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PRESS RELEASE

ANACONDAS AND GIANT PYTHONS IN CROCOPARC

For the pleasure of visitors, Crocoparc Agadir continues to innovate:

On Saturday, March 23rd at 11am, in the presence of the city's highest authorities, the media and guests, Crocoparc will inaugurate «La Grotte aux Serpents» (Snake cave), which will house ANACONDAS and PYTHONS.

The Green Anaconda (*Eunectes murinus*) and the Reticulated Python (*Malayopython reticulatus*) are the two largest snake species living on our planet. They can reach 5 to 6 meters long, exceptionally more than 7 meters. They then weigh between 130 and 200 Kg.

- The Anaconda belongs to the Boa family; it lives in South America, usually near water. It feeds on birds, mammals, reptiles or fish, which it kills by constricting (constrictor). After 6 months of gestation, females give live young (viviparous species) that are immediately autonomous.

- The Reticulated Python lives in Asia; its food is similar to that of the anaconda. Females lay eggs that they incubate (oviparous species). By wrapping themselves around the eggs, they are able to

increase their temperature by vibrating their bodies.

In 2018, the press reported 2 cases of humans being eaten by pythons over 6 meters long.

It is estimated that 350,000 wild python skins are taken from the wild and exported annually from Indonesia for leather goods.



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