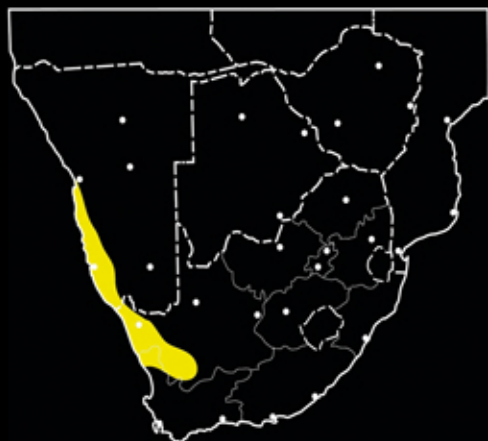




VENOMOUS

Many-horned Adder (*Bitis cornuta*)

Maximum Length:
75 cm



Other names:
Veelhoringadder

A small adder that averages 30 – 40 cm, but may reach up to 75 cm, with characteristic clusters of horns above each eye. This is a common snake in Namaqualand and extends into southern Namibia. Though largely active at night, it is fond of basking during the day. It favours rocky areas and gravel flats. This little adder is often seen crossing roads in summer and many individuals are killed by passing vehicles. When confronted it will huff and puff and strike rapidly. The venom of this adder is cytotoxic and not considered deadly. Bites are extremely painful causing swelling and possibly necrosis around the fang punctures. Antivenom is not effective and is not required.

