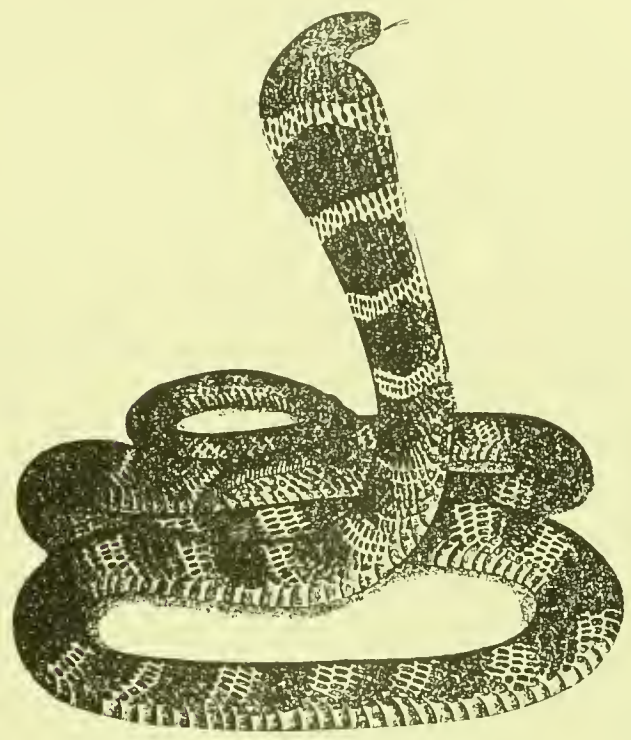


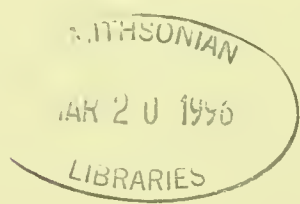
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INTRODUCTION

Single species bibliographies have been relatively rare, and largely restricted to dramatic species such as carnivorous mammals and large birds that are of conservation importance. Using this argument, a bibliography to the literature on the world's largest venomous snake, the king cobra (*Ophiophagus hannah*) is highly desirable. Not only is this large species becoming increasingly rare as a result of habitat alteration and capture for zoos and even for food, but may be, in many ecosystems, the top predator and its presence thus indicative of environmental health.

While preparing for a study of the autecology of the king cobra, we prepared a bibliography. A total of 397 references were obtained, initially using on-line computer search and finally a manual search of the herpetological library of the Centre for Herpetology, Madras, the Sarawak Museum, Kuching, the Bombay Natural History Society, Bombay and the Musée National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris, and from the authors' personal libraries and that of Anslém De Silva of the Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya. The search concluded May 7, 1995.

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