

DANGEROUS SNAKES OF UGANDA



Uganda has a large selection of snakes across different habitats. Twelve species are considered highly venomous and around eighteen species are dangerous or can inflict a painful bite.

HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Has caused human fatalities

VENOMOUS

Painful bite, but does not require antivenom



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Black Mamba
(*Dendroaspis polylepis*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Jameson's Mamba
(*Dendroaspis jamesoni*) - photo Bill Branch



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Vine Snake
(*Thelotornis sp.*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Boomslang
(*Dispholidus typus*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Egyptian Cobra
(*Naja haje*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Brown Forest Cobra
(*Naja subfulva*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Ashe's Spitting Cobra
(*Naja ashei*)



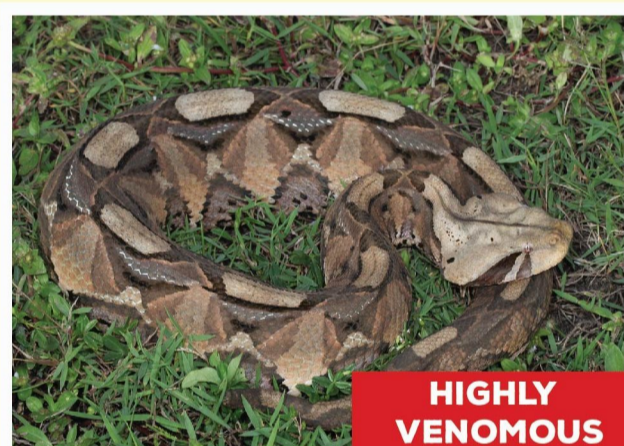
HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Black-necked Spitting Cobra
(*Naja nigricollis*) - photo Luke Verburgt



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Puff Adder
(*Bitis arietans*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Gaboon Adder
(*Bitis gabonica*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Rhino-horned Viper
(*Bitis nasicornis*)



VENOMOUS

Bush Vipers
(*Atheris sp.*) - photo Luke Verburgt



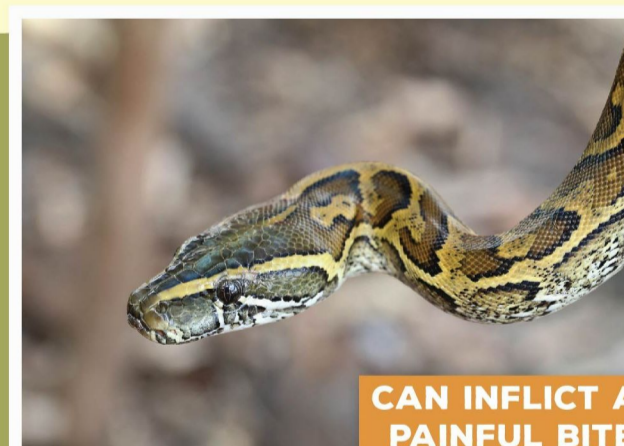
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Velvety-green Night Adder
(*Causus resimus*)



VENOMOUS

Common Night Adder
(*Causus rhombeatus*)



CAN INFLICT A PAINFUL BITE

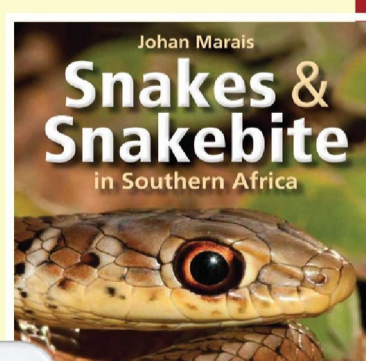
African Rock Python
(*Python sebae*)



VENOMOUS

Stiletto Snake
(*Atractaspis sp.*) - 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: +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.