

# COMMON SNAKES OF ADDO ELEPHANT NATIONAL PARK



South African  
NATIONAL PARKS

## HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Has caused  
human fatalities

## VENOMOUS

Painful bite, but does  
not require antivenom

## MILDLY VENOMOUS

Not thought to  
be harmful

## HARMLESS

Not dangerous to  
humans



**HIGHLY  
VENOMOUS**

**Cape Cobra**  
(*Naja nivea*)



**HIGHLY  
VENOMOUS**

**Boomslang - male**  
(*Dispholidus typus*)



**HIGHLY  
VENOMOUS**

**Boomslang - female**  
(*Dispholidus typus*)



**HIGHLY  
VENOMOUS**

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



**VENOMOUS**

**Albany Adder**  
(*Bitis albanica*) - photo Luke Kemp



**VENOMOUS**

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



**MILDLY  
VENOMOUS**

**Spotted Harlequin Snake**  
(*Homoroselaps lacteus*)



**MILDLY  
VENOMOUS**

**Spotted Skaapsteker**  
(*Psammophylax rhombeatus*)



**MILDLY  
VENOMOUS**

**Cross-marked Grass Snake**  
(*Psammophis crucifer*) - photo Luke Kemp



**MILDLY  
VENOMOUS**

**Karoo Sand Snake**  
(*Psammophis notostictus*)



**MILDLY  
VENOMOUS**

**Herald Snake**  
(*Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia*)



**HARMLESS**

**Olive Snake**  
(*Lycodonormorphus inornatus*)



**HARMLESS**

**Common Wolf Snake**  
(*Lycophidion capense*) - photo Luke Kemp



**HARMLESS**

**Brown House Snake**  
(*Boaedon capensis*)



**HARMLESS**

**Spotted Bush Snake**  
(*Philothamnus semivariatus*) - photo Luke Kemp



**HARMLESS**

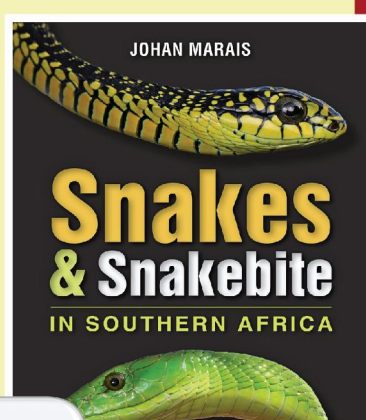
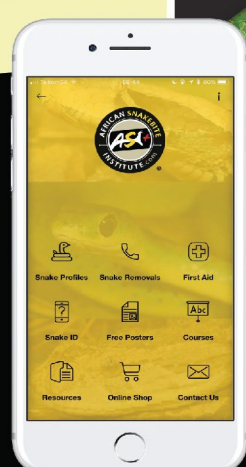
**Common Slug-eater**  
(*Duberria lutrix*) - photo Luke Kemp

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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: 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.