

## Sand Cobras

### Description

With light brown scales, sand cobras, blend in well with the surrounding sand. Its long fangs and forked tongue strike fear into their prey. Typical young sand cobras measures 1 meter long while adults easily reach 25 m. Their outer scales possess a firmness and a smoothness akin to sand smoothed rock.

Despite possessing eyes, their eyesight remains notably poor. They can feel movement up to 50 meters away using a vibration sense.



### Combat Tactics

Sand cobras prefer to borrow through the sand, moving towards vibrations and strike from below with a single bite. Young sand cobras rely on their small size to both hunt and avoid predators. When hunting as a pack, they use the element of surprise to inject their prey with venom and repeatedly hurt them until they can no longer fight.

Having learned how to hunt, older sand cobras no longer require a large pack nor an ability to hide. Instead, they search for food either alone or in pairs. Upon striking, sand cobras gain a free grapple attempt. Once grappled, the targets either gets pulled under the sand or suffocates shortly thereafter.

### Ecology and Habitat

Preferring warm places with frequent vibrations, young sand cobras tend to make their homes near settlements and oases. As they grow in size, they need more space and move out to more open desert lands.

Even though they are closely associated with desert worlds, sand cobras frequently populate the beaches of water worlds. With a greater source of food in a smaller area, these creatures reproduce much more rapidly in these types of tropical environments.

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Some iguani keep sand cobras as pets. New born sand cobras have their venom sacks removed. This stunts their growth and makes them easier to train. Iguani that prefer to show their boldness keep sand cobras without their venom sacks removed.

Desert worlds of Catalena and Zasparan III possess a sizable population of sand cobras. The Fire Sand Guard, operating on Catalena, is said to train sand cobras for their military operations. Supposedly, their leader rode into a battle inside the mouth of one of these creatures.

Size	Str	Dex	End	Int	Inst	Pack	Melee	Stealth	Armor	Attack	Movement
Tiny	1	5	2	6	4	10	0	2	1	-2 (1) (Venom)	3 meters
Small	4	6	5	7	5	8	1	2	2	0 (1d6) (Venom)	6 meters
Med	10	9	14	6	4	5	2	1	3	3 (1d6+1) (Grapple)	9 meters
Large	18	10	16	5	4	2	3	0	4	7 (2d6) (Grapple)	12 meters
Huge	22	4	20	5	3	1	3	0	4	8 (3d6+1) (Grapple)	15 meters

**Additional Skills:** Athletics 1, Recon 2, Survival 1

**Venom:** Tiny and small sand cobras inject a venom into those they bite. Sand cobra venom does 1d6 Int damage if the affected target fails an End check (-2 DM).

**Grapple:** Medium, large and huge sand cobras may make a free grapple attempt upon a successful bite.

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