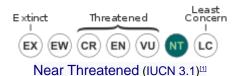
Protobothrops cornutus



Conservation status



Scientific Classification

Kingdom:	Anamalia
Phylum:	Cordata
Class:	Reptilia
Order:	Squamata
Suborder:	Serpentes
Family:	viperidae
Geunus	Protobothrops
Subgenus:	P. cornutus

Binomial Name

Protobothrops cornutus

M.A. Smith, 1930^[2]

Synonyms

- Trimeresurus cornutus M.A. Smith, 1930
- Ceratrimeresurus shenlii Liang & Liu, 2003
- Protobothrops cornutus
 Herrmann et al., 2004^[3]

Protobothrops cornutus, commonly known as the **Fan-Si-Pan horned pitviper**, [4] is a <u>venomous pit viper species</u> endemic to <u>Vietnam</u>. Previously, it had been known from only two specimens, but was recently rediscovered in the central part of the country. No <u>subspecies</u> are currently recognized. [5]

Geographic range

Found in <u>Vietnam</u> in <u>Bach Mã</u> and <u>Tonkin</u>. The <u>type locality</u> given is "Fan-si-pan mountains, Tonkin, Indo-China" (<u>Mount Fansipan</u>, Sa Pa District, <u>Nghệ An Province</u>, northwestern Vietnam).

Gumprecht *et al.* (2004) write that, previously, this species had been known from only two specimens, but was rediscovered in central Vietnam (<u>Phong Nha-Ke Bang National Park</u>, Quang Binh Province) in 2001 (Ziegler and Herrmann, 2002). [4]

Habitat

It occurs in rainforests at low elevations.[2]



Close-up of head, showing "horns" to which the <u>specific</u> <u>name</u>, *cornutus*, refers.

Conservations status

This species is listed as Near Threatened on the \underline{IUCN} Red List (v3.1, 2001).[1]

Taxonomy

Herrmann et al. (2004) moved this species to

the <u>genus</u> *Protobothrops* based on external and <u>hemipenal</u> morphology, as well as molecular data.^[4]