

COMMON SNAKES OF AI AIS/RICHTERSVELD TRANSFRONTIER 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**

Black Spitting Cobra
(*Naja nigricincta woodi*)



**HIGHLY
VENOMOUS**

Puff Adder
(*Bitis arietans*)



VENOMOUS

Horned Adder
(*Bitis caudalis*)



VENOMOUS

Desert Mountain Adder
(*Bitis xeropaga*)



VENOMOUS

Cape Coral Snake
(*Aspidelaps lubricus*)



**MILDLY
VENOMOUS**

Karoo Sand Snake
(*Psammophis notostictus*)



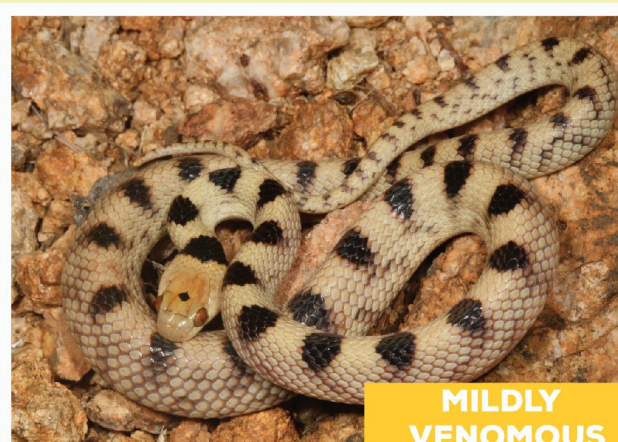
**MILDLY
VENOMOUS**

Western Sand Snake
(*Psammophis trigrammus*)



**MILDLY
VENOMOUS**

Dwarf Beaked Snake
(*Dipsina multimaculata*)



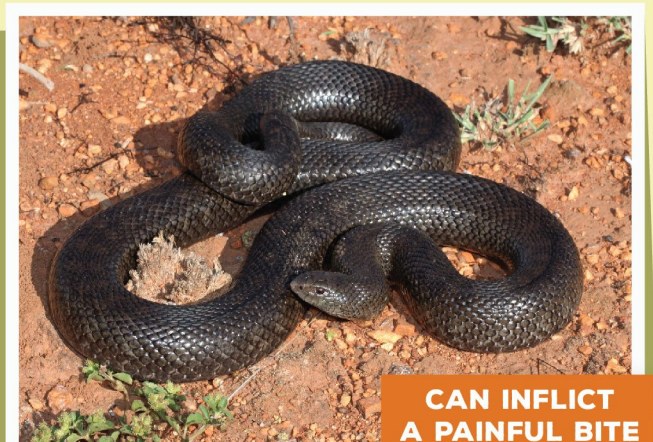
**MILDLY
VENOMOUS**

Beetz's Tiger Snake
(*Telescopus beetzii*)



**MILDLY
VENOMOUS**

Western Tiger Snake
(*Telescopus polystictus*)



**CAN INFLICT
A PAINFUL BITE**

Mole Snake - adult
(*Pseudaspis cana*)



HARMLESS

Brown House Snake
(*Boaedon capensis*) - photo Luke Kemp



HARMLESS

Bug-eyed House Snake
(*Boaedon mentalis*)



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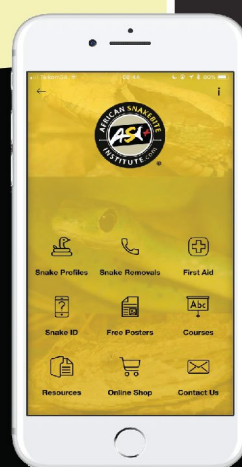
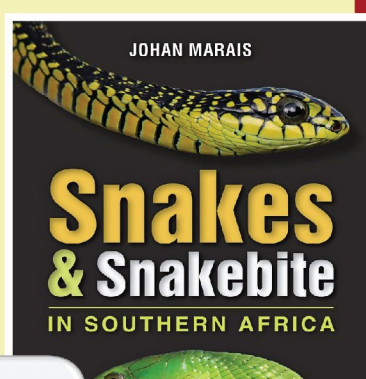
South-western Shovel-snout
(*Prosymna frontalis*)



HARMLESS

Western Thread Snake
(*Namibiana occidentalis*)

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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.