

ROYAL PYTHON

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The Royal Python is the smallest of the African pythons; they have short tails and powerful, muscular bodies which they use - like all pythons and boas - to constrict their prey.

The name royal python (from the Latin "regius") is based in part on the story that Cleopatra supposedly wore the snake around her wrist.

Python regius



Left: Royal Pythons curl up in a ball with their head inside when they feel threatened, this is why they are also sometimes known as Ball Pythons.



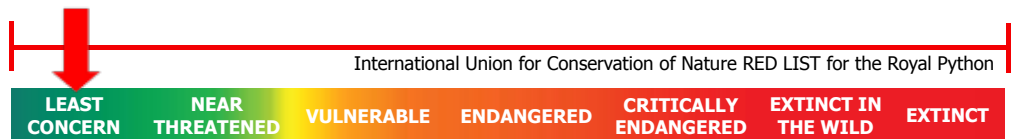
The Royal Python is the most widely sold snake in the pet trade, it is also killed for its beautiful skin.

FACTS & FIGURES

Where found	West and Central Africa
Habitat	Savannahs and sparsely wooded plains, rain forests
Diet	Small mammals, birds, insects
Average length	3-6 feet
Number of eggs	2-10
Incubation	80-90 days
Average lifespan	20-30 years

It is very difficult to breed royal pythons in captivity, so in order to keep up with the high demand for them more are taken out of the wild.

International Union for Conservation of Nature RED LIST for the Royal Python



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