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RAINFOREST HABITAT LAUNCHES NEW TREE KANGAROO VIEWING FACILITY

The Tropical North's leading wildlife experience is launching a new viewing facility which will house its rare baby Lumholtz's Tree Kangaroo and its mother.

The behind-the-scenes breeding enclosure at The Rainforest Habitat Wildlife Sanctuary has a new pathway and viewing area extending from the existing facility, which houses the father Tree Kangaroo, Jake.

The "joey" is now 11 months old, and the first tree kangaroo to be successfully bred in captivity in the Tropical North.

The Rainforest Habitat is one of only two Zoos in the world that houses the rare species, which is native to the region.

The Rainforest Habitat Curator Terry Carmichael said the facility will allow visitors to have a sneak peek into the breeding facilities for the first time.

"It is essential for Tree Kangaroos to have separate enclosures because they are solitary animals, however baby Tree Kangaroos can stay with their mother for up to 3 years," he said.

"This new facility will provide the general public with the rare opportunity to see the mother and joey and observe the joey's growth and development."

The Rainforest Habitat is currently holding a competition to name the baby tree kangaroo, to be announced on the 29th of October, 2007.

Situated in Port Douglas, The Rainforest Habitat is Australia's leading wildlife experience, providing visitors with a chance to observe up close a huge range of flora and fauna.

For more information or to arrange an interview, please contact The Rainforest Habitat Curator Terry Carmichael on 0417 626 597 or (07) 4099 3235.

