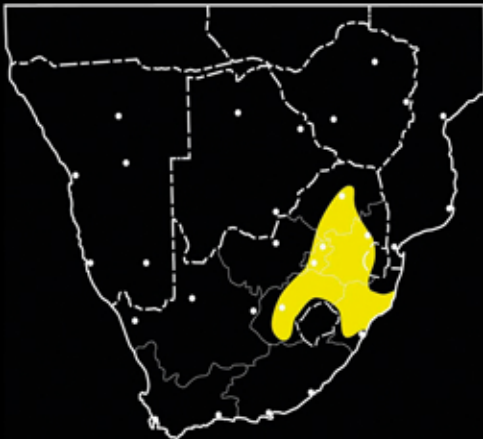


MILDLY VENOMOUS



Striped Harlequin Snake (*Homoroselaps dorsalis*)

Maximum Length:
32 cm



Other names:
Gestreepte Kousbandjie

A small snake averaging 20 cm with a maximum length of 32 cm. This snake is endemic to South Africa and eSwatini and is currently listed as Near Threatened in the latest Reptile Atlas. This small, slender snake is cryptic and is seldom seen. It is partly fossorial and occasionally found in termite mounds in grasslands. With the dark upper half of the body and a conspicuous yellow vertebral stripe from the tip of the nose to the tip of the tail, it is not easily mistaken for another species. Little is known of its diet other than that it feeds on thread snakes of the genus *Leptotyphlops*. Because of the size of this snake its venom yield is minute and will have very little effect on humans.

