



PHILIPPINE CROCODILE



CONSERVATION OPTIMISM

Fact File:

- The **Philippine crocodile** is a top predator
- There are around **100 adults left in the wild**
- They are **relatively small** for a crocodile, especially compared to the saltwater crocs that are also found in the Philippines!
- They live in **creeks, rivers and ponds** 🐌

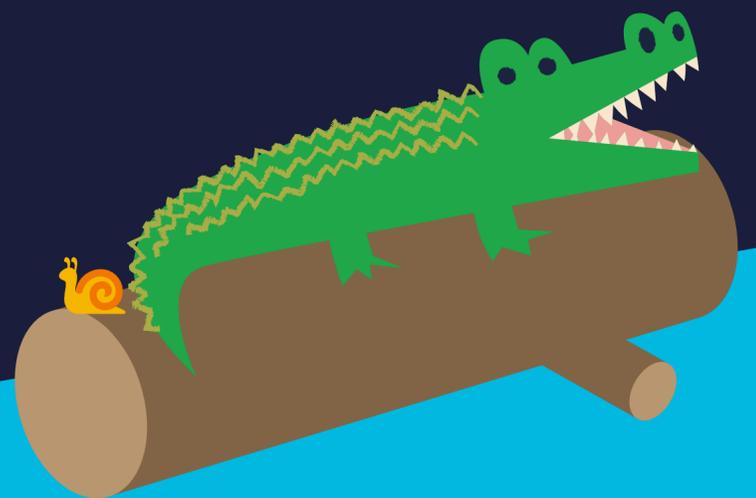


Lifestyle:

- They make two kinds of nests - in **holes** and in **mounds** - only one other type of crocodile does this!
- They eat fish, birds, and reptiles **but they most like snails!** 🐌

Main Threats:

- **Habitat loss** due to increased human population in these areas
- **Hunting** of crocodiles



Challenge: Can you spot all 6 snails hidden on this poster?

PHILIPPINE CROCODILE CONSERVATION

Conservation efforts

Farmers are given **materials** to build crocodile-proof pens for pigs 

£ Money is given to communities that protect crocodiles

Mabuwaya Foundation aim to make the community **PROUD** of the crocodiles 

Headstart program

① Hatchlings are collected from nests

② Crocs are raised for two years in captivity

③ Crocs are released back into wild

How do children help?

- Many children help scientists take **body length and weight measurements** of the crocs
- Sometimes children can help **release** the crocs back into the wild!

