

LESSER-VENOMOUS AND HARMLESS SNAKES OF MALAWI



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Not thought to be harmful

HARMLESS

Not dangerous to humans



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Olive Grass Snake
(*Psammophis mossambicus*)



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Eastern Stripe-bellied Sand Snake
(*Psammophis orientalis*) - photo Luke Kemp



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Striped Skaapsteker/Grass Snake
(*Psammophylax triaenatus*)



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Eastern Tiger Snake
(*Telescopus semiannulatus*)



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



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Black-headed Centipede-eater
(*Aparallactus capensis*)



HARMLESS

Brown House Snake
(*Boaedon capensis*)



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



HARMLESS

Common Wolf Snake
(*Lycophidion capense*)



HARMLESS

Spotted Bush Snake
(*Philothamnus semivariatus*)



HARMLESS

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



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Common File Snake
(*Limaformosa capensis*)



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East-African Egg-eater
(*Dasypeltis medici*)



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Common Egg-eater
(*Dasypeltis scabra*)



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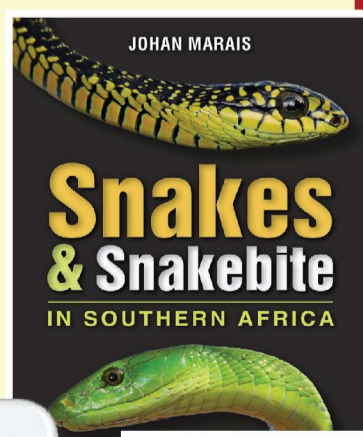
East-African Shovel-snout
(*Prosymna stuhlmanni*)



HARMLESS

Zambezi Blind Snake
(*Afrotyphlops dinga*) - photo Darren Pietersen

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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.