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Animal Fact Sheet

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Boomslang

Dispholidus typus

The boomslang is a rear-fanged snake, a category long dismissed as harmless, and it is one of the deadliest snakes in Africa. Its venom is a potent haemotoxin that consumes the blood's clotting facto…

Quick facts

Classification: Reptile
Family: Colubridae
Habitat: Forest and woodland
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 8-12 years
Weight: 100-300 grams
Scientific name: Dispholidus typus

Did you know?

- It can open its jaws up to 170 degrees when striking, an unusually wide gape for a snake.
- Boomslang means simply "tree snake" in Afrikaans. Because the fangs are set well back in the mouth, the snake must get a good chewing hold to envenom…

What I learned

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