



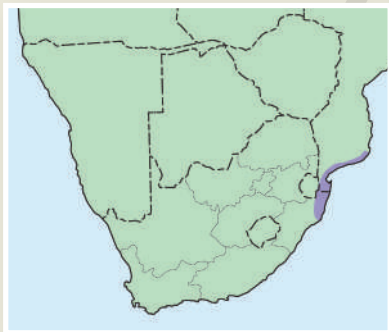
## SNAKE PROFILE



### Variegated Slug-eater (*Duberria variegata*)

**HARMLESS**

**Other names:**  
Gevlekte Slakvreter



A harmless snake that feeds on slugs and snails. Adults average 30 cm but may reach a length of 40 cm. This snake is secretive and slow-moving and may be encountered during the day or at night, usually moving along in decaying vegetation. It is quite common in parts of its distribution. Unlike the Common Slug-eater, this snake does not roll into a protective spiral.

The Variegated Slug-eater ranges in colour from plain light brown with no markings to chocolate brown with dark spots to grey-black with lighter sides or brick red with darker markings.

It is endemic to KwaZulu-Natal and Southern Mozambique, occurring from Richards Bay to Inhambane.

Females are live-bearing, producing 7 – 20 young per clutch.



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