



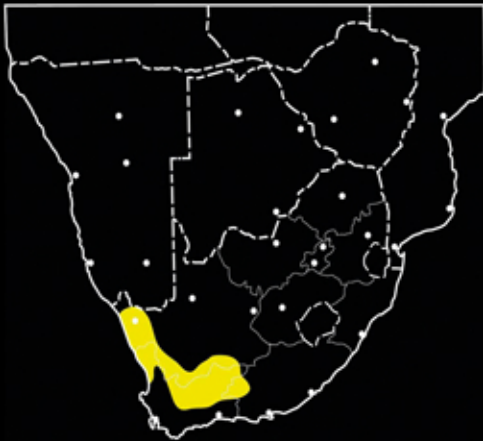
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Fisk's House Snake (*Lamprophis fiskii*)

Maximum Length:
40 cm



Other names:
Fisk se Huislang

An uncommon and secretive snake that is active at night. Most known individuals have been found crossing roads or killed by vehicles. It was first described in 1887 from Touws River and Matjiesfontein but two individuals were found near Springbok back in 1982.

When threatened it may coil and uncoil while hissing but is harmless. Little is known of its feeding habits, but a lizard was found in the stomach of a preserved specimen. Captive individuals take geckos. Like other snakes of the genus, it lays eggs – a captive female laid 8 eggs. Adults average 25 – 35 cm with a maximum length of 40 cm.



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