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1. At the end of the battle of death, the poisonous tiger was swallowed by the king's snake
2. The small snake desperately took the last breath from the frog's throat
3. Giant centipedes and mantis: poisonous species and 'martial' species, who wins?

Biologists at the Sakaerat Environmental Research Station in Thailand have recorded an image of a centipede attacking and eating a spawning snake.



Use the foot with the poisonous nails to grip the snake.(Photo: Science Alert.)

Scientists identified this centipede as *Scolopendra dawydoffi* centipede. This is a large and aggressive centipede. They are common in Southeast Asia. The snake belongs to the black-headed triangle snake *Sibynophis triangularis*.

The food of *Scolopendra dawydoffi* centipede not only contains insects but also many small vertebrates. Scientists have encountered the case of Scolopendrid centipedes that re-nourish pups, lizards, bats, and even birds.

The team said that when they discovered the centipede, it used its legs to tighten it around the snake. It stabbed poisonous nails into the snake so that the prey could not move.

The snake has just finished laying three eggs and there are two more left in the body to be attacked.



The snake cannot struggle due to being injected with poison from the centipede's leg.(Photo: Cosmos Magazine.)

This is the first time it has been recorded that a centipede case attacks an egg-laying vertebrate. According to the team, giant centipedes can eat vertebrates more often than scientists once thought, because compared to crickets or beetles the amount of nutrients from snakes or toads is much greater. .

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