

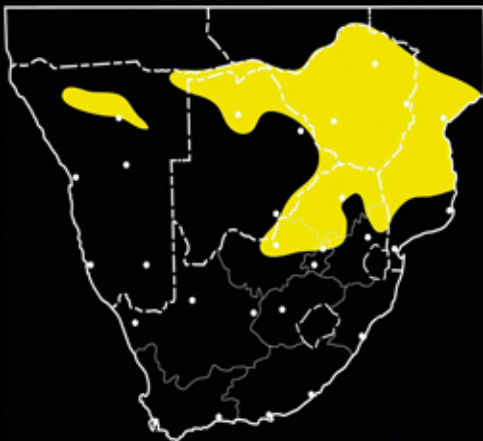


MILDLY VENOMOUS



## Dwarf Sand Snake (*Psammophis angolensis*)

Maximum Length:  
50 cm



Other names:

Dwerg Sandslang

A beautifully marked little snake with a broad dark brown stripe down the centre of the back. The neck has one or two dark collars with two thin white stripes across the head.

The Dwarf Sand Snake is the smallest in the genus, averaging 25 – 30 cm with a maximum length of 50 cm. It is a quick-moving snake that is active during the day, hunting its prey. If disturbed it will dart off and freeze in typical sand snake fashion. It is a secretive snake and seldom attempts to bite when handled. It occurs from northern Gauteng northwards into North West, Limpopo, northern Mpumalanga and as far as Tanzania and the DRC and east into northern Botswana and Namibia.



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