Conservation impacts


↓ Nest destruction


↓ Crocodile hunting


↓ Destructive fishing methods

Conservation efforts are working to reduce these threats



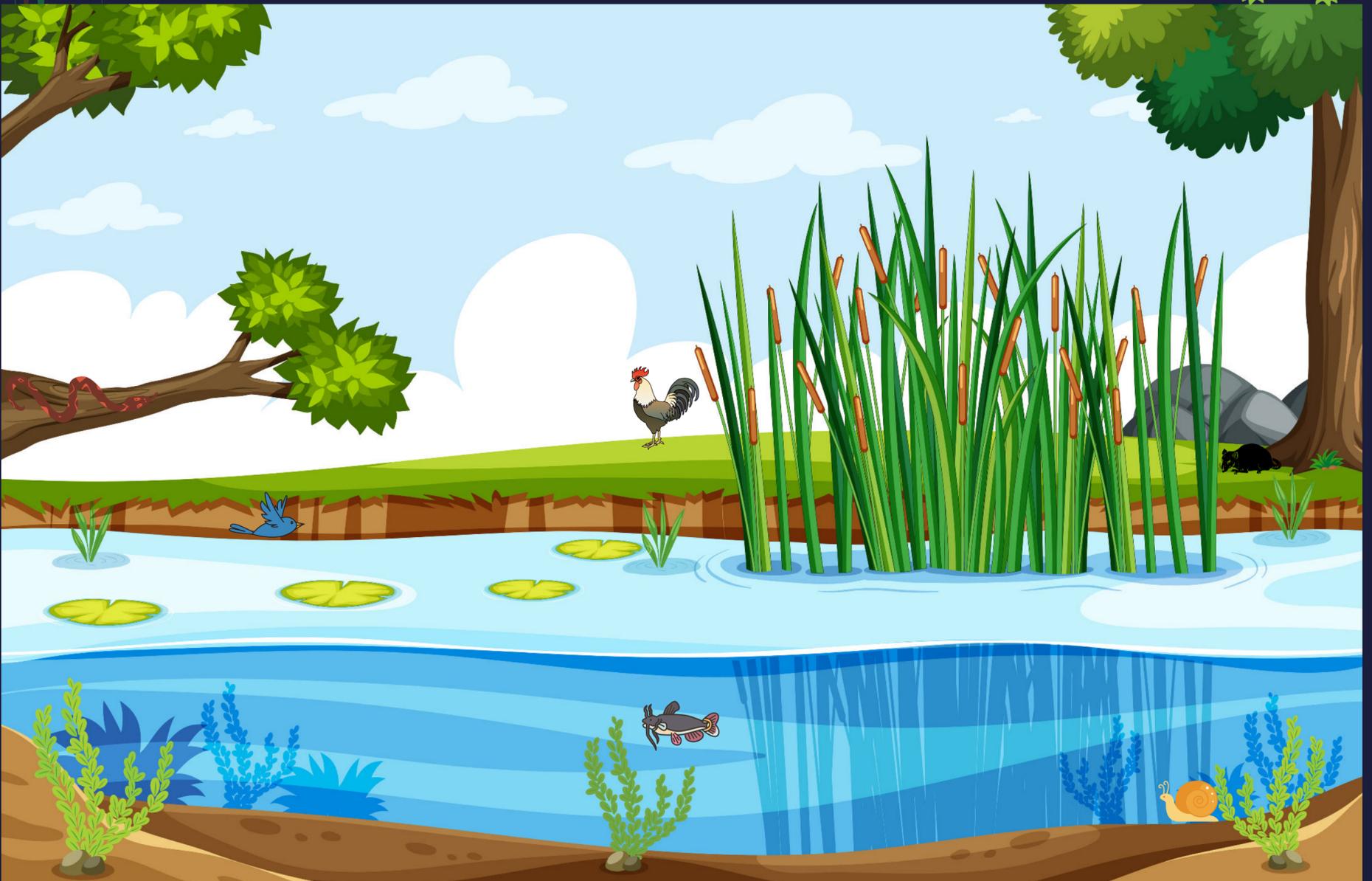
Here the children are holding a young croc!



Villages hold annual crocodile festivals!

WHAT DO PHILIPPINE CROCODILES EAT?

Can you help this Philippine crocodile find its prey?



Rat

Snail

Snake

Fish

Hen

Bird

DID YOU KNOW?

Snails make up 70% of these crocs' diets!

Golden apple snails were introduced to the Philippines but started damaging crops. Philippine crocodiles help farmers by eating these snails.

