# **COMMON AND DANGEROUS** SNAKES OF GHANA



Ghana has a large variety of snakes. Around fourteen species of snakes are highly venomous. About twelve are venomous but not deadly. The majority of snakes encountered are either mildly venomous or harmless to humans.

## HIGHLY

Has caused human fatalities

### **VENOMOUS**

П Painful bite, but does not require antivenom

Not thought to be harmful

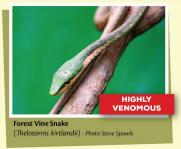
## **HARMLESS**

Not dangerous to humans





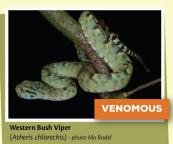
































(Python regius) - Photo Luke Kemp





African House Snake



Natriciteres variegata) - Photo Bill Branch

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