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Amazing Animals
Fact sheets

Boas and Pythons

Boas and Pythons are non-venomous snakes that constrict their prey (ie. wrap it in tight coils). Pythons kill their prey by squeezing (constricting) them in tight coils. Their diet mainly consists of birds and mammals. The Reticulated Python is one of the largest snakes in the world, and can reach lengths of over 8m. They are common throughout parts of South-east Asia.

Woma Python

Growing to lengths of 3 metres, the Woma Python has an orange head and a light tan coloured body with darker bands.

Habitat

The Woma Python inhabits South Western Queensland, Central Australia and parts of Western Australia. They will normally be seen residing in grasslands, shrubland and woodlands. They often take shelter in animal burrows where they will create a depression in the sand in which to shelter.

Diet

Primarily a reptile and mammal eater, the Woma Python on the left is hunting in a rock ledge for lizards or snakes. The Woma Python eats many species of Australia's most venomous snakes and is actually immune to venomous snake bites.

Breeding

Australia Zoo has always had a great reputation for breeding endangered reptiles and once again we have had the good fortune to have one of Australia's most endangered species of python lay eggs and not just one snake but two. In 2004 we had our first taste of success in breeding the elusive Woma python when we hatched out one snake, in 2005 we had no eggs but in 2006 the formula must have been right because not only did we get 11 eggs from one snake we also got a second clutch of eggs from another female. Steve and Terri are committed to saving this species of snake they have even purchased huge tracts of land on the Brigalow Belt in central Queensland which is prime woma habitat. Hopefully with the Zoo's breeding efforts along with the protected habitat that has been set up hopefully we can save this wonderful and unique species of python.

Australia Zoo Woma Python profiles

Glen

Glen is a very inquisitive snake as he always tries to climb us to check us out when we enter his home. He is a 'typical' Woma; so friendly and never bites. Glen shares his house with three gorgeous girls and one other male.

Endangered Species!

Very low numbers are left in the wild. Boas and Pythons are at risk of extinction within the next ten years.

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