



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Green Mamba

(*Dendroaspis angusticeps*)

Maximum Length:

2.5 m



Other names:

Groenmamba

A bright green snake that in South Africa inhabits coastal KZN and is usually only found within a few kilometres of the sea. In Mozambique and Zimbabwe, the distribution may extend further inland. It is often confused with harmless green snakes of the genus *Philothamnus* and the green Boomslang. The Green Mamba spends most of its life in dense coastal vegetation and moist woodlands where it hunts for tree-living mammals as well as birds during the day. Its venom is potently neurotoxic but may also cause swelling. Antivenom is effective but bites are quite rare. Juveniles have a long head and are often green and turquoise. This species is not known from eSwatini or inland South Africa.

