

DANGEROUS SNAKES OF BOTSWANA



Botswana has 62 species of snakes. Eight species are considered potentially deadly. Another ten species can give a bad bite. Twenty species are mildly venomous and not dangerous to humans. Twenty-four species are harmless.

HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Has caused
human fatalities.

VENOMOUS

Painful bite, but does
not require antivenom.



**HIGHLY
VENOMOUS**

Black Mamba
(*Dendroaspis polylepis*)



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**HIGHLY
VENOMOUS**

Snouted Cobra
(*Naja annulifera*)



**HIGHLY
VENOMOUS**

Snouted Cobra - banded form
(*Naja annulifera*)



**HIGHLY
VENOMOUS**

Anchieta's Cobra
(*Naja anchietae*)



**HIGHLY
VENOMOUS**

Cape Cobra
(*Naja nivea*)



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Cape Cobra
(*Naja nivea*)



**HIGHLY
VENOMOUS**

Cape Cobra - juvenile
(*Naja nivea*)



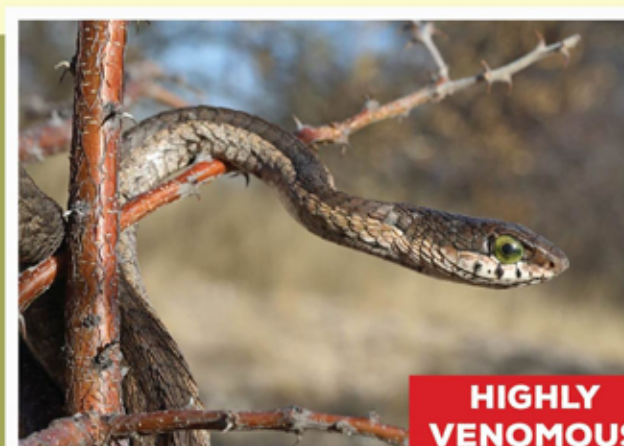
**HIGHLY
VENOMOUS**

Mozambique Spitting Cobra
(*Naja mossambica*)



**HIGHLY
VENOMOUS**

Boomslang - male
(*Dispholidus typus*)



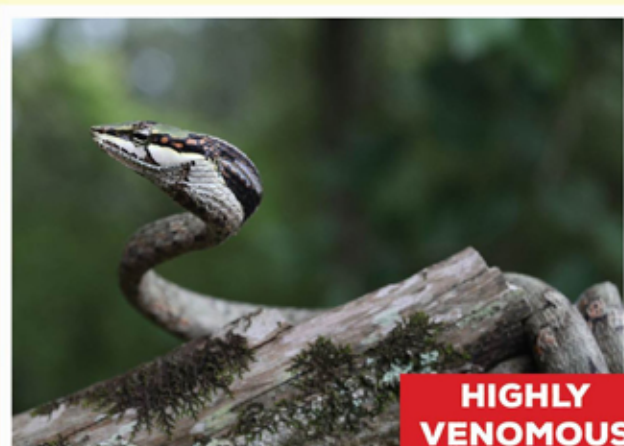
**HIGHLY
VENOMOUS**

Boomslang - female
(*Dispholidus typus*)



**HIGHLY
VENOMOUS**

Boomslang - juvenile
(*Dispholidus typus*)



**HIGHLY
VENOMOUS**

Southern Vine Snake
(*Thelotornis capensis*)



**HIGHLY
VENOMOUS**

Puff Adder
(*Bitis arietans*)



VENOMOUS

Horned Adder
(*Bitis caudalis*)



VENOMOUS

Bibron's Stiletto Snake
(*Atractaspis bibronii*)

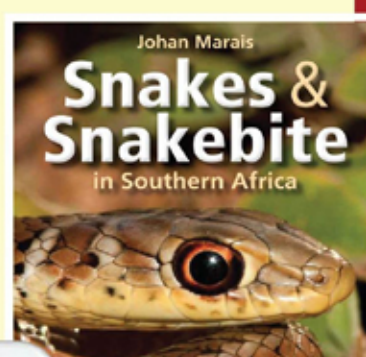
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EMERGENCY PROTOCOL

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: +27 861 555 777.

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.