

Identification

Designation Number:
AOEL-1893

Containment Rating:
Low Difficulty

Danger Level: Medium

Containment Protocol:

The environment in which AOEL-1893 resides is monitored by relevant environmental regulators within the United States' government as well as

those by the state government of Florida. Their data is to be monitored for any sightings or documentation of AOEL-1893 which is to be suppressed upon discovery. Biannual expeditions into the Everglades Agricultural Area are to be mounted by contracted wilderness experts to seek out and inspect the condition of AOEL-1893. Should it be found to have been damaged or otherwise impaired, it is to be given ameliorating treatment to the best of the attending personnel's ability to render care, then released back into its habitat.

Anomaly Description: AOEL-1893 designates an ambulatory piece of statuary in the shape of an American Alligator. Its composition is primarily of concrete, with an apparent rebar skeleton providing support throughout its body.

Behaviorally, it is similar to non-concrete alligators, however due to its concrete composition it is unable to swim and sinks when residing in soft sediment as is commonly found in the Florida Everglades. Therefore, AOEL-1893 spends the majority of its time in dry hammocks and other relatively raised sections of the environment. It acts in this locality as an ambush "predator" although due to its lacking any internal organs or facsimile thereof, it only succeeds in mashing the fish and other wildlife it catches in its jaws. This appears to be satisfactory to AOEL-1893 as this is how it spends the majority of its time.

Over time, AOEL-1893 has been damaged usually as a result of interacting with humans. This damage can be repaired using new concrete and sculpting tools, however this requires extremely delicate care and careful use of materials to prevent the attempt at healing from actually making the damage more severe. If and when damage to AOEL-1893's form is found in the future, further instructions will be given to the subsequent expedition contractors to rectify and repair it.



Removing AOEL-1893 from the biome it inhabits will result in its rapidly degrading into dust, as such any future attempt at removing AOEL-1893 from its habitat for a more complete and thorough restoration have been suspended permanently. Inquiries into constructing adequate on-site repair facilities are limited by unfavorable environmental impact reports.

Addenda 1893-A: Known timeline of unsupervised 1893-human interactions.

1928 - First known documented sighting of AOEL-1893, during the Lake Okeechobee Hurricane of the same year the entity was apparently flung through the camp of Florida East Coast Railway's workers resulting in many structures being destroyed. These accounts of a flying stone alligator were dismissed at the time due to the authorities not taking the mostly migrant labor force seriously.

1962 - Left leg was chipped and damaged by construction crews erecting the C-38 canal. Restoration work was completed three months later during biannual inspection.

1969 - The endpoint section of the tail was trodden on and crushed by a surveyor inspecting land for a potential jetport expansion to the Miami International Airport, which was never constructed.

1986 - Exterior was stained and damaging plant growth rooted in the exterior after an algae bloom caused by excessive phosphorus in the water, damage was restored and biannual expeditions were authorized to observe for any necessary repairs in the future.

2000 - Left eye was found to have crushing impact damage, later determined to be from a bullet most likely fired by a hunter.

2012 - Excessive exposure to soot and smoke from wildfires resulted in AOEL-1893 having a layer of ash covering its body, after cleaning this did not appear to have any adverse effects.

2020-2022 - AOEL-1893 has not been seen since expeditionary contracts were suspended in light of the global pandemic, since resuming them two expeditions have failed in their initial attempts at locating AOEL-1893. A more extensive survey of its natural habitat is pending.