

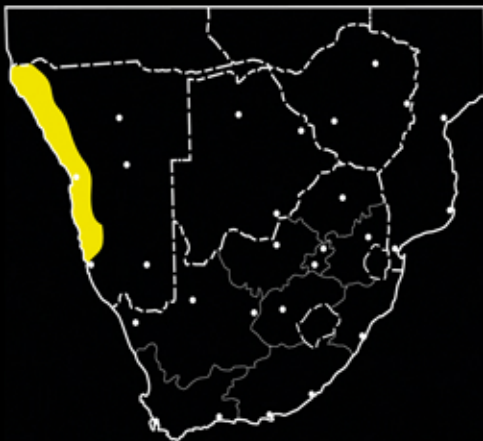
MILDLY VENOMOUS



Namib Sand Snake

(*Psammophis namibensis*)

Maximum Length:
1.4 m



Other names:
Namibsandslang

A long and slender snake that averages 50-80 cm with a maximum length of 1.4 m. It has a light W pattern on the side of the head behind the eye. It occurs in arid Namib Desert and Karoo vegetation at low altitudes on the west coast of Namibia. The Namib Sand Snake hunts for lizards, rodents and snakes during the day, often with the front third of the body well off the ground.

This snake, like most sand snakes, is very quick and will seek refuge in the nearest shrub if disturbed. Though back-fanged and venomous, the venom of this snake is mild and has virtually no effect on humans.

