



BOA CONSTRICTOR

(Boa imperator)

ANIMAL FACTS

WILD LOCALITY:

Central & South America

HABITAT:

Rainforest, Wooded Areas, Grasslands, & Wetlands

LIFESTYLE:

Primarily Terrestrial, Semi-Arboreal (ground-dwelling, occasionally in trees)

DIET:

Mammals & Birds (carnivore)

LIFE EXPECTANCY:

20-35 years in the care of humans (less in the wild)

ADULT SIZE:

6-12 ft, & 15-22kg (females are larger than males)

ACTIVITY:

Cathemeral (active in the day or night)

CONSERVATION STATUS:

Least Concern

THREATS:

Habitat Loss, Hunting, Importation

FUN FACTS:

Boa Constrictors are very large snakes with strong, muscular bodies. They use their strength to overpower & coil around their prey, squeezing until they are ready to consume. When ready to eat their deceased prey, Boa Constrictors, like all snakes, do not chew their food, but swallow the entire animal whole. Female Boa Constrictors are almost always much larger than males, & this species is not egg-laying, but gives birth to anywhere from 10 to 60 live young.