



Chapter nine

SEA SNAKES

Sea snakes live in the Pacific islands. They're related to cobras. They have short fangs. They have poison. Their poison is powerful. One drop can kill three men. Their poison is stronger than rattlesnake poison. It's stronger than king cobra poison.

Sea snakes can kill a man. They can do it in 6 to 12 hours. They don't have many predators. They're scary. Their poison acts fast. Victims can't swim away.

They're over 4 feet (1.2 meters) long. They have black and white stripes. Stripes trick the eyes. It looks like they're



*Sea snakes have flat heads.
This helps them swim better.*

moving the other way. Predators can't tell heads from tails. This gives sea snakes time. Sea snakes can run. Or they can fight.