

COMMON SNAKES OF KOSI BAY



Kosi Bay has around thirty one different types of snakes. Six are considered highly venomous while another three can give a painful bite. Most snakes encountered are mildly venomous or harmless to humans.

HIGHLY VENOMOUS	VENOMOUS	MILDLY VENOMOUS	HARMLESS
Has caused human fatalities	Painful bite, but does not require antivenom	Not thought to be harmful to humans	Not dangerous to humans



Green Mamba
(*Dendroaspis angusticeps*)



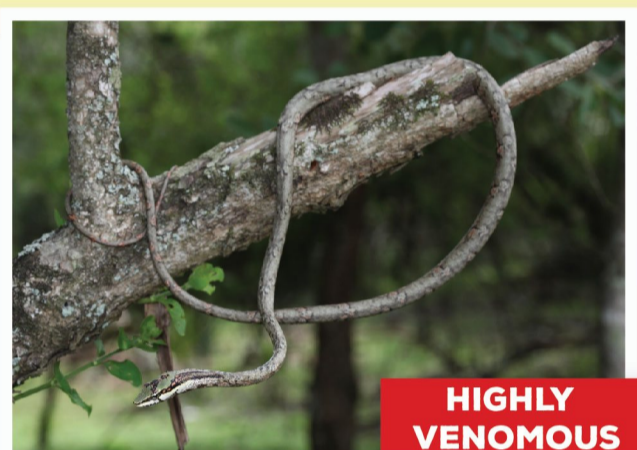
Brown Forest Cobra
(*Naja subfulva*)



Snouted Cobra
(*Naja annulifera*)



Mozambique Spitting Cobra
(*Naja mossambica*)



Southern Vine Snake
(*Thelotornis capensis*)



Gaboon Adder
(*Bitis gabonica*)



Southern African Python
(*Python natalensis*)



Herald Snake
(*Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia*)



Common Purple-glossed Snake
(*Amblyodipsas polylepis*)



Pygmy Wolf Snake
(*Lycophidion pygmaeum*)



Green Water Snake
(*Philothamnus hoplogaster*)



Eastern Natal Green Snake
(*Philothamnus natalensis*)



East African Shovel-snout
(*Prosymna stuhlmanni*)



East African Egg-eater
(*Dasypeltis medici*)

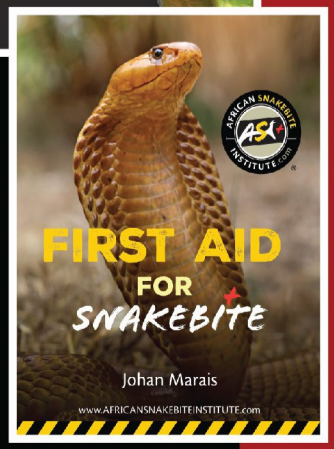
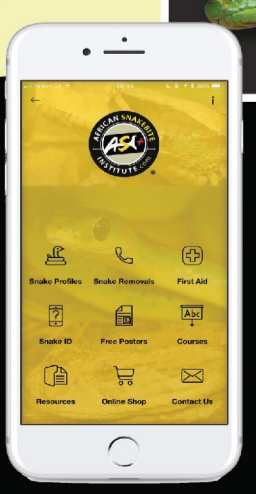
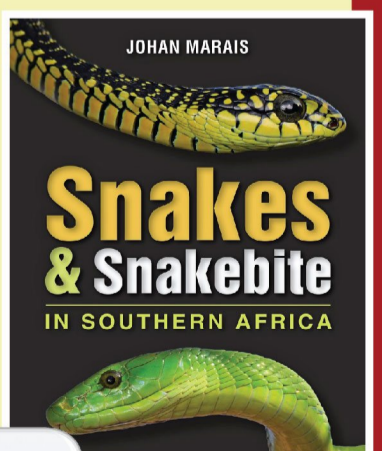


Variegated Slug-eater
(*Duberria variegata*)



Fornasini's Blind Snake
(*Afrotyphlops fornasinii*)

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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.