CONNECT THE DOTS

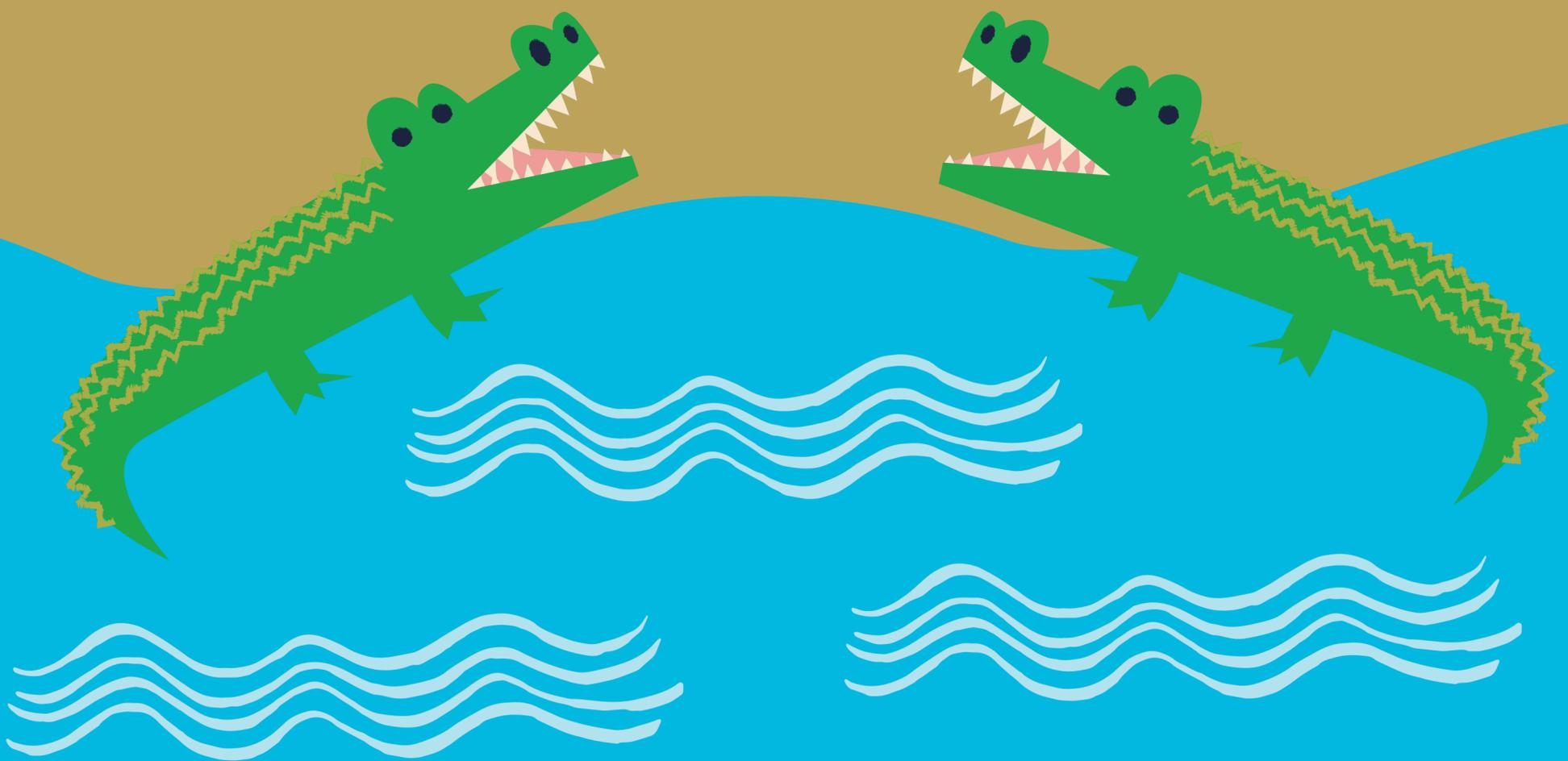
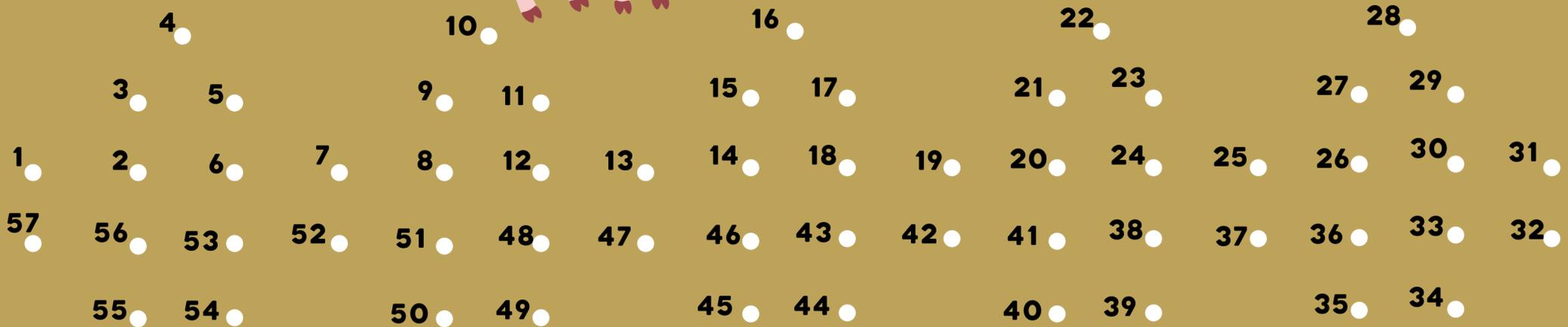
