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COVER PHOTOGRAPH: *Hyperolius pusillus* from near Nelspruit, South Africa. Photograph by: Bryan Maritz. Canon EOS 50D (1/250, F25, ISO 200).

GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTIONS

REPTILIA: SQUAMATA

COLUBRIDAE

Gonionotophis nyassae (Gunther, 1888)

Black File Snake

Nyondo (1729DC), 100 km east of Rundu, at 22h00 on the tarred road. Observed with Hennie Roets of the Crocodile Ranch and Snake Park.

This species is currently known from only three localities in Namibia (Griffin 2003), viz., Okapuka (2217AC), Grootfontein (1918AC) and Katima Mulilo (2724CA). In December, 2011, at 22h00 an adult male was found on the tarred road at Nyondo, 100 km east of Rundu in the Caprivi Strip. This new locality represents a range extension 312 km north-east of Grootfontein which is the nearest locality recorded for this species in Namibia. The snake regurgitated a *Lygosoma s. sundevalli*. The specimen has been deposited in the National Museum, Windhoek (SMR 1078/JV 95161).

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ELAPIDAE

Naja nivea Linnaeus, 1758

Cape Cobra

Namibia, Damaraland. 10 km south of the Brandberg West Mine (2114BA) collected by Gernot Ahrens, Windhoek (Fig. 1).

The most recently defined Namibian distribution for this species is south of Windhoek (Griffin 2003). The closest I have recorded this species south of Windhoek is 125 km south of Rheboth (2317AC). The Brandberg West Mine specimen is from 350 km north-west of Windhoek and represents a considerable extension of range for this species. The specimen has been deposited in the National Museum Windhoek under catalogue number SMR 1077.



Figure 1: Cape cobra (*Naja nivea*) from Damaraland, Namibia.

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