



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 base of the head.

It lives on gravel plains 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 has little effect on humans.

