

going to sit down, the enormous monster began to move, and the poor savage, perceiving that he had approached a lyboya, the greatest of all the serpent kind, dropped down in an agony. The soldier, who beheld at some distance what had happened, levelled at the serpent's head, and, by a lucky aim, shot it dead; he continued however, his fire, until he was assured that the enemy was killed; and then going up to rescue his companion, who had fallen motionless by its side, he, to his astonishment, found him dead likewise, being killed by the fright. Upon his return to the fort, and telling what had happened, Mr. Wentworth ordered the animal to be brought up, when it was measured, and found to be thirty-six feet long. He had it stuffed, and sent as a present to the Prince of Orange, who deposited it in his cabinet at the Hague.

In the East Indies they grow also to an enormous size; particularly in the island of Java, where, we are assured, that one of them will destroy and devour a buffalo. In a letter printed in the German Ephemerides, we have an account of a combat between an enormous serpent and a buffalo, by a person, who assures us, that he was himself a spectator. The serpent had,  
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