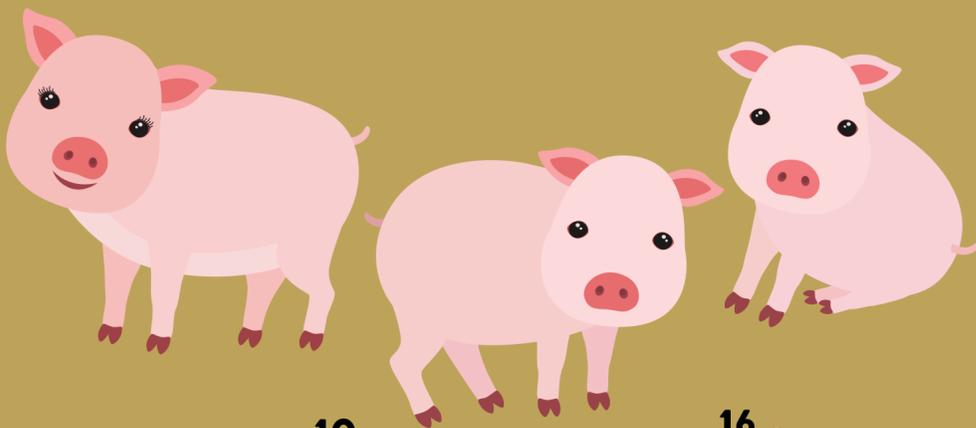
PROTECT THE PIGS!

