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Animal Fact Sheet

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Golden lancehead

Bothrops insularis

Bothrops insularis exists on one place on Earth: Ilha da Queimada Grande, a 43-hectare rock about 30 km off Sao Paulo, Brazil, where rising seas cut the island off from the mainland roughly 11,000 ye…

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 eat birds almost exclusively as adults but take centipedes and lizards as juveniles, a diet switch that tracks their changing body …

What I learned

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