

COMMON SNAKES OF SKUKUZA



Skukuza has approximately 32 species of snakes. Six species are considered highly venomous while four are considered venomous. One species can inflict a painful bite that may require stitches. Ten species are mildly venomous and eleven are harmless to humans.

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

Snouted Cobra
(*Naja annulifera*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Mozambique Spitting Cobra
(*Naja mossambica*)



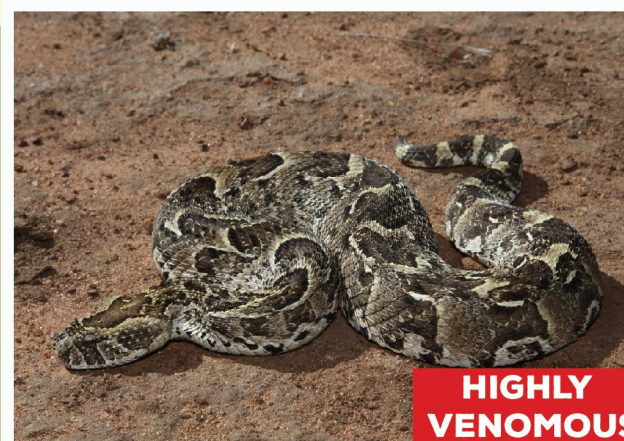
HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Boomslang - male
(*Dispholidus typus*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Southern Vine Snake
(*Thelotornis capensis*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Puff Adder
(*Bitis arietans*)



CAN INFLICT A PAINFUL BITE

Southern African Python
(*Python natalensis*)



VENOMOUS

Intermediate Shield-nose Snake
(*Aspidelaps scutatus intermedius*)



VENOMOUS

Bibron's Stiletto Snake
(*Atractaspis bibronii*)



VENOMOUS

Snouted Night Adder
(*Causus defilippii*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Herald Snake
(*Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Marbled Tree Snake
(*Dipsadoboa aulica*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Olive Grass Snake
(*Psammophis mossambicus*)



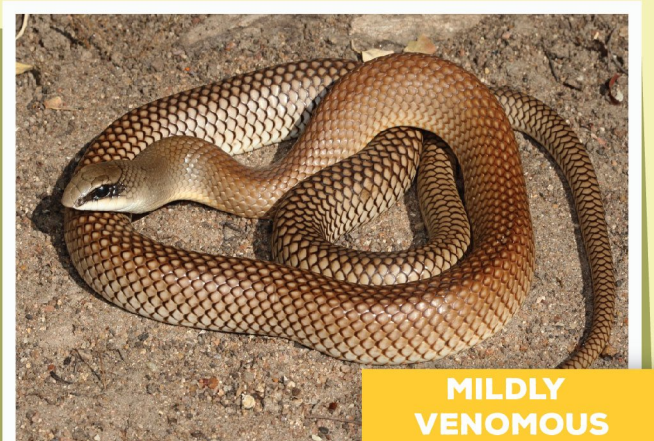
MILDLY VENOMOUS

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



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Striped Skaapsteker
(*Psammophylax triaenatus*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Rufous Beaked Snake
(*Rhamphiophis rostratus*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Eastern Tiger Snake
(*Teloscopus semiannulatus*)



HARMLESS

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



HARMLESS

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



HARMLESS

Common Egg-eater
(*Dasypeltis scabra*)

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