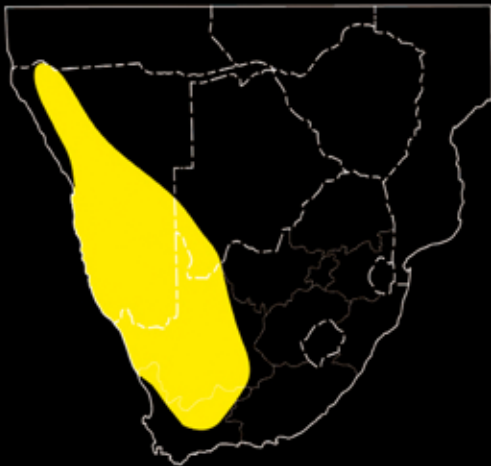




MILDLY VENOMOUS

Dwarf Beaked Snake (*Dipsina multimaculata*)

Maximum Length:
 50 cm



Other names:

Dwerghaakneusslang

A small well patterned snake that averages 30-35cm but may reach 50cm in length. This species varies in colour, from tan-brown to reddish with darker splotches. There is usually a light V on the at the base of the head.

It lives on gravel planes with dispersed bushes in the Namib Desert, Karoo scrub and Arid savanna. It usually hides at the base of a bushes or rocks and will disappear down a hole if disturbed. It hunts lizards, ambushing them under bushes. It is a docile snake but may assume a coiled position when threatened, mimicking the Horned Adder. The venom of this species is virtually harmless to humans.

