

# Southern African Reptile Conservation Assessment (SARCA)

## An exciting way to learn more about South African reptiles

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In May 2005 the **Southern African Reptile Conservation Assessment (SARCA)** was launched. This is the first faunal project of the South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI). The project's aim is to improve the understanding of the diversity and distribution of reptiles in Southern Africa, and thereby to improve in the conservation status of these animals.

Marius Burger is organising many field surveys in areas that are still insufficiently studied and he will be effective only if he has the support and assistance of at least two volunteers (all expenses covered) during each trip. During a 10 days trip in relatively wild and rugged areas, the activities include ...

... setting and clearing traps



... searching roads and other likely habitats at night



... excavating termitaria for fossorial species



We went on a field trip and we saw and learnt a lot.

*"We have seen with our own eyes, how many reptile species are out there!"*

*"For the first time in our life we hold a Cape Cobra in our hands (and we are very proud to have overcome our fear)!"*

*"To get so many reptiles at night was very surprising for us, they are more active at night than during the day!"*

**Volunteers wanted!**

... the trip is a real experience and an exciting way to learn more about reptiles



