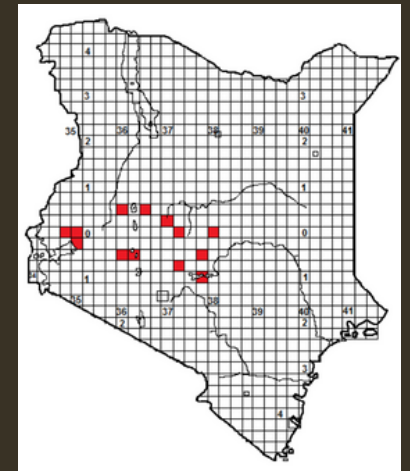


VARIABLE BURROWING ASP

Atractaspis irregularis Potential for harm: **Dangerous**



Distribution

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Tail ends in pointed cone

Shiny black or dark gray

Points head at ground when threatened

Small eyes in front of head



Variable burrowing asp facts:

- Adults reach lengths of 66 cm
- From central to western Kenya
- Active at night; hides in holes and under ground cover
- Lives on or under the ground; comes out on wet nights
- Fangs can inject out the side of the mouth - no way to hold this snake
- The venom is cytotoxic and hemotoxic causing pain, swelling, blisters, and bleeding
- Bites can be treated symptomatically; no antivenom available; can be fatal

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