

# COMMON SNAKES OF CHIEF DAWID STUURMAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT



Chief Dawid Stuurman International Airport has around 28 species of snakes. Four species are considered highly venomous. Two species can give a bad bite. Five species are mildly venomous. Seventeen species 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 to humans

## HARMLESS

Not dangerous to humans



## HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Cape Cobra  
(*Naja nivea*)



## HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Rinkhals  
(*Hemachatus haemachatus*)



## HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Boomslang - male  
(*Dispholidus typus*)



## HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Puff Adder  
(*Bitis arietans*)



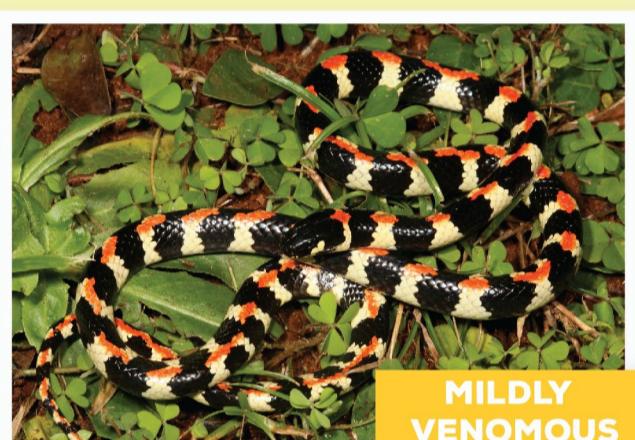
## VENOMOUS

Common Night Adder  
(*Causus rhombatus*)



## CAN INFILCT A PAINFUL BITE

Mole Snake  
(*Pseudaspis cana*)



## MILDLY VENOMOUS

Spotted Harlequin Snake  
(*Homoroselaps lacteus*)



## MILDLY VENOMOUS

Spotted Skaapsteker  
(*Psammophylax rhombatus*)



## MILDLY VENOMOUS

Herald Snake  
(*Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia*) - photo Luke Kemp



## MILDLY VENOMOUS

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



## HARMLESS

Olive Snake  
(*Lycodonomorphus inornatus*)



