

COMMON SNAKES OF SABIE



Sabie has around thirty different types of snakes. Five species are considered highly venomous while another three can give a bad bite. Most snakes encountered are mildly venomous or 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**

Black Mamba
(*Dendroaspis polylepis*)



**HIGHLY
VENOMOUS**

Mozambique Spitting Cobra
(*Naja mossambica*)



**HIGHLY
VENOMOUS**

Rinkhals
(*Hemachatus haemachatus*)



**HIGHLY
VENOMOUS**

Puff Adder
(*Bitis arietans*)



**MILDLY
VENOMOUS**

Short-snouted Grass Snake
(*Psammophis brevirostris*)



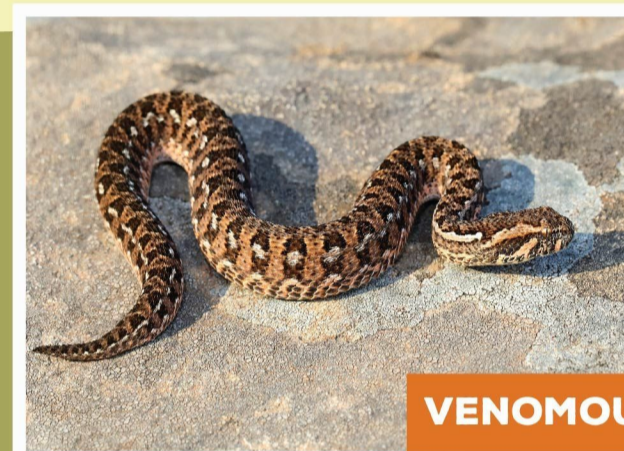
**MILDLY
VENOMOUS**

Black-headed Centipede-eater
(*Aparallactus capensis*)



VENOMOUS

Common Night Adder
(*Causus rhombeatus*)



VENOMOUS

Berg Adder
(*Bitis atropos*)



**MILDLY
VENOMOUS**

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



**CAN INFLICT A
PAINFUL BITE**

Southern African Python
(*Python natalensis*)



HARMLESS

Brown House Snake
(*Boaedon capensis*)



HARMLESS

Dusky-bellied Water Snake
(*Lycodonomorphus laevisimus*)



HARMLESS

Olive Snake
(*Lycodonomorphus inornatus*)



HARMLESS

Western Natal Green Snake
(*Philothamnus occidentalis*)



HARMLESS

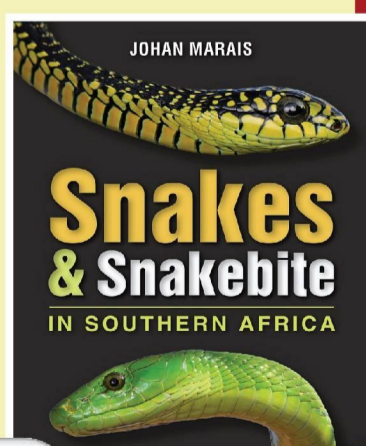
Southern Brown Egg-eater
(*Dasypeltis inornata*)



HARMLESS

Common Slug-eater
(*Duberria lutrix*)

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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.