

DANGEROUS SNAKES OF ZIMBABWE



Zimbabwe has eighty species of snakes of which thirty three are considered harmless. Nine species can give a bad bite. Twelve species are highly venomous and potentially deadly to humans.

**HIGHLY
VENOMOUS**

Has caused human fatalities.

VENOMOUS

Painful bite, but does not require antivenom.



**HIGHLY
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Black Mamba
(*Dendroaspis polylepis*)



**HIGHLY
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Green Mamba
(*Dendroaspis angusticeps*)



**HIGHLY
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Southern Vine Snake
(*Thelotornis capensis*)



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Eastern Vine Snake
(*Thelotornis mossambicanus*)



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Boomslang - male
(*Dispholidus typus*)



**HIGHLY
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Snouted Cobra
(*Naja annulifera*)



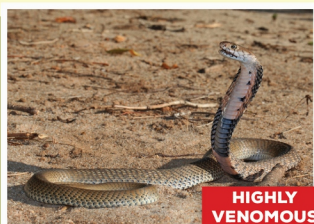
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Anchieta's Cobra
(*Naja anchietae*)



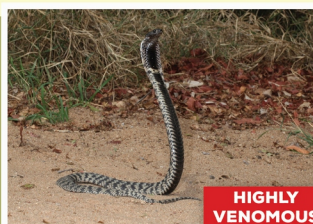
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Brown Forest Cobra
(*Naja subfulva*)



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Mozambique Spitting Cobra
(*Naja mossambica*)



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Nyanga Rinkhals
(*Hemachatus nyangensis*)



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Gaboon Adder
(*Bitis gabonica*)



**HIGHLY
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Puff Adder
(*Bitis arietans*)



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Berg Adder
(*Bitis atropos*) - Photo James Harvey



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Horned Adder
(*Bitis caudalis*)



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Common Night Adder
(*Causus rhombeatus*)



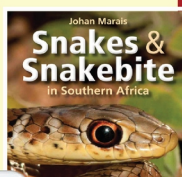
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Bibron's Stiletto Snake
(*Atractaspis bibronii*)

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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.