



Poisonous animals 1.5 Saw scaled viper :

Scientific name : Echis carinatus

Identification :

1. The saw-scaled viper (*afai, echis carinate*) is brown, half metre in length, and has **wavy white line on each flank of the back with diamond-shaped areas** between these two lines.
2. It has a triangular head, the upper surface of which is covered with a white mark resembling a **bird's foot-print or an arrow.**
3. The tail is short and tapering.
4. The broad belly plates with brown or dark spots, small scales on the head, and entire shields beneath the tail are the distinguishing features.

Nature of venom : Predominantly **vasculo- and haemotoxic**

Antidote : **Antisnake venom (ASV)**