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Video Sheet: “Vengeance of Giant Pythons”

1. To what length are Burmese pythons able to grow to?
2. How were the Burmese pythons brought over to the U.S.?
3. How many shipments of wildlife arrive every year through Miami, Florida?
4. Although the wild python epidemic is a result of irresponsible owners, what is the main force behind the python invasion?
5. Why is the python invasion mostly centralized near Miami, Florida?
6. Pythons are great swimmers. How far are pythons able to swim without stopping?
7. Pythons are typically surface swimmers, but when they sense danger, how long are they able to hold their breath underwater?
8. What special feature do pythons have that allow them to easily lock onto its target?
9. How many rows of teeth are found on the topside of a python’s mouth? Bottom side?
10. How many Burmese pythons inhabit the shallow waters of Florida’s Everglades National Park?
11. Why are Burmese pythons a threat to native snakes in Florida?
12. Because Burmese pythons are non-venomous, what must they use to kill its prey?
13. What is contained in the python’s stomach that allows it to quickly and fully digest its prey within days of capturing its meal?
14. What is the length of one of the biggest wild pythons found in Florida?
15. What month in Florida is ideal for the python breeding season?
16. While some of the native species populations are on the decline, what is happening to the python population?
17. What other non-native (invasive) species from Mexico has occupied Florida as a safe haven?
18. How many pythons, roughly, are spewing out of the Everglades National Park and in to the surrounding area?
19. What is the greatest threat that pythons pose in the Everglades?
20. Why is it very difficult to eradicate the python invasion?

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