

***Pedioplanis namaquensis*
(Duméril & Bibron, 1839)**

NAMAQUA SAND LIZARD

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Regional: Least Concern

Taxonomy: A molecular analysis indicated that *P. namaquensis* consists of two distinct taxa, one in Namibia and the other in South Africa (Makokha *et al.* 2007), but their exact distributions are unclear.

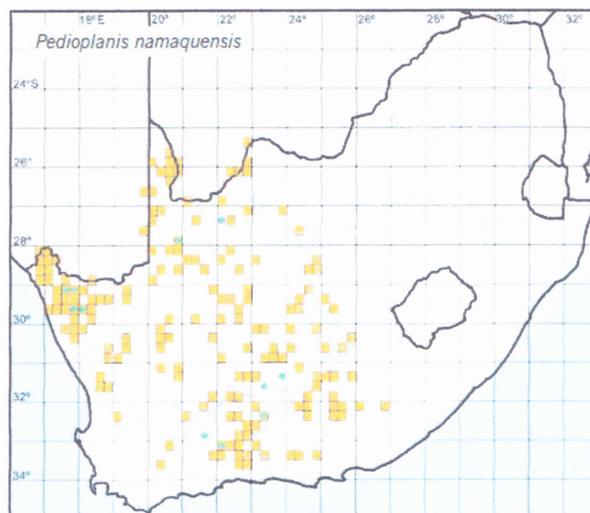
Distribution: Occupies a large part of the dry western half of southern Africa, from west of Algoa Bay in the Eastern Cape, northwards through the Karoo and Kalahari to southern Angola and eastern Botswana (Branch 1998). In the *Atlas* region it occurs in the Eastern, Western and Northern Cape provinces, southwestern Free State and western parts of North-West province.

Habitat: Inhabits open sandy areas in karroid veld, arid savanna and semi-desert. Digs its own burrows in sand at the base of bushes (Branch 1998).

Biome: Nama-Karoo; Succulent Karoo; Savanna; Grassland; Desert; Fynbos; Albany Thicket.

Assessment rationale: Abundant, widespread and not threatened.

Conservation measures: None recommended.



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