Connect the dots to help the farmers protect their pigs from the crocodiles!

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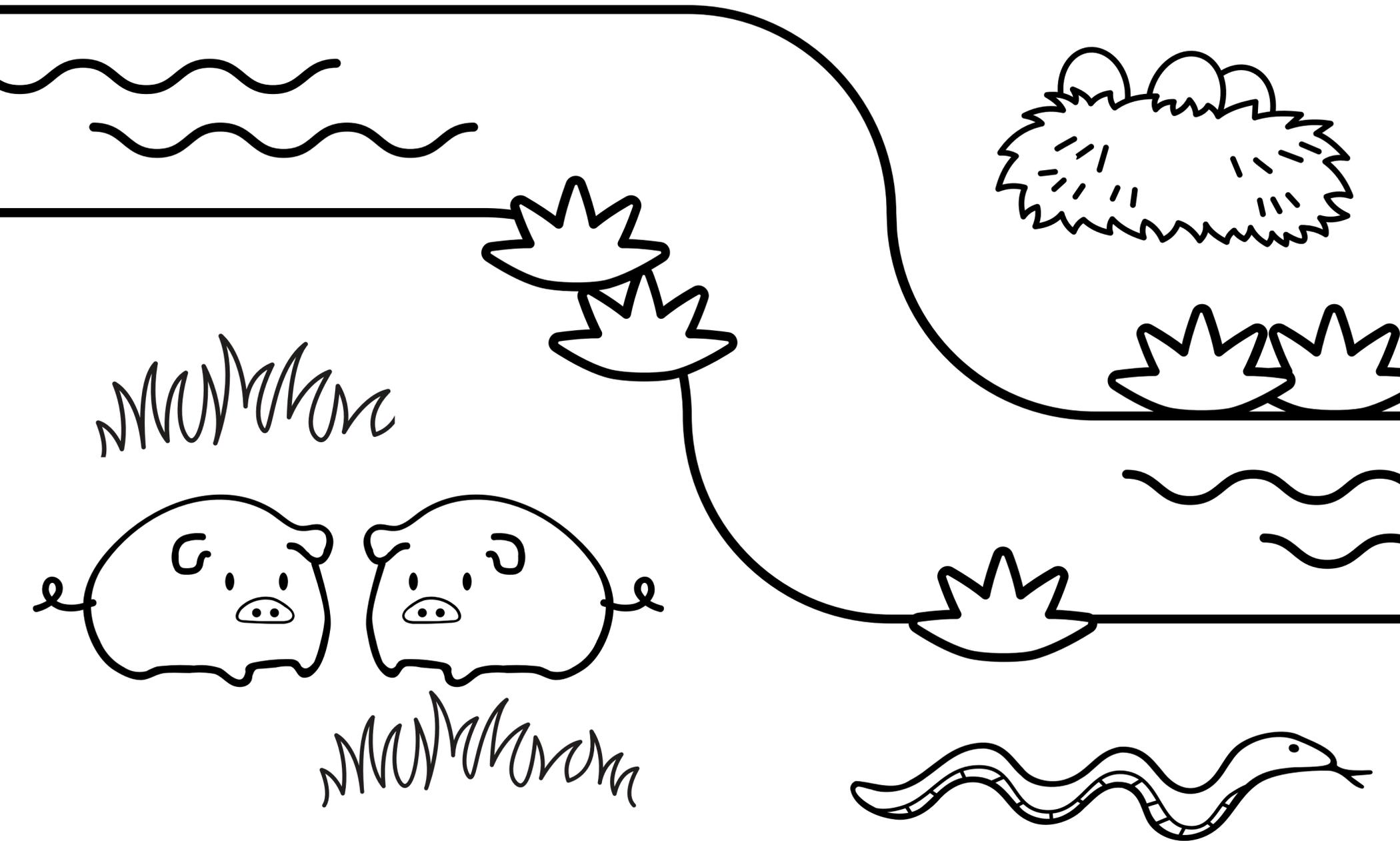
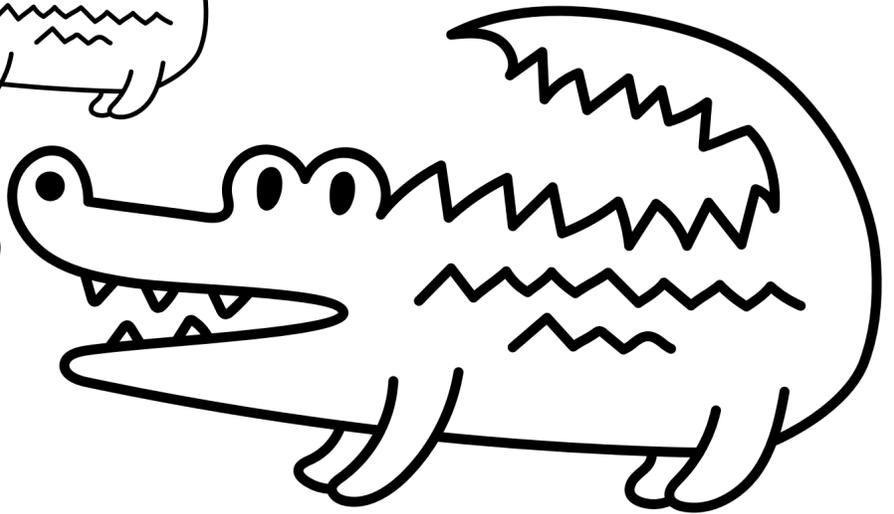
