

# LESSER-VENOMOUS AND HARMLESS SNAKES OF KENYA



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

Not thought to be harmful

**HARMLESS**

Not dangerous to humans



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

Olive Grass Snake  
(*Psammophis mossambicus*)



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

Dwarf Sand Snake  
(*Psammophis angolensis*) - photo Luke Kemp



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

Rufous Beaked Snake  
(*Rhamphiophis rostratus*)



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

Eastern Tiger Snake  
(*Telescopus semiannulatus*)



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

Herald Snake/White-lipped Snake  
(*Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia*)



**HARMLESS**

Common Wolf Snake  
(*Lycophidion capense*)



**HARMLESS**

African House Snake  
(*Boaedon fuliginosus*)



**HARMLESS**

Olive Marsh Snake  
(*Naticrateres olivacea*) - photo Tim Brammer



**HARMLESS**

Semiornate Snake  
(*Meizodon semiornatus*) - photo Adriaan Jordaan



**HARMLESS**

Spotted Bush Snake  
(*Philothamnus semivariatus*)



**HARMLESS**

Speckled Bush Snake  
(*Philothamnus punctatus*)



**HARMLESS**

Green Water Snake/South-eastern Green Snake  
(*Philothamnus hoplogaster*)



**HARMLESS**

Common File Snake  
(*Limaformosa capensis*)



**HARMLESS**

Common Egg-eater  
(*Dasypeltis scabra*)



**HARMLESS**

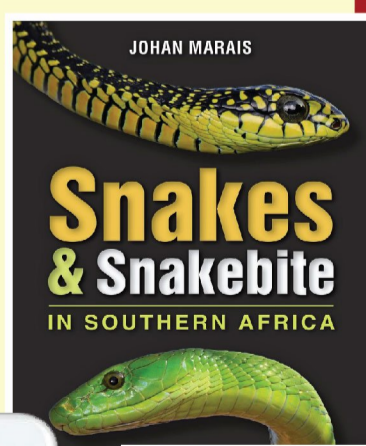
East-African Shovel-snout  
(*Prosymna stuhlmanni*)



**HARMLESS**

Zambezi Blind Snake  
(*Afrotyphlops dinga*)

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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.