

Animal Fact Sheet

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Golden lancehead

Bothrops insularis

The Golden lancehead is a highly venomous pit viper species endemic to the small Ilha da Queimada Grande, off the coast of Brazil. It is renowned for its distinctive golden-yellow coloration and slen...

Quick facts

Classification: Reptile

Family: Viperidae

Habitat: Tropical island forest

Diet: Carnivore

Conservation status: Critically Endangered

Lifespan: 10-15 years

Weight: 200-400 grams

Scientific name: *Bothrops insularis*

Did you know?

- Ilha da Queimada Grande, the only home of the Golden lancehead, is often called 'Snake Island' and is closed to the public due to the snake's deadly ...
- Golden lanceheads can only be found on a single island, making them one of the world's rarest snakes. Their venom is up to five times more potent tha...

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