



# RETICULATED PYTHON

**Scientific Name**  
*Python reticulatus*

## Conservation Status

Extinct

Extinct in the Wild

Critically Endangered

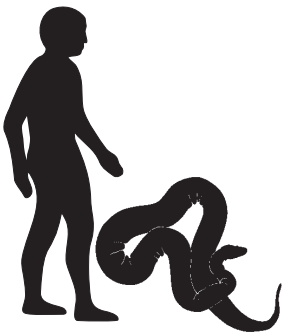
Endangered

Vulnerable

Near-Threatened

Least Concern

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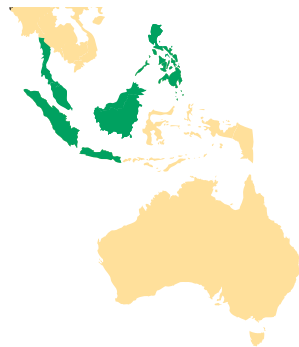


**Length (nose to tail):** Up to 10 m

**Weight:** Up to 80 kg

**Gestation:** 75–90 days

**Number of eggs:** 20–50



Distribution ■

**Distribution:** South-east Asia

**Habitat:** Rainforests

## Description

The Reticulated Python is considered the longest snake in the world and has been known to reach over 10 metres in length. The python has a complicated, black, net-like pattern, yellow-edged with large pale spots on the sides.

## Diet

Reticulated Pythons are **carnivores** and eat birds and mammals.

## In the wild

Although not venomous, Reticulated Pythons are very powerful and dangerous snakes. They are capable of delivering bites that cause severe injury. Once caught, its prey is constricted and swallowed whole.

## Threats

Habitat destruction, poaching for pets and body parts, such as snake leather, and being hunted for food are threats to Reticulated Pythons in the wild.

## At Perth Zoo

Our male Reticulated Python weighs about 58 kg and is 4.8 m long. He can be seen in the **Reptile Encounter**.

## Did you know?

The Reticulated Python is the world's longest snake, while the Anaconda is the heaviest.

The term 'reticulated' means 'net-like' referring to its skin pattern.



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