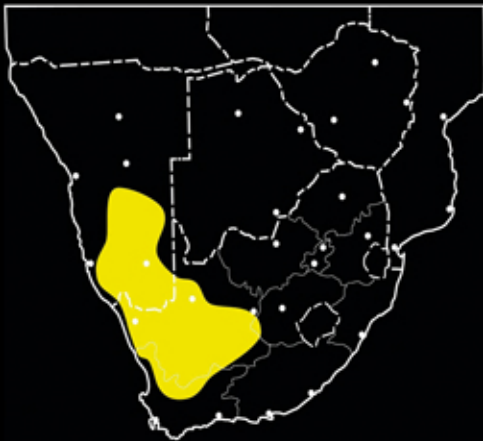




MILDLY VENOMOUS

Beetz's Tiger Snake (*Telescopus beetzi*)

Maximum Length:
68 cm



Other names:

Beetz se Tierslang

A beautifully-marked nocturnal snake that averages 40-60 cm with a maximum length of 68 cm. It inhabits the rocky arid regions of Namaqualand and the Karoo extending into southern Namibia. This snake is quite common in some areas and often killed at night on roads by passing vehicles. When cornered it performs like the Herald Snake, coiling up with its head drawn back and will strike with an open mouth, biting readily. Beetz's Tiger Snake feeds on lizards, especially geckos. Its venom is mild and has little effect on humans.

