

DANGEROUS SNAKES OF ZULULAND



KwaZulu-Natal has eighty three different types of snakes. Forty four species are not venomous, while eight can inflict rather painful bites. Eleven species are considered potentially deadly.

HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Has caused human fatalities

VENOMOUS

Painful bite, but does not require antivenom



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Black Mamba
(*Dendroaspis polylepis*)



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Green Mamba
(*Dendroaspis angusticeps*)



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Southern Vine Snake
(*Thelotornis capensis*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Boomslang - male
(*Dispholidus typus*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Boomslang - female
(*Dispholidus typus*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Boomslang - juvenile
(*Dispholidus typus*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Forest Cobra
(*Naja subfulva*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Snouted Cobra
(*Naja annulifera*)



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Mozambique Spitting Cobra
(*Naja mossambica*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Puff Adder
(*Bitis arietans*)



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Puff Adder - juvenile
(*Bitis arietans*) photo - Luke Kemp



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Gaboon Adder
(*Bitis gabonica*)



VENOMOUS

Common Night Adder
(*Causus rhombeatus*)



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Snouted Night Adder
(*Causus defilippii*)



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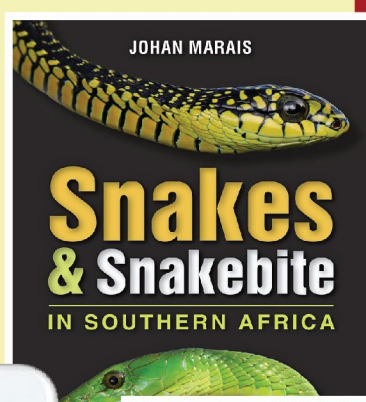
Bibron's Stiletto Snake
(*Atractaspis bibronii*)

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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: 0861 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.