

Animal Fact Sheet

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Saharan Sand Viper

Cerastes vipera

The Saharan Sand Viper is a small, venomous snake native to the arid deserts of North Africa, particularly the Sahara. It is well-adapted to life in loose sand, with a short, stout body and a broad, ...

Quick facts

Classification: Reptile

Family: Viperidae

Habitat: Desert

Diet: Carnivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 10-15 years

Weight: 50-120 grams

Scientific name: *Cerastes vipera*

Did you know?

- Despite being venomous, the Saharan Sand Viper is relatively small and rarely poses a threat to humans due to its secretive and non-aggressive nature.
- The Saharan Sand Viper can bury itself almost completely beneath the sand, leaving only its eyes visible to spot prey. It uses a unique sidewinding m...

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