

# DANGEROUS SNAKES OF ANGOLA



Angola has over 120 different types of snakes. The majority are not venomous or only mildly venomous. Sixteen can inflict rather painful bites.

Fifteen species are considered potentially deadly

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



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



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**Black-necked Spitting Cobra**  
(*Naja nigricollis*) - photo Luke Verburgt



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



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**Southern Vine Snake**  
(*Thelotornis capensis*)



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**Kunene Coral Snake**  
(*Aspidelaps l. cowlesi*) - photo Randy Babb



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**Zebra Cobra**  
(*Naja nigricincta*)



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



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



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**Horned Adder**  
(*Bitis caudalis*)



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**Spotted Night Adder**  
(*Causus maculatus*)



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**Southern African Python**  
(*Python natalensis*)



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**Stiletto Snake**  
(*Atractaspis sp.*) - photo Luke Kemp



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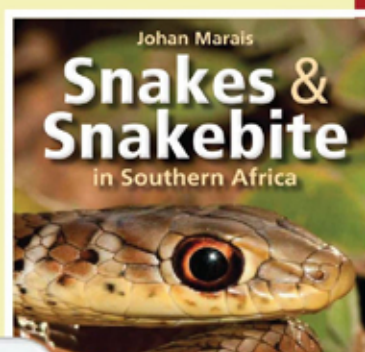
**Velvety-green Night Adder**  
(*Causus resimus*)



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**Two-lined Night Adder**  
(*Causus bilineatus*) - photo Werner Conradie

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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.