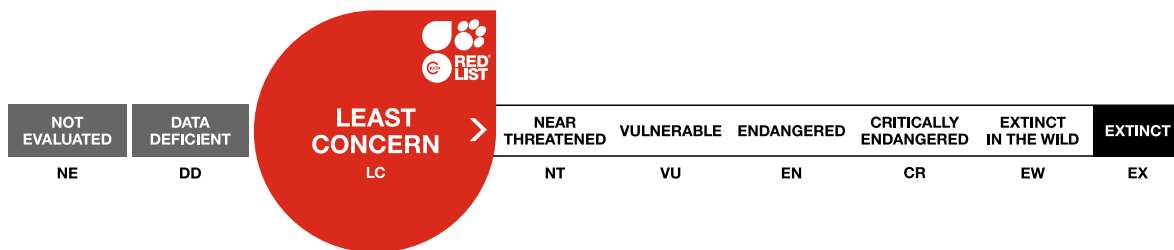


Namibiana latifrons, Benguela Worm Snake

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Taxonomy

Kingdom	Phylum	Class	Order	Family
Animalia	Chordata	Reptilia	Squamata	Leptotyphlopidae

Scientific Name: *Namibiana latifrons* (Sternfeld, 1908)

Synonym(s):

- *Glauconia latifrons* Sternfeld, 1908
- *Leptotyphlops latifrons* (Sternfeld, 1908)

Common Name(s):

- English: Benguela Worm Snake, Sternfeld's Thread Snake

Assessment Information

Red List Category & Criteria: Least Concern [ver 3.1](#)

Year Published: 2020

Date Assessed: October 24, 2019

Justification:

This species is widespread with no major threats and is therefore assessed as Least Concern.

Geographic Range

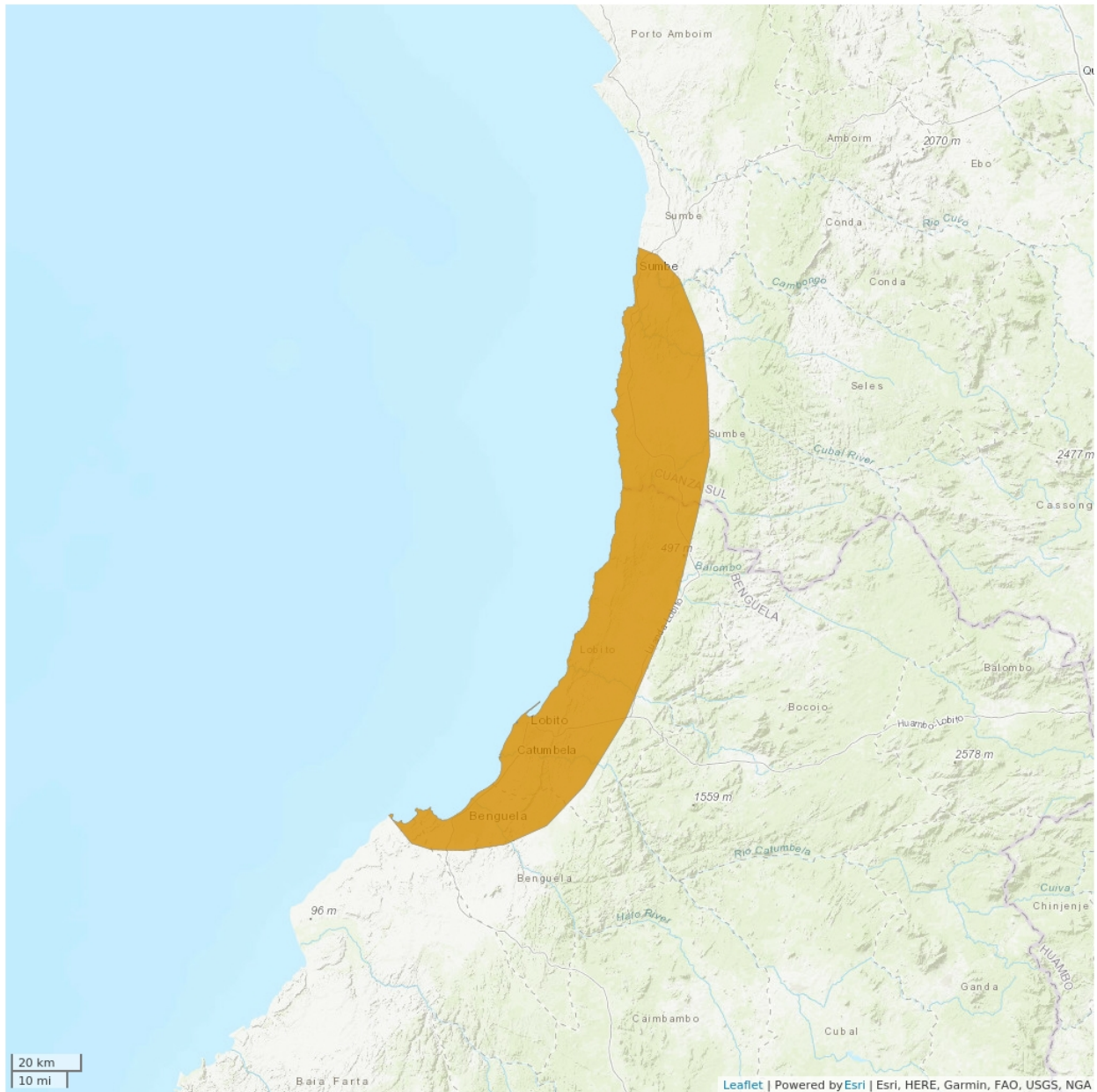
Range Description:

This species is known from the coastal plain of western Angola from Benguela to Cuanza Sul Provinces (Marques *et al.* 2018).

Country Occurrence:

Native, Extant (resident): Angola

Distribution Map

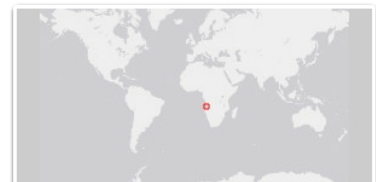


Legend

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Population

A rarely encountered species due to its fossorial habit and very small size. But assumed to be stable.

Current Population Trend: Stable

Habitat and Ecology (see Appendix for additional information)

This burrowing snake occurs in sandy coastal soils in *Euphorbia* dominated shrubland.

Systems: Terrestrial

Use and Trade (see Appendix for additional information)

This species is not used or traded.

Threats

There are no major threats to this species.

Conservation Actions (see Appendix for additional information)

This species is not known from any protected areas, but is likely to occur in some (e.g. Quiçama National Park). No specific conservation actions are in place and none are needed.

Credits

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Appendix

Habitats

(<http://www.iucnredlist.org/technical-documents/classification-schemes>)

Habitat	Season	Suitability	Major Importance?
3. Shrubland -> 3.5. Shrubland - Subtropical/Tropical Dry	-	Suitable	No

Conservation Actions in Place

(<http://www.iucnredlist.org/technical-documents/classification-schemes>)

Conservation Action in Place
In-place land/water protection
Occurs in at least one protected area: Unknown

Additional Data Fields

Distribution
Lower elevation limit (m): 0
Upper elevation limit (m): 50

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