
HELICOPS ANGULATUS (Watersnake). **DIET.** *Helicops angulatus* occurs in northern South America, with records from Atlantic forest or Amazonian environments in Colombia, Venezuela, Trinidad, Guiana, Suriname, French Guiana, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, and northern and northeastern regions of Brazil (França et al. 2006. Occ. Pap. Sam Noble Oklahoma Mus. Nat. Hist. 17:1–3; Infante-Rivero et al. 2008. Herpetotropicos 4:39–39). They are

aquatic, nocturnal, and feed on fish, tadpoles, and occasionally adult anurans (Ford et al. 2002. *Carib. J. Sci.* 38:129–132; Scarcozzoni 2009. Unpubl. DS thesis. Universidade de São Paulo, São Paulo).

A mature female *H. angulatus* (SVL = 297 mm) was captured on 9 November 2010, at 2200 h, on the edge of a stream in Atlantic Forest of Cruz do Espírito Santo municipality, Paraíba State, northeastern Brazil. Dissection revealed remains of an adult *Leptodactylus natalensis* (SVL = 49.4 mm) in the snake's stomach. This is the first record of consumption of *L. natalensis* by *H. angulatus*. Because both species are sympatric and their habitats are similar, this type of interaction may be expected. The habit of making nests and vocalizing at the edge of slow-flowing streams (Amorim et al. 2009. *Pap. Avul. Zool.* 49:1–7) may make *L. natalensis* more vulnerable to predators such as *H. angulatus* during the breeding season. The snake and frog are housed in the Coleção Herpetológica da Universidade Federal da Paraíba, João Pessoa (CHUFPB 00005).

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