

# DANGEROUS SNAKES OF GABON



Gabon has a large variety of snakes. Around fourteen species of snakes are highly venomous. About twelve are venomous but not deadly. The majority of snakes encountered are either mildly venomous or harmless to humans.

**HIGHLY VENOMOUS**

Has caused human fatalities.

**VENOMOUS**

Painful bite, but does not require antivenom.



**HIGHLY VENOMOUS**

Central African Forest Cobra  
(*Naja melanoleuca*) - photo Luke Verburgt



**HIGHLY VENOMOUS**

Black-necked Spitting Cobra  
(*Naja nigricollis*)



**HIGHLY VENOMOUS**

Banded Water Cobra  
(*Naja annulata*) - photo Bill Branch



**HIGHLY VENOMOUS**

Gold's Tree Cobra  
(*Pseudohaje goldii*) - photo Ewan Kyle



**HIGHLY VENOMOUS**

Jameson's Mamba  
(*Dendroaspis jamesonii*) - photo Bill Branch



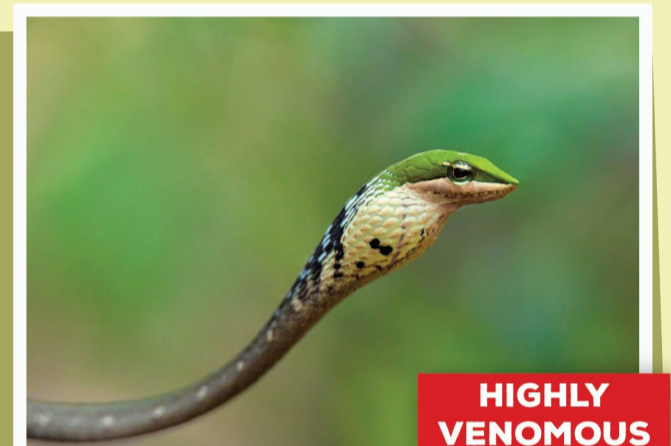
**HIGHLY VENOMOUS**

Gaboan Adder  
(*Bitis gabonica*)



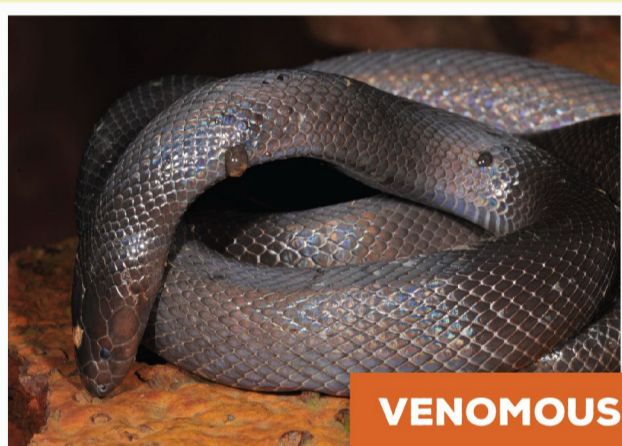
**HIGHLY VENOMOUS**

Rhino-horned Viper  
(*Bitis nasicornis*)



**HIGHLY VENOMOUS**

Forest Vine Snake  
(*Thelotornis kirtlandii*) - photo Richard McKibbin



**VENOMOUS**

Variable Stiletto Snake  
(*Atractaspis irregularis*) - photo Bill Branch



**VENOMOUS**

Variable Bush Viper  
(*Atheris squamigera*) - photo Luke Verburgt



**VENOMOUS**

Spotted Night Adder  
(*Causus maculatus*) - Photo Jelmor Groen



**VENOMOUS**

Lichtenstien's Night Adder  
(*Causus lichtensteini*) - photo Eli Greenbaum



**VENOMOUS**

Blanding's Tree Snake - male  
(*Toxicodryas blandingii*) - photo Gerald Dunger



**VENOMOUS**

Blanding's Tree Snake - female  
(*Toxicodryas blandingii*) - photo Luke Kemp



**VENOMOUS**

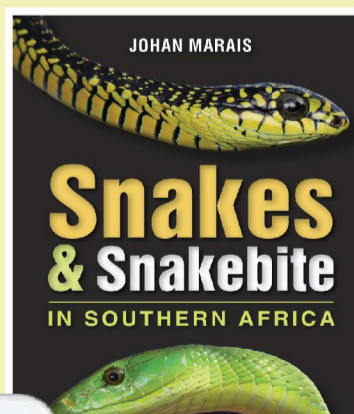
Blanding's Tree Snake - juvenile  
(*Toxicodryas blandingii*) - photo Luke Verburgt



**CAN DELIVER A PAINFUL BITE**

African Rock Python  
(*Python sebae*)

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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: +27 861 555 777.

### 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.