

# DANGEROUS SNAKES OF ZAMBIA



Zambia has 92 different types of snakes. 16 are considered potentially deadly while another 9 are capable of inflicting very painful bites.

**VERY DANGEROUS**

Has caused human fatalities

**DANGEROUS**

Painful bite, but does not require antivenom



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**Black Mamba**  
(*Dendroaspis polylepis*)



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**Puff Adder**  
(*Bitis arietans arietans*)



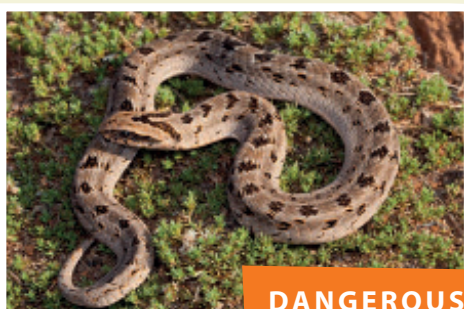
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**Gaboon Adder**  
(*Bitis gabonica*)



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**Bibron's Stiletto Snake**  
(*Atractaspis bibronii*)



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**Rhombic Night Adder**  
(*Causus rhombeatus*)



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**Snouted Night Adder**  
(*Causus defilippii*)



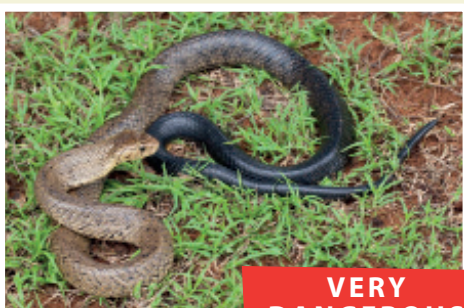
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**Anchieta's Cobra**  
(*Naja anchietae*)



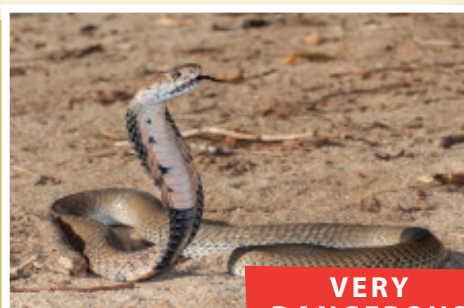
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**Banded Water Cobra**  
(*Naja annulata*) Photo Bill Branch



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**Forest Cobra**  
(*Naja subfulva*)



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**Mozambique Spitting Cobra**  
(*Naja mossambica*)



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**Black-necked Spitting Cobra**  
(*Naja nigricollis*)



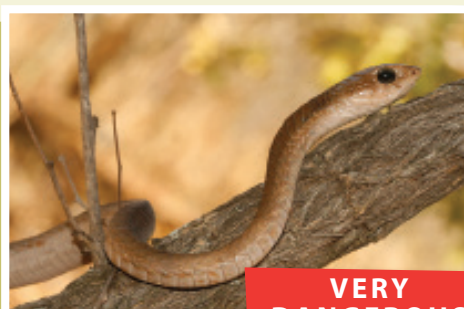
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**Kivu Boomslang**  
(*Dispholidus typus kivuensis*)



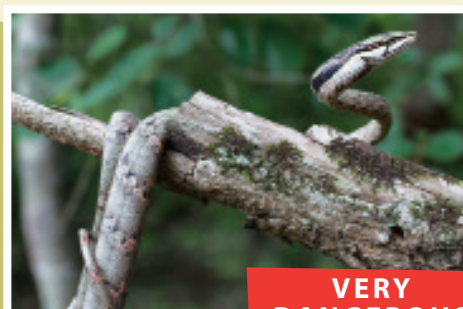
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**Common Boomslang - male**  
(*Dispholidus typus viridis*)



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**Common Boomslang - female**  
(*Dispholidus typus viridis*) Photo André Coetzer



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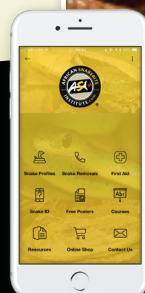
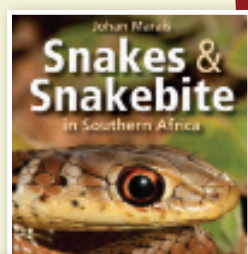
**Southern Twig Snake**  
(*Thelotornis capensis capensis*)



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**Forest Twig Snake**  
(*Thelotornis kirtlandii*) Photo Bill Branch

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## EMERGENCY PROTOCOL

### IN THE EVENT OF A SNAKE BITE

- 1 Keep the victim calm, immobilized and transport the victim to the closest hospital **without delay**.
- 2 If the victim stops breathing, resort to artificial respiration or make use of a Bag Valve Mask.
- 3 Call the Poison Information Centre help-line for further advice: 0861 555 777.

### DO NOT

- ... apply a tourniquet.
- ... cut and suck the wound.
- ... use ice or very hot water.
- ... give the victim alcohol.
- ... apply electric shock.
- ... inject antivenom randomly.

**Antivenom (if required) must be administered by a doctor in a hospital environment.**

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