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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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