

COMMON SNAKES OF MOZAMBIQUE



Mozambique has a large variety of snakes. Eleven species are considered highly venomous. Eight species are venomous and another two can deliver a painful bite that may require stitches. The rest of the species are either 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

HARMLESS
Not dangerous to humans



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Black Mamba
(*Dendroaspis polylepis*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Green Mamba
(*Dendroaspis angusticeps*)



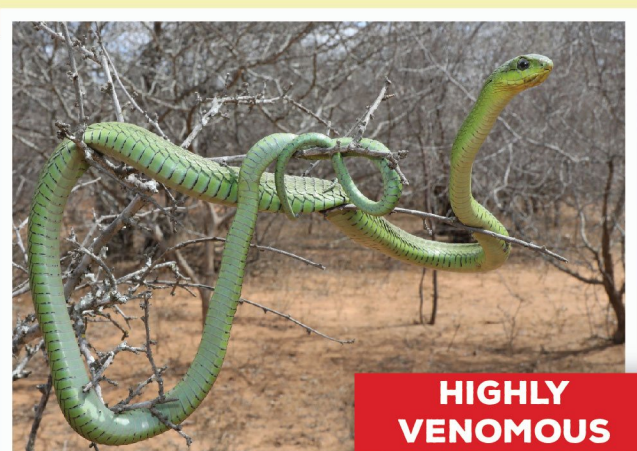
HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Snouted Cobra
(*Naja annulifera*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Mozambique Spitting Cobra
(*Naja mossambica*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Boomslang - male
(*Dispholidus typus*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Eastern Vine Snake
(*Thelotornis mossambicanus*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Puff Adder
(*Bitis arietans*)



VENOMOUS

Snouted Night Adder
(*Causus defilippii*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Herald Snake
(*Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Eastern Tiger Snake
(*Telescopus semiannulatus*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Common Purple-glossed Snake
(*Amblyodipsas polylepis*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Olive Grass Snake
(*Psammophis mossambicus*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Western Yellow-bellied Sand Snake
(*Psammophis subtaeniatus*)



CAN INFLICT A PAINFUL BITE

Southern African Python
(*Python natalensis*)



HARMLESS

Brown House Snake
(*Boaedon capensis*) Photo: Luke Kemp



HARMLESS

Common Wolf Snake
(*Lycophidion capense*)



HARMLESS

Spotted Bush Snake
(*Philothamnus semivariegatus*) Photo: Luke Kemp



HARMLESS

Eastern Natal Green Snake
(*Philothamnus natalensis*)



HARMLESS

Green Water Snake
(*Philothamnus hoplogaster*)



HARMLESS

Common Egg-eater
(*Dasypeltis scabra*) Photo: Luke Kemp

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