

COMMON SNAKES OF GAMSBERG NATURE RESERVE



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Has caused
human fatalities

VENOMOUS

Painful bite, but does
not require antivenom

MILDLY VENOMOUS

Not thought to be
harmful to humans

HARMLESS

Not dangerous to
humans



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Cape Cobra
(*Naja nivea*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Black Spitting Cobra
(*Naja nigricincta woodi*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Puff Adder
(*Bitis arietans*)



VENOMOUS

Cape Coral Snake
(*Aspidelaps l. lubricus*)



VENOMOUS

Desert Mountain Adder
(*Bitis xeropaga*)



VENOMOUS

Horned Adder
(*Bitis caudalis*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Dwarf Beaked Snake
(*Dipsina multimaculata*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Beetz's Tiger Snake
(*Telescopus beetzii*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Karoo Sand Snake
(*Psammophis notostictus*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Fork-marked Sand Snake
(*Psammophis trinasalis*)



HARMLESS

Spotted Rock Snake
(*Lamprophis guttatus*)



HARMLESS

Brown House Snake
(*Boaedon capensis*) - photo Luke Kemp



HARMLESS

Bug-eyed House Snake
(*Boaedon mentalis*)



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Common Egg-eater
(*Dasypeltis scabra*)



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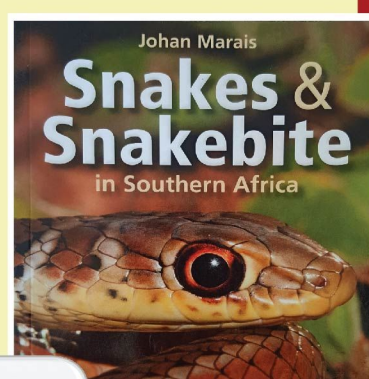
South-western Shovel-snout
(*Prosymna frontalis*)



HARMLESS

Delalande's Beaked Blind Snake
(*Rhinotyphlops lalandei*)

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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.