

DANGEROUS SNAKES OF KENYA



Kenya has a large selection of snakes across different habitats. Fifteen species are considered highly venomous and around twenty one species are dangerous or can inflict a painful bite.

HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Has caused human fatalities

VENOMOUS

Painful bite, but does not require antivenom



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Black Mamba
(*Dendroaspis polylepis*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Green Mamba
(*Dendroaspis angusticeps*)



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



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Boomslang
(*Dispholidus typus*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Egyptian Cobra
(*Naja haje*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Brown Forest Cobra
(*Naja subfulva*) - photo Luke Kemp



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Black-necked Spitting Cobra
(*Naja nigricollis*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Vine Snake
(*Thelotornis sp.*)



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Ashe's Spitting Cobra
(*Naja ashei*)



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Red Spitting Cobra
(*Naja pallida*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Gaboon Adder
(*Bitis gabonica*)



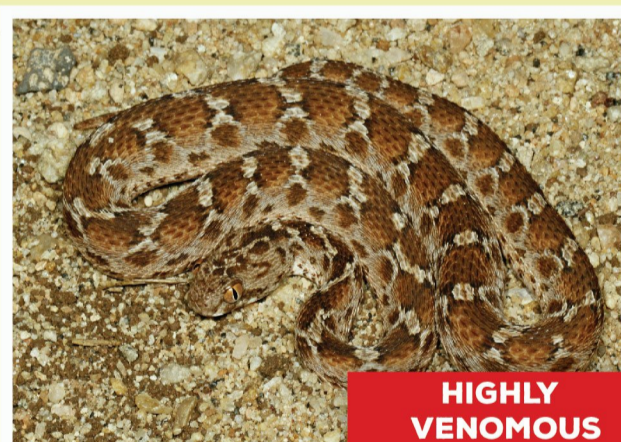
HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Rhino-horned Viper
(*Bitis nasicornis*)



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Puff Adder
(*Bitis arietans*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

North-east African Carpet Viper
(*Echis pyramidum*)



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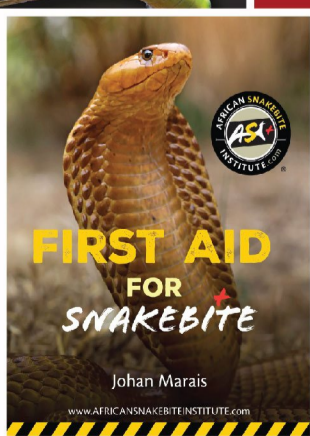
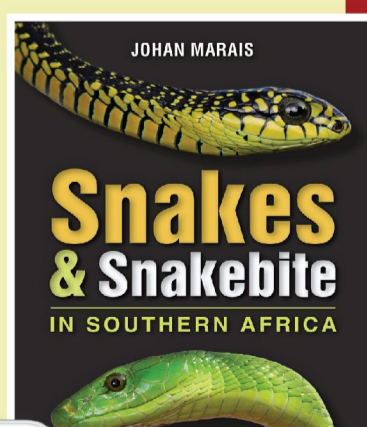
Common Night Adder
(*Causus rhombeatus*)



VENOMOUS

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

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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.