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Animal Fact Sheet

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Reticulated Python

Malayopython reticulatus

The reticulated python is the longest snake in the world, routinely exceeding six metres. Two of the most repeated things about it are wrong. It does not suffocate its prey: as the animal exhales, th…

Quick facts

Classification: Reptile
Family: Pythonidae
Habitat: Tropical rainforest
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 15–25 years
Weight: 30–160 kg
Scientific name: Malayopython reticulatus

Did you know?

- Despite their massive size, Reticulated Pythons are agile swimmers and can travel between islands in their native range.
- It kills by stopping blood flow, not by suffocation — prey loses consciousness within seconds from circulatory arrest. Its jaw does not "unhinge": th…

What I learned

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