

# COMMON SNAKES OF AGULHAS NATIONAL PARK



Agulhas National Park has around 20 species of snakes. Four species are considered highly venomous. Two species can give a bad bite. Five species are mildly venomous. Nine species are harmless to humans.

## 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**

**Boomslang - female**  
(*Dispholidus typus*)



**HIGHLY VENOMOUS**

**Boomslang - juvenile**  
(*Dispholidus typus*)



**HIGHLY VENOMOUS**

**Puff Adder**  
(*Bitis arietans*)



**VENOMOUS**

**Southern Adder**  
(*Bitis armata*)



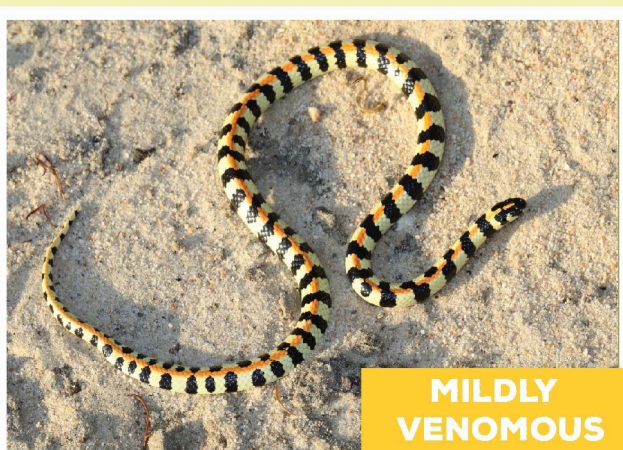
**CAN INFLECT A PAINFUL BITE**

**Mole Snake - adult**  
(*Pseudaspis cana*)



**HARMLESS**

**Mole Snake - juvenile**  
(*Pseudaspis cana*)



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

**Spotted Harlequin Snake**  
(*Homoroselaps lacteus*)



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

**Cross-marked Grass Snake**  
(*Psammophis crucifer*) - Photo Luke Kemp



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

**Spotted Skaapsteker**  
(*Psammophylax rhombatus*)



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

**Herald Snake**  
(*Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia*) - photo Luke Kemp



**HARMLESS**

**Olive Snake**  
(*Lycodonornomorphus inornatus*)



**HARMLESS**

**Common Egg-eater**  
(*Dasypeltis scabra*)



**HARMLESS**

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



**HARMLESS**

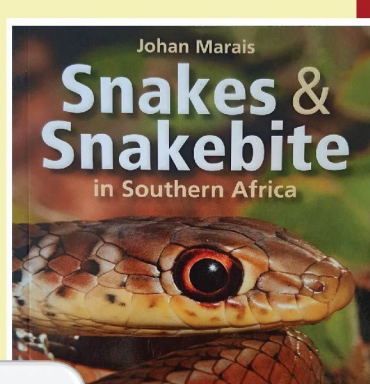
**Delelände's Beaked Blind Snake**  
(*Rhinotyphlops lalandei*)

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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.