

**Instructions to Authors Submitting Abstracts and Papers  
to the 17th Working Meeting of the Crocodile Specialist Group,  
Darwin, Northern Territory, Australia. 24-29 May 2004.**

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Style applied to literature cited follows generally the Journal of Zoology (London). Examples of citations for journals, books, book chapters, conference proceedings, theses and reports are shown below.

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