Map 90. Distribution of the webfooted gecko (*Palmatogecko rangei*).

Map 91. Distribution of the bluetailed sandveld lizard (*Nucras caesicaudata*).
**BLUE-TAILED SANDVELD LIZARD**

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_Nucras caecicuivata_ Broadley 1972. **Class**: Reptilia, **Suborder**: Sauria, **Family**: Lacertidae


**SUMMARY**

**Status**: Peripheral. A small lizard only found within our limits in the sandveld of the north-eastern Kruger National Park.

**Research**: Poor. A study of its habits and habitat requirements should be considered.

**SPECIES DATA**

**Identification**: A small _Nucras_ (maximum size 202 mm TL) with transversely enlarged plates under the forearm. Colour: Characteristically seven pale longitudinal stripes down the back. Tail powder blue.

**Distribution**: The species only occurs in the sandveld of the north-eastern Kruger National Park. Outside our limits it occurs in south-eastern Zimbabwe and more extensively along the Mozambique plain.

**Habitat and Ecology**: This species is found in areas with deep sand and has been observed feeding on termites (Pienaar et al., 1983).

**Breeding**: No data available - presumable ooviparous.

**Remarks**: A little known species.

**CONSERVATION**

**Status**: The species occupies a very limited distribution in South Africa. No details of the population are known. Its main range appears to be in Mozambique.

**Threats**: None known as it is found in remote areas where human disturbance is minimal.

**Existing Conservation Measures**: It is offered some protection under the Transvaal Provincial Ordinance and its total distribution in South Africa is within the borders of the Kruger National Park.

**Breeding Potential in Captivity**: Not known. None in captivity.

**Recommended Conservation Measures**: More detail of its habitat and habits needed.


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