

# COMMON SNAKES OF GOUKAMMA 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**

Boomslang - male  
(*Dispholidus typus*)



**HIGHLY  
VENOMOUS**

Puff Adder  
(*Bitis arietans*)



**VENOMOUS**

Berg Adder  
(*Bitis atropos*)



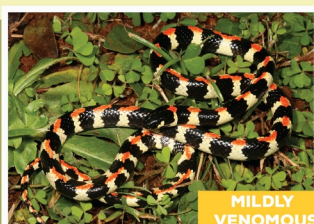
**MILDLY  
VENOMOUS**

Many-spotted Reed Snake  
(*Amplorhinus multimaculatus*)



**CAN INFLICT  
A PAINFUL BITE**

Mole Snake  
(*Pseudaspis cana*)



**MILDLY  
VENOMOUS**

Spotted Harlequin Snake  
(*Homoroselaps lacteus*)



**VENOMOUS**

Rhombic Night Adder  
(*Causus rhombeatus*)



**MILDLY  
VENOMOUS**

Spotted Skaapsteker  
(*Psammophylax rhombeatus*)



**MILDLY  
VENOMOUS**

Cross-marked Grass Snake  
(*Psammophis crucifer*)



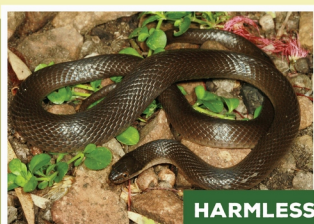
**MILDLY  
VENOMOUS**

Herald Snake  
(*Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia*)



**HARMLESS**

Western Natal Green Snake  
(*Philothamnus occidentalis*)



**HARMLESS**

Brown Water Snake  
(*Lycodonomorphus rufulus*) - photo Luke Kemp



**HARMLESS**

Olive Snake  
(*Lycodonomorphus inornatus*)



**HARMLESS**

Rhombic Egg-eater  
(*Dasypeltis scabra*)



**HARMLESS**

Common Slug-eater  
(*Duberria lutrix*) - photo Luke Kemp

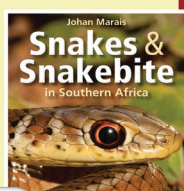
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## EMERGENCY PROTOCOL

### 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.