

Reticulated Python

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Reticulated Python Latest News

A giant female reticulated python discovered deep in the forests of the Indonesian island of Sulawesi late last year is now believed to be the longest measured snake in the world at 7.22 metres (23 feet 8 inches), the Guinness Book of World Records has confirmed.

About Reticulated Python

- It is a **giant constricting snake** belonging to the **python family**, Pythonidae.
- Scientific Name: Malayopython reticulatus
- It is the **longest snake in the world** and the **third heaviest** after the **green anaconda** and the **Burmese python**.
- Like all pythons, it is a **non-venomous constrictor**.
- It is an ambush predator, usually **waiting until prey comes within striking range** before **trapping it in its rings** and **killing it by constriction**.

Reticulated Python Distribution

- It is native to **South and Southeast Asia**.
- It inhabits **tropical forest regions** in **India, Indonesia, the Philippines**, and other parts of Southeast Asia.

Reticulated Python Features

- **Specimens have been recorded** reaching a **length of more than 7 metres** and weighing more than 160 kg.
- They have **grayish-tan bodies** with **X- or diamond-shaped blotches containing black, white, yellow, and red scales**.
- The **name 'reticulated'** comes from the intricate and beautiful **pattern of its skin**, which **resembles a net (or 'lattice')**.
- The snake's head has smooth brown scales.
- The **head is elongated** with a dark line down the middle, and the **eyes are orange** with vertical pupils.
- **Embedded in the lip scales are heat-sensing pits** that can **detect any object or prey** whose temperature exceeds that of the surrounding environment.

Reticulated Python Conservation Status

It is classified as '**Least Concern**' under the IUCN Red List.

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