

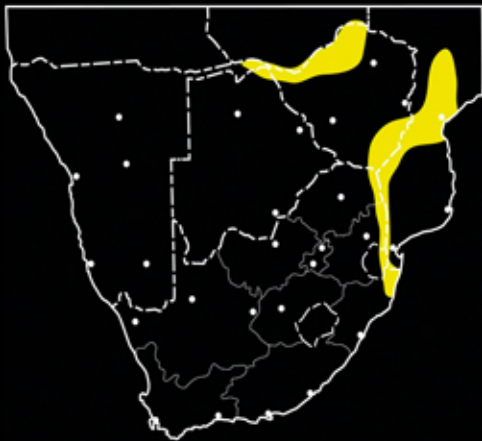
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Semiorate Snake (*Meizodon semiornatus*)

Maximum Length:
 80 cm



Other names:

Suidelike Bosslang

A beautifully-marked grey snake that is active during the day when it hunts for geckos and lizards. It is seldom encountered and hides in rotten logs and under the bark of trees. This snake climbs well and may be seen in trees and thick vegetation along rivers. It is quick to escape when disturbed and seldom attempts to bite.

The distinct pattern on juveniles makes this species easy to identify. The crossbars often fade with age and plain grey adults may be tricky to identify. This species occurs in Zimbabwe, Mozambique and eastern South Africa around St Lucia and up to Kosi Bay. It has also been recorded in Kruger National Park. It is completely harmless to humans.



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