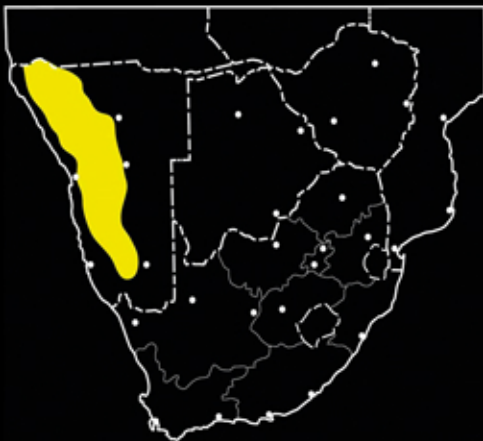




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## Western Keeled Snake (*Pythonodipsas carinata*)

Maximum Length:  
80 cm



Other names:  
Westelike Gekielde Slang

A nocturnal snake that inhabits rocky desert areas of Namibia and elsewhere further north. The Western Keeled snake averages 50 cm but can reach 80 cm in length. Females are larger than males.

This snake feeds on lizards, especially geckos and skinks, but will also take small rodents and even birds. It may be confused with the Horned Adder but is more slender.

This snake lays up to 16 eggs in late summer. It has large back fangs and bites readily if handled, but the venom has no effect on humans.

