

COMMON SNAKES OF STRUISBAAI



Struisbaai 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*)



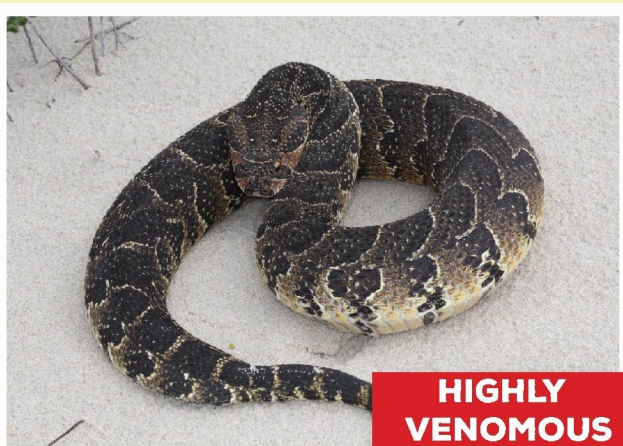
**HIGHLY
VENOMOUS**

Boomslang - female
(*Dispholidus typus*)



**HIGHLY
VENOMOUS**

Boomslang - juvenile
(*Dispholidus typus*)



**HIGHLY
VENOMOUS**

Puff Adder
(*Bitis arietans*)



VENOMOUS

Southern Adder
(*Bitis armata*)



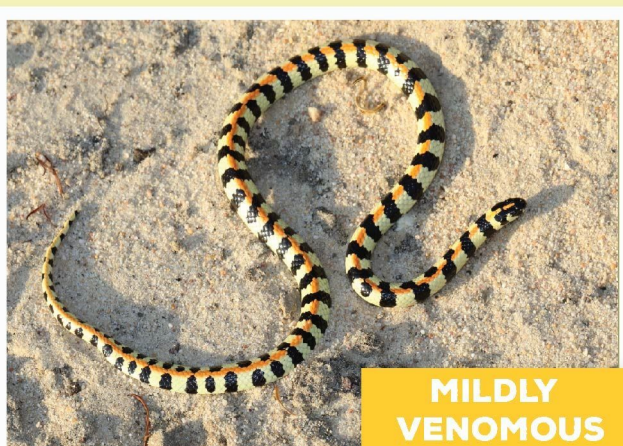
**CAN INFLICT
A PAINFUL BITE**

Mole Snake - adult
(*Pseudaspis cana*)



HARMLESS

Mole Snake - juvenile
(*Pseudaspis cana*)



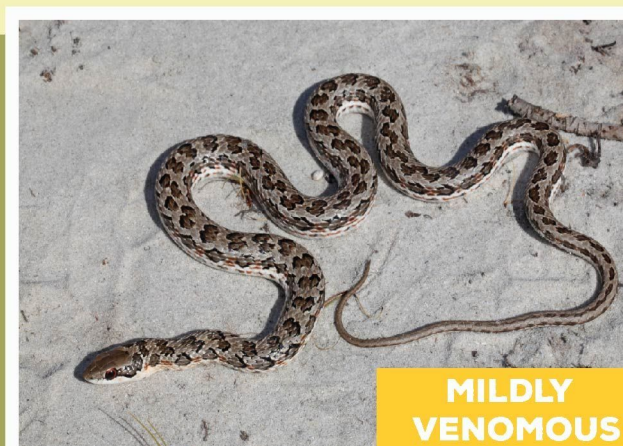
**MILDLY
VENOMOUS**

Spotted Harlequin Snake
(*Homoroselaps lacteus*)



**MILDLY
VENOMOUS**

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



**MILDLY
VENOMOUS**

Spotted Skaapsteker
(*Psammophylax rhombeatus*)



**MILDLY
VENOMOUS**

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



HARMLESS

Olive Snake
(*Lycodonomorphus inornatus*)



HARMLESS

Common Egg-eater
(*Dasypeltis scabra*)



HARMLESS

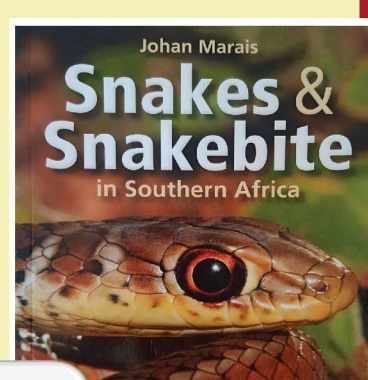
Common Slug-eater
(*Duberria lutrix*) - Photo Luke Kemp



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.