

# Protobothrops cornutus



## Conservation status



Near Threatened (IUCN 3.1)<sup>[1]</sup>

## Scientific Classification

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

## Binomial Name

### *Protobothrops cornutus*

[M.A. Smith](#), 1930<sup>[2]</sup>

## Synonyms

- *Trimeresurus cornutus*  
M.A. Smith, 1930
- *Ceratrimeresurus shenlii*  
Liang & Liu, 2003
- *Protobothrops cornutus*  
– Herrmann et al., 2004<sup>[3]</sup>

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

## Geographic range

Found in [Vietnam](#) in [Bach Mã](#) and [Tonkin](#). The [type locality](#) given is "Fan-si-pan mountains, Tonkin, Indo-China"<sup>[2]</sup> ([Mount Fansipan](#), Sa Pa District, [Nghệ An Province](#), northwestern Vietnam).<sup>[4]</sup>

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

## Habitat

It occurs in [rainforests](#) at low elevations.<sup>[2]</sup>



Close-up of head, showing "horns" to which the [specific name](#), *cornutus*, refers.

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This species is listed as Near Threatened on the [IUCN](#) Red List (v3.1, 2001).<sup>[1]</sup>

## Taxonomy

Herrmann *et al.* (2004) moved this species to

the [genus](#) *Protobothrops* based on external and [hemipenal](#) morphology, as well as molecular data.<sup>[4]</sup>