



Very Dangerous

## Zebra Cobra

*(Naja nigricincta nigricincta)*



Average length  
1.2 m

The Zebra Cobra occurs from central Namibia northwards into Angola. It averages 1.2 m and may exceed 1.5 m in length. It is largely nocturnal and is often found on tarred roads, especially after rain. This is a shy snake that will choose to escape, but will spread a hood and spit and bite readily if cornered. The venom of the Zebra snake is potently cytotoxic, causing pain, swelling, blistering and in many instances tissue damage. Fatalities are not common. The venom of this snake is not used in the manufacturing process of polyvalent antivenom and the effectiveness of the antivenom to neutralise the venom of the Zebra Cobra is not well known.

