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**Document : The 10 Most Dangerous Animals in Australia**

The Taipan. The taipan is a large, fast and highly venomous snake often found throughout Australia. The taipan has the most toxic venom out of all the species worldwide, it has a dark brown colour and is often found in sugar fields where it hunts for rats. The snake is usually found in the far north of Australia, in Queensland, the Northern Territory and Western Australia, where the winter is mild (=doux). There haven't been many deaths because of the taipan, but one happened in 2012.

Blue Ring Octopus. Another serious threat is the blue-ringed octopus – one of the most toxic sea creatures in the world found on the coast of Australia, New Guinea, Indonesia, and the Philippines. Even though the octopus is only the size of a golf ball, there is no known antidote for its powerful venom. It causes motor paralysis, eventually leading to cardiac arrest. First aid treatment consists of pressure on the wound (=blessure) and mouth-to-mouth breathing that can last for several hours. There have only been two deaths from the blue-ringed octopus.

Stone Fish. Known as the most venomous fish in the world, the stone fish lives on the bottom of the reefs, camouflaged as a rock. It lives above the Tropic of Capricorn but can be found in the Queensland Great Barrier Reef as well. Its venom comes from the dorsal area, that is lined with 13 spines, (= épines) causing shock, paralysis and tissue death depending on the severity of the sting. First aid consists of immobilising the venom by bandaging the affected area then applying a hot compress. The pain is said to be so violent that it leads to amputating the affected limb. (=membre)

Tiger Snake. The tiger snake is another of the many venomous snakes found in Australia, particularly in the southern regions. These snakes are called "tiger" because they have stripes. They are not generally aggressive and retreat whenever they have the chance. The tiger snake is known as one of the deadliest snakes in the world. Although anti-venom is readily available, mortality rates are around 45% if the bite is left untreated. In most states, the species is protected and any harming or injuring leads to a fine (= amende) of up to \$4,000.

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| Nom et type d'animal | Apparence physique<br>(+ « qualités » ou record) | Habitat | Technique d'attaque.<br>Dangerosité |
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