**Burmese Python**

**Vocabulary:**

**Native to:** East and Southeast Asia

**Predators:** Large cats, and birds when younger, Humans

**Prey:** any animal smaller than itself

**Facts:**

* One of the 5 largest species of snakes
* Can grow to be about 12 feet on average, but up to 23 feet
* Largest can be as thick as a telephone pole
* Invasive to southern FL
* Raccoons, foxes, and alligators help control the population
* Nocturnal
* Excellent swimmers and can submerge for up to 30 minutes
* Can grow several feet/year
* Fully grown by age 6 to 7
* Population is invasive in the US, but “vulnerable” in SE Asia
* Apex Predators due to their size and hunting technique

**Defense Mechanisms:**

* Camouflage

**Reproduction:**

* 30-100 eggs in a clutch
* Shiver to keep the eggs warm

**Lifespan:** 15 to 20 years in the wild 25+ in captivity

**Handling Tips:**

Kahn Reznar are both males. They needs to have their body weight supported, and you should never allow a large snake to wrap around your neck, or body.