

say that the mother waits for their arrival at the edge of the deep, and devours as many as she can. This circumstance is not well confirmed; though it is well known that the crocodile acts in this unnatural manner.

The calls of luxury have excited a variety of inventions to take these creatures; sometimes, when coupled together, by throwing a noose round their feet or neck: sometimes by striking them with a harpoon; and sometimes by diving underneath them, and seizing them by the tail when asleep on the surface of the water, having a boat ready to receive them.