



WOMA PYTHON

(ASPIDITES RAMSAYI)

ANIMAL FACTS

WILD LOCALITY:

Australia

HABITAT:

Arid Forests, Deserts, Woodlands, & Sandy Grasslands.

LIFESTYLE:

Terrestrial & Subterrestrial (ground-dwelling or underground)

DIET:

Mammals, Birds, Reptiles, & Amphibians (carnivore)

LIFE EXPECTANCY:

~ 15-20 years in the care of humans (less in the wild)

ADULT SIZE:

~ 5-8 ft & 1-5 kg

ACTIVITY:

Nocturnal (more active in the night)

CONSERVATION STATUS:

Endangered

THREATS:

Habitat Loss, Invasive Species, & Natural Disasters

FUN FACTS:

Woma Pythons are found living on the ground in the sandy arid areas of Australia, and mostly come out at night. They live underground during the daytime, to avoid hot temperatures where they live.

They are very slender-bodied for a python, and use their smaller girth to be able to fit into tight burrows. When unsuspecting prey enters the snake's home, the python will usually use its body to pin the animal to the side and crush or suffocate its victim --if there is not enough room to wrap around and constrict them. Because of this, many Woma Pythons in the wild have scars on their bodies, either caused by injuries from the actual walls of their burrows, or bites and scratches from their prey. Though widespread throughout the Australian continent, Woma pythons are now classified as Endangered or Critically Endangered in certain ranges, primarily because of habitat loss due to humans clearing land for agriculture. They, and many other reptiles in their areas, are also threatened by feral animals (such as domestic cats) hunting them.