

COMMON SNAKES OF MOZAMBIQUE



Mozambique has around 80 species of snakes. Thirteen species are considered potentially deadly. Another seven species can inflict a bad bite. Another two can deliver a painful bite that may require stitches. Twenty three species are mildly venomous. Thirty-five species are harmless.

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

Black Mamba
(*Dendroaspis polylepis*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Green Mamba
(*Dendroaspis angusticeps*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Snouted Cobra
(*Naja annulifera*)



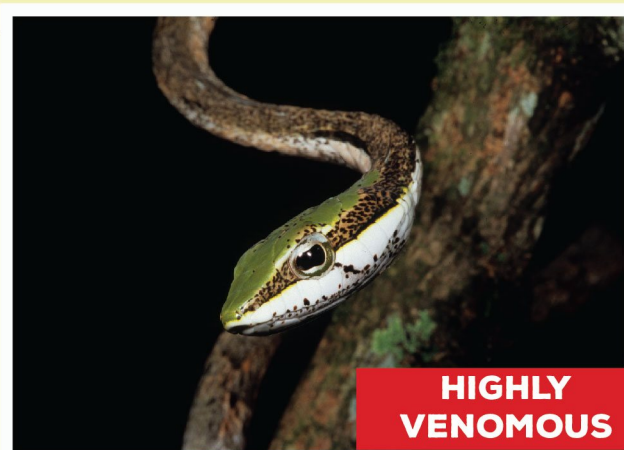
HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Mozambique Spitting Cobra
(*Naja mossambica*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Boomslang - male
(*Dispholidus typus*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Eastern Vine Snake
(*Thelotornis mossambicanus*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Puff Adder
(*Bitis arietans*)



VENOMOUS

Snouted Night Adder
(*Causus defilippii*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Herald Snake
(*Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Eastern Tiger Snake
(*Telescopus semiannulatus*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Common Purple-glossed Snake
(*Amblyodipsas polylepis*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Olive Grass Snake
(*Psammophis mossambicus*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Western Yellow-bellied Sand Snake
(*Psammophis subtaeniatus*)



CAN INFLICT A PAINFUL BITE

Southern African Python
(*Python natalensis*)



HARMLESS

Brown House Snake
(*Boaedon capensis*) Photo: Luke Kemp



HARMLESS

Common Wolf Snake
(*Lycophidion capense*)



HARMLESS

Spotted Bush Snake
(*Philothamnus semivariegatus*) Photo: Luke Kemp



HARMLESS

Eastern Natal Green Snake
(*Philothamnus natalensis*)



HARMLESS

Green Water Snake
(*Philothamnus hoplogaster*)



HARMLESS

Common Egg-eater
(*Dasypeltis scabra*) Photo: Luke Kemp

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