

# DANGEROUS SNAKES OF UGANDA



Uganda has a large selection of snakes across different habitats. Twelve species are considered highly venomous and around eighteen 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**

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



**HIGHLY VENOMOUS**

**Vine Snake**  
(*Thelotornis sp.*)



**HIGHLY VENOMOUS**

**Boomslang**  
(*Dispholidus typus*)



**HIGHLY VENOMOUS**

**Egyptian Cobra**  
(*Naja haje*)



**HIGHLY VENOMOUS**

**Brown Forest Cobra**  
(*Naja subfulva*)



**HIGHLY VENOMOUS**

**Ashe's Spitting Cobra**  
(*Naja ashei*)



**HIGHLY VENOMOUS**

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



**HIGHLY VENOMOUS**

**Puff Adder**  
(*Bitis arietans*)



**HIGHLY VENOMOUS**

**Gaboon Adder**  
(*Bitis gabonica*)



**HIGHLY VENOMOUS**

**Rhino-horned Viper**  
(*Bitis nasicornis*)



**VENOMOUS**

**Bush Vipers**  
(*Atheris sp.*) - photo Luke Verburgt



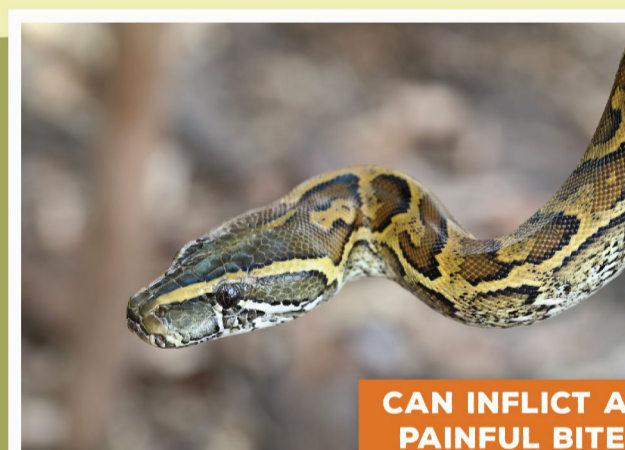
**VENOMOUS**

**Velvety-green Night Adder**  
(*Causus resimus*)



**VENOMOUS**

**Common Night Adder**  
(*Causus rhombeatus*)



**CAN INFLICT A PAINFUL BITE**

**African Rock Python**  
(*Python sebae*)



**VENOMOUS**

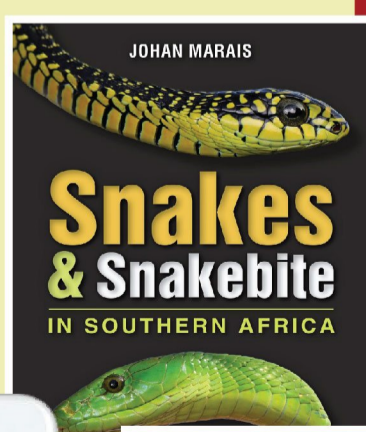
**Stiletto Snake**  
(*Atractaspis sp.*) - photo Luke Kemp

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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.