

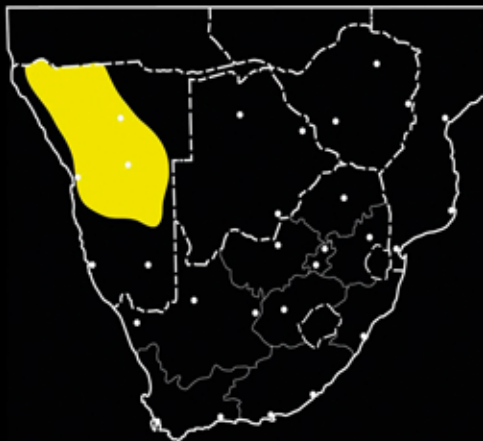


HIGHLY VENOMOUS



Zebra Cobra (*Naja nigricincta nigricincta*)

Maximum Length:
1.8 m



Other names:

Western Barred Spitting Cobra, Sebraslang

The Zebra Cobra occurs from central Namibia northwards into Angola and is one of four spitting snakes in Namibia. It averages 80-120 cm and may reach 1.8 m in length. It is largely nocturnal and is often found on tarred roads, especially after rain. This is a shy snake that will choose to escape but will spread a hood and spit and bite readily if cornered. The venom of the Zebra Cobra is potently cytotoxic, causing pain, swelling, blistering and in many instances tissue damage. Fatalities are not common. The venom of this snake is not used in the manufacturing process of polyvalent antivenom and the effectiveness of the antivenom to neutralise the venom of the Zebra Cobra is not well known.

