opened however there may still be numbers of crabs out in the morning and evening when the roads are in shade. Please take extra care at these times and try to avoid hitting crabs.
- The migration is not over - in fact it has hardly started. There are still huge numbers of crabs in a lot of areas that have not moved and are waiting till the wet season rains have established.
- 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 will now be aiming to meet the possible 11 December spawning date. They have lots of time and will move slowly.
- Roads will be closed again when numbers rise to a level that vehicles may not pass through without killing crabs.
- 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.