

COMMON SNAKES OF MALI



Mali has a large selection of snakes between the dry north and forested southern regions. Nine species are considered highly venomous and around five species are venomous or can inflict a painful bite.

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-necked Spitting Cobra
(*Naja nigricollis*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Egyptian Cobra
(*Naja haje*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Puff Adder
(*Bitis arietans*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

West African Saw-scaled Viper
(*Echis occidentalis/leucogaster*)



VENOMOUS

Sahara Sand Viper
(*Cerastes cerastes/vipera*)



VENOMOUS

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



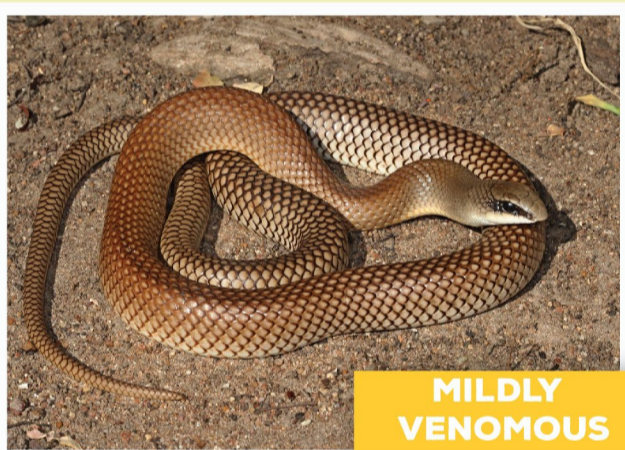
VENOMOUS

Stiletto Snake
(*Atractaspis sp.*) - Photo Bill Branch



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Herald Snake
(*Crotaphopeltis hotaemboia*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Rufous Beaked Snake
(*Rhamphiphis rostratus*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Moila Snake
(*Malpolon moilensis*) - Photo Jean-françois Trape



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Western Olive Grass Snake
(*Psammophis afroccidentalis*) - Photo Luke Kemp



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Elegant Sand Snake
(*Psammophis elegans*) - Photo Bobby Bok



CAN INFLICT A PAINFUL BITE

African Rock Python
(*Python sebae*)



HARMLESS

Royal/Ball Python
(*Python regius*) - photo Luke Kemp



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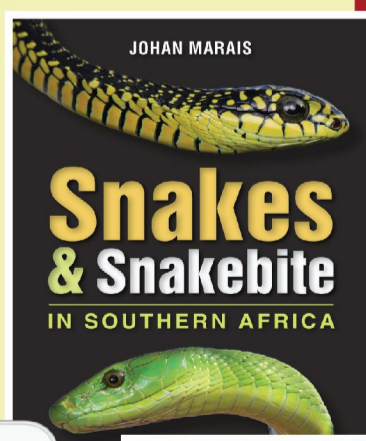
African House Snake
(*Boaedon fuliginosus/lineatus*) - photo Luke Kemp



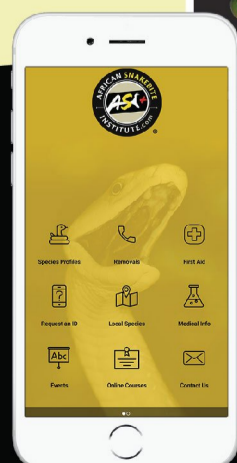
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Common Bush Snake
(*Philothamnus irregularis*)

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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.