



SNAKEBITE PROFILE

PÉRINGUEY'S ADDER

Bitis peringueyi



Risk of Bites

Bites from this snake are extremely rare and are invariably inflicted on snake handlers.



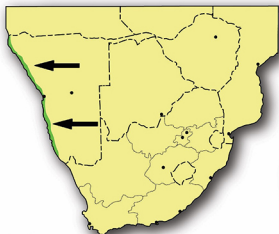
Most Bites

Peringuey's Adder has a restricted distribution along the desert dunes of Namibia and further north. This snake is quick to bury itself into loose sand if approached and bites are virtually unheard of.



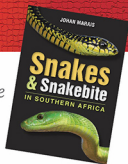
Symptoms & Venom

This snake has a very mild cytotoxic venom, causing pain and local swelling.



See pages 18-22

– *Snakes and Snakebite in Southern Africa* (2024).



First Aid

Immobilise and reassure the patient and elevate the affected limb. Remove tight clothing and jewelry. Transport the victim to the nearest hospital or doctor for pain management. Avoid all other first aid remedies including bandages.



Medical Treatment

There is no antivenom for bites from this snake and victims would be treated for pain. This is a small snake with little venom and symptoms from a bite should resolve themselves within a few days.

