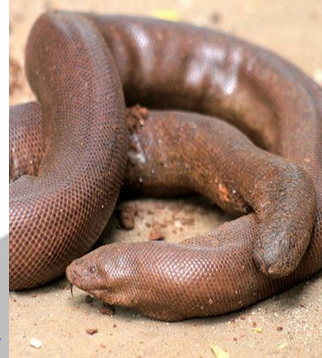




Red Sand Boa Snake

Why in News

Recently, a **red sand boa snake (Eryx johnii)**, worth around ₹1.25 crore, was rescued from five



persons, who were trying to sell it in Madhya Pradesh. [//](#)

- It is a **rare non-poisonous snake** that is used for making certain medicines, cosmetics and in black magic, and is in huge demand in the international market.
- It is **found in whole of India excluding North-east states** after North-Bengal; also not found in Indian islands.
- Among layman it is famous as "**Two-headed Snake**" due to the presence of very thick tail having rounded end.
- The trade and possession of the red sand boa is an offence under the **Wildlife Protection Act 1972**. The species is listed under **Schedule 4** of the Act. Also, it is listed in **CITES Appendix II**.

Source: [TH](#)

PDF Refernece URL: <https://www.drishtiias.com/printpdf/red-sand-boa-snake>