

COMMON SNAKES OF MATJIESRIVIER NATURE RESERVE



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Has caused
human fatalities

VENOMOUS

Painful bite, but does
not require antivenom

MILDLY VENOMOUS

Not thought to be
harmful to humans

HARMLESS

Not dangerous to
humans



**HIGHLY
VENOMOUS**

Cape Cobra
(*Naja nivea*)



**HIGHLY
VENOMOUS**

Black Spitting Cobra
(*Naja nigricincta woodi*)



VENOMOUS

Cape Coral Snake
(*Aspidelaps l. lubricus*)



**HIGHLY
VENOMOUS**

Boomslang - male
(*Dispholidus typus*)



**MILDLY
VENOMOUS**

Beetz's Tiger Snake
(*Telescopus beetzii*)



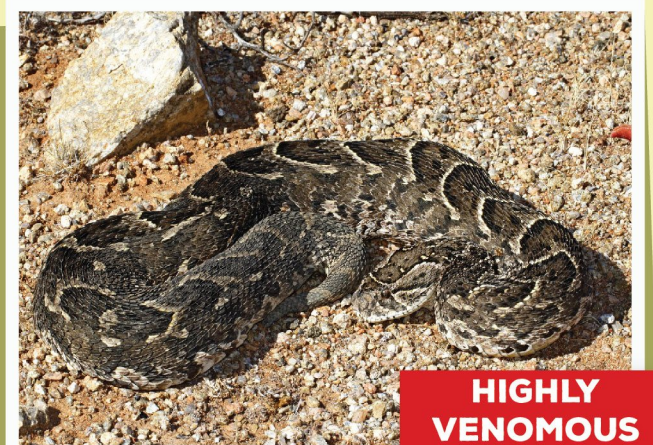
VENOMOUS

Red Adder - red form
(*Bitis rubida*)



VENOMOUS

Red Adder - patterned form
(*Bitis rubida*)



**HIGHLY
VENOMOUS**

Puff Adder
(*Bitis arietans*)



**MILDLY
VENOMOUS**

Karoo Sand Snake
(*Psammophis notostictus*)



**MILDLY
VENOMOUS**

Spotted Skaapsteker
(*Psammophylax rhombatus*)



HARMLESS

Spotted Rock Snake
(*Alopecion guttatum*)



HARMLESS

Sundevall's Shovel-snout
(*Prosymna sundevallii*)



HARMLESS

Brown Water Snake
(*Lycodonomorphus rufulus*)



HARMLESS

Brown House Snake
(*Boaedon capensis*)



HARMLESS

Common Egg-eater
(*Dasypeltis scabra*)



HARMLESS

Delelde's Beaked Blind Snake
(*Rhityphlops lalandei*) - photo Luke Kemp

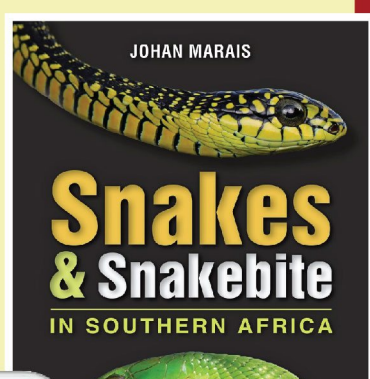
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EMERGENCY PROTOCOL

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.