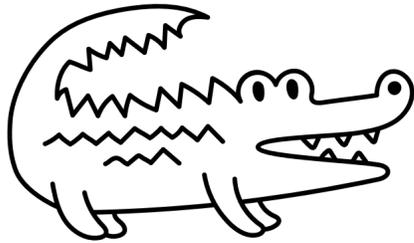
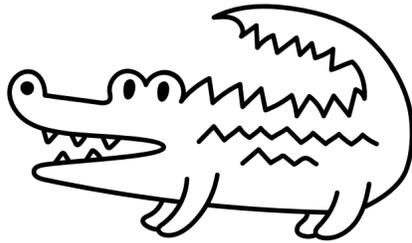
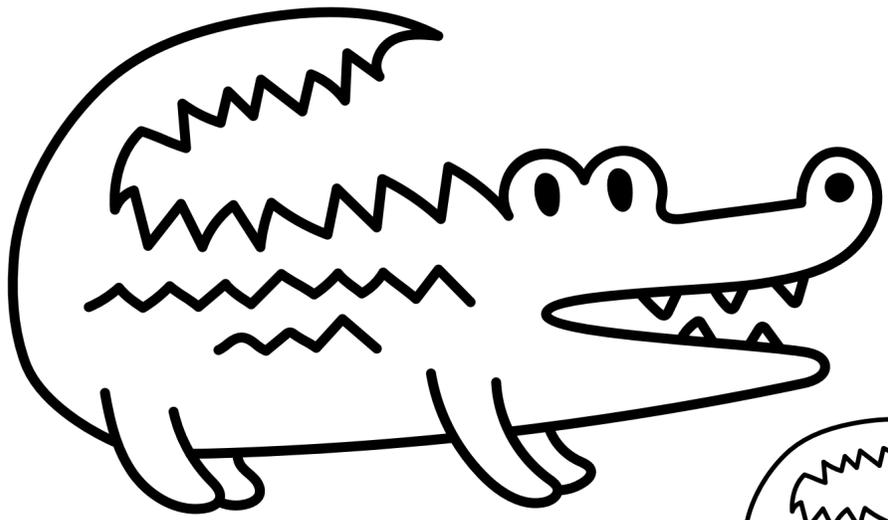
Farmers are given materials to build crocodile-proof pens to stop the Philippine crocodiles eating their pigs.

