

GABOON VS RHINOCEROS VIPER



Bitis gabonica vs. *B. nasicornis*

Potential for harm: **Dangerous**



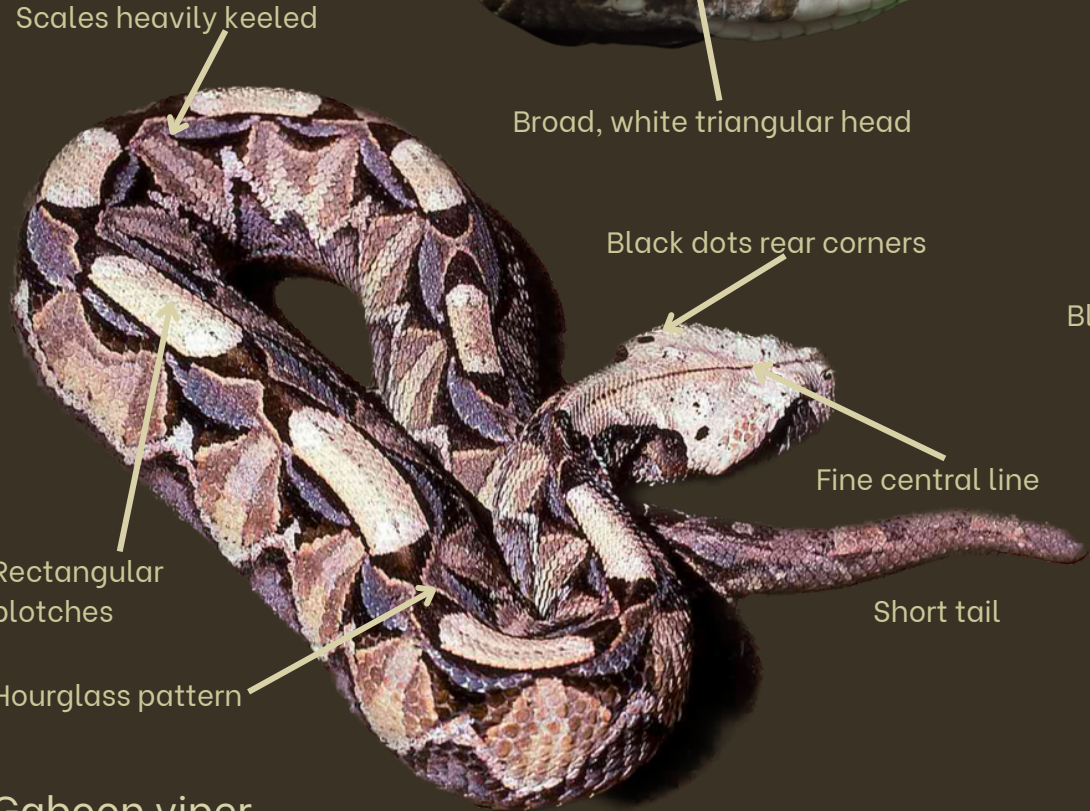
Tiny horns



Two or three pairs of scales that look like horns

Black arrow mark

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Scales heavily keeled

Broad, white triangular head

Black dots rear corners

Fine central line

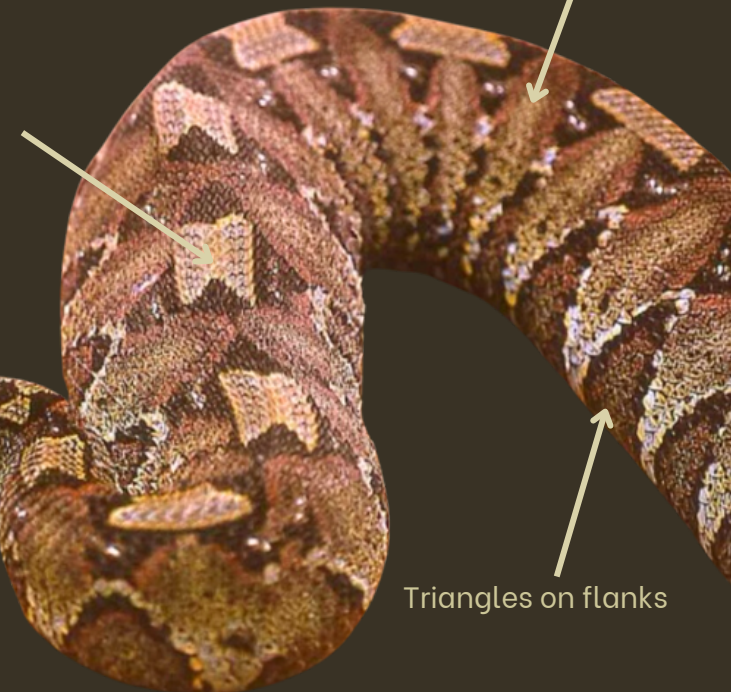
Short tail

Rectangular blotches

Hourglass pattern

Oblong hourglass shaped markings inside dark blotches

Black arrow mark



Scales heavily keeled

Triangles on flanks

Gaboon viper
Bitis gabonica

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Rhinoceros viper
Bitis nasicornis

In Kenya these are only reported from the Kakamega Forest thus far.