

DANGEROUS SNAKES OF GUINEA



Guinea is home to around 96 species of different snakes. 14 of these are considered highly venomous and another 12 species are venomous and can inflict a painful bite.

HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Has caused
human fatalities

VENOMOUS

Painful bite, but does
not require antivenom



**HIGHLY
VENOMOUS**

West African Green Mamba
(*Dendroaspis viridis*) - photo Bill Branch



**HIGHLY
VENOMOUS**

Black Mamba
(*Dendroaspis polylepis*)



**HIGHLY
VENOMOUS**

Banded Forest Cobra
(*Naja savannula*) - photo Luke Verburt



**HIGHLY
VENOMOUS**

Black-necked Spitting Cobra
(*Naja nigricollis*) - photo Luke Verburt



**HIGHLY
VENOMOUS**

Western Gaboon Adder
(*Bitis rhinoceros*) - Photo Luke Kemp



**HIGHLY
VENOMOUS**

Puff Adder
(*Bitis arietans*)



**HIGHLY
VENOMOUS**

Rhino-horned Viper
(*Bitis nasicornis*)



**HIGHLY
VENOMOUS**

West African Saw-scaled Viper
(*Echis ocellatus*)



VENOMOUS

Western Bush Viper
(*Atheris chlorechis*) - photo Luke Verburt



VENOMOUS

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



VENOMOUS

Stiletto Snake
(*Atractaspis* sp.) - Photo Ryan Van Huysteen



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



VENOMOUS

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



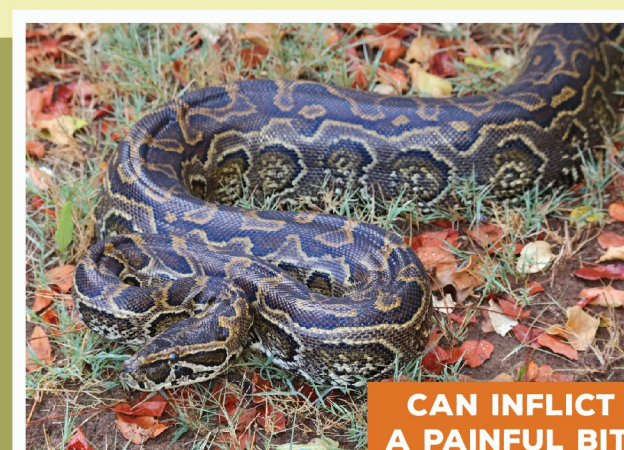
VENOMOUS

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



VENOMOUS

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



**CAN INFLICT
A PAINFUL BITE**

African Rock Python
(*Python sebae*)

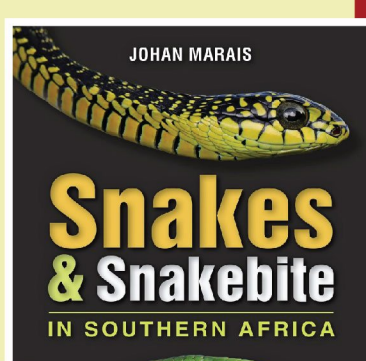
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EMERGENCY PROTOCOL

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.