

Red Sand Boa

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Red Sand Boa Latest News

The Hyderabad zonal unit of Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) recently recovered live Indian Red Sand Boa (*Eryx johnii*) from a person, who was involved in illegal trading of live snakes at Warangal.

About Red Sand Boa

- The Red Sand Boa, commonly called the **Indian Sand Boa**, is a **non-venomous snake** species found throughout the **dry parts of the Indian subcontinent**.
- Scientific Name: *Eryx johnii*

Red Sand Boa Habitat and Distribution

- The species is **endemic to Iran, Pakistan, and India**.
- These snakes **prefer dry, sandy, and loose soil environments** that support their fossorial lifestyle.
- It is **ovoviviparous** and **nocturnal** and **spends the majority of its time underground**.

Red Sand Boa Appearance

- It is a primarily **reddish-brown and thick-set snake** that grows to an average length of 75 cm.
- Unlike most snakes, the **tail is almost as thick as the body** and **gives the reptile the appearance of being “double-headed”**.

Red Sand Boa Conservation Status

It is classified as '**Near Threatened**'.

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