

large teeth, but which are more formidable than dangerous.

As the largest, so, of course, stands foremost in this class, the great *Jiboya* of Java and Brazil, which Leguat affirms he has seen fifty feet long. The largest animal of this kind which has been brought into Europe is but thirty-six feet long; though it is propable that much larger have been seen, and destroyed, before they were thought worth sending so far to satisfy European curiosity. The most usual length, according to all travellers, is about twenty feet, and the thickness in proportion. The teeth are small compared to the size of the body; nor are they used but when it seizes the smallest prey. It lies in wait in the paths frequented by wild animals, and having cast itself upon its prey, wraps so closely round the body as to break all the bones, and then takes the whole at once into its enormous mouth.

The *Boicuagu* is supposed to be the next in magnitude, and has often been seen to swallow a goat whole. It is thickest in the middle of the body, and grows smaller towards the head and the tail. On the middle of the back there is a chain of small black spots, and on each side there are large round black spots, at some distance