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Ball Python

*Python regius*



Found in open areas of dry tropical forests and open savannahs in West-Central Africa, Ball Pythons can live 40 years or even longer in captivity - the longest lived recorded is 47 yr. 6 mos.

Ball pythons are often over-collected for the pet trade. This impact, as well as the collection for food by indigenous people, is beginning to have a negative effect on their populations. These snakes play a very important role in the control of many small mammals, especially rodents, which, when in excess, can have a serious effect on the environment. Also, these small snakes are frequent prey animals for larger predators such as cats and birds of prey.



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