



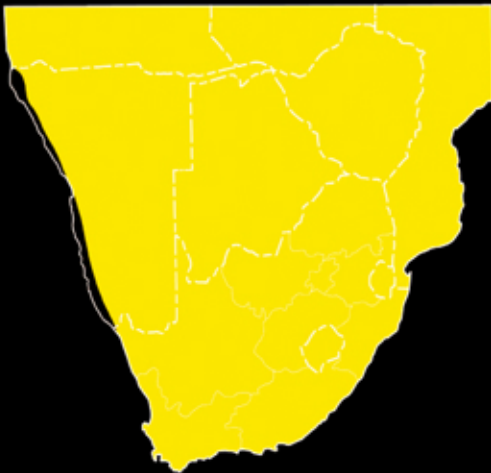
CAN INFLICT A NASTY BITE



## Mole Snake

(*Pseudaspis cana*)

**Maximum Length:**  
**2.1 m**



### **Other names:**

Molslang

The Mole snake is a muscular day-active snake that spends much of its time down rodent burrows in search of food. It is widespread and occurs throughout most of Southern Africa. It is often encountered in the Cape, but not seen commonly elsewhere in the country. Individuals vary from black to dark brown, medium brown, light brown or even brick red, while the juveniles have bright markings. This snake is not venomous, but does have pin-sharp teeth and is capable of quite serious bites that may even require stitches. Mole snakes are often confused with the Cape Cobra and the venomous Stiletto snake is often mistaken for a Mole snake, even though it does not resemble one.