These pens mean that farmers do not need to hunt crocodiles to protect their farm animals!

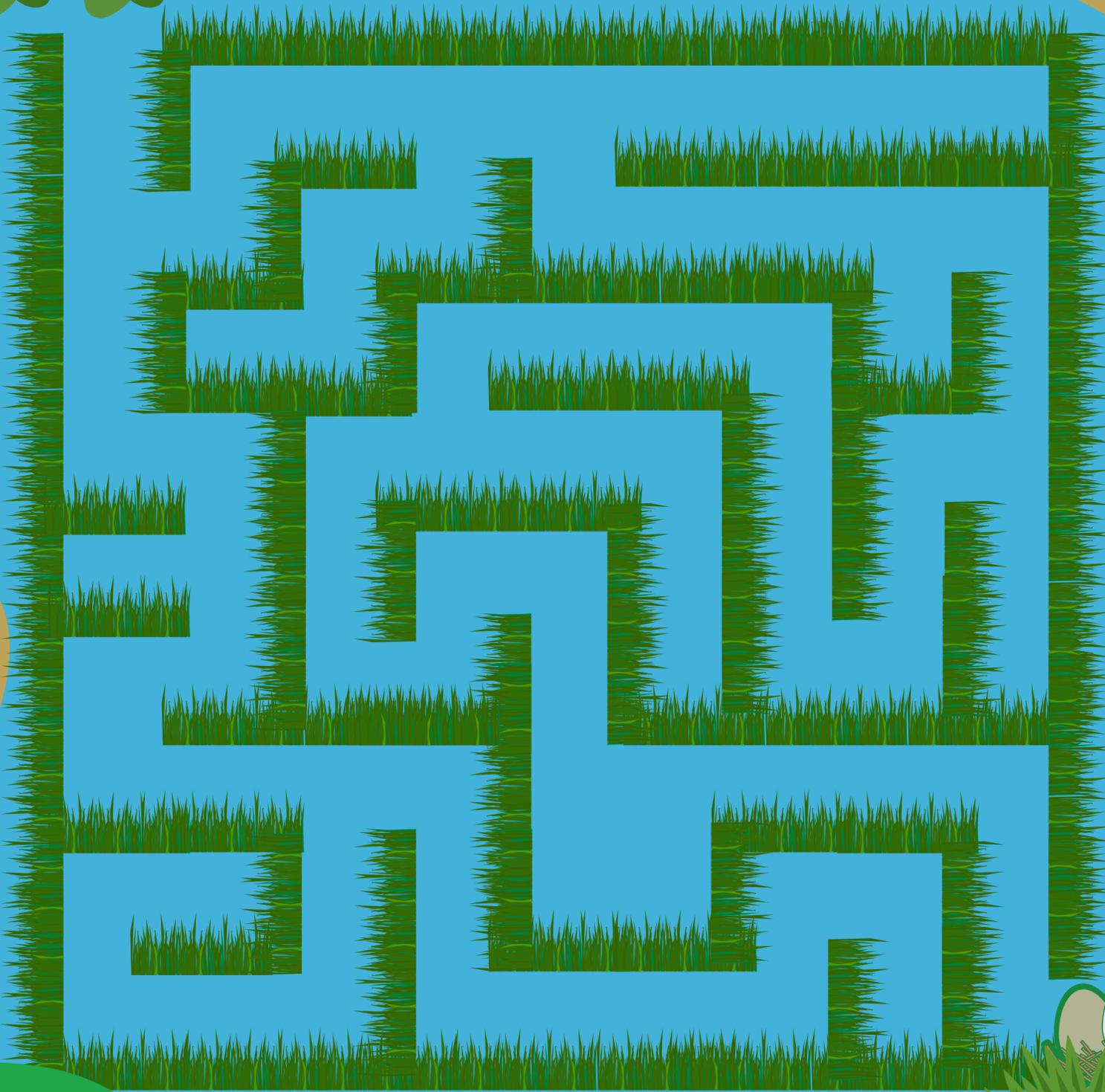
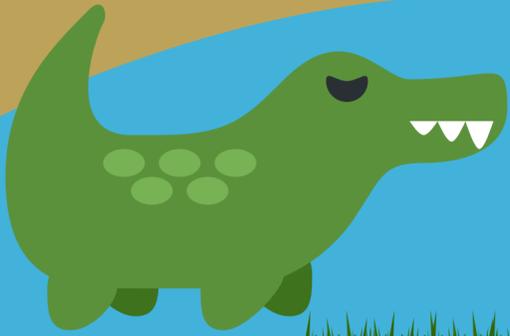




COLOUR ME IN!



CAN YOU HELP MUMMY CROCODILE FIND HER EGGS?



DID YOU KNOW?

There are only **two species** of crocodiles in the Philippines: the saltwater crocodile and the Philippine crocodile

CROCODILE CHALLENGE!

1. Where do Philippine crocodiles live?

- a. In trees
- b. In caves
- c. In rivers

2. What makes up 70% of the Philippine crocodile's diet?

- a. snail
- b. fish
- c. bird

4. What type of nests do the Philippine crocodiles make?

- a. mound
- b. hole
- c. both

3. What is the length of the largest recorded Philippine crocodile?

- a. 1.58m
- b. 2.30m
- c. 3.02m

5. How many species of crocodiles are there in the Philippines?

- a. one
- b. two
- c. three



A baby croc coming out of its egg!



A juvenile crocodile swimming

ANSWERS:
1=c, 2=a, 3=c, 4=c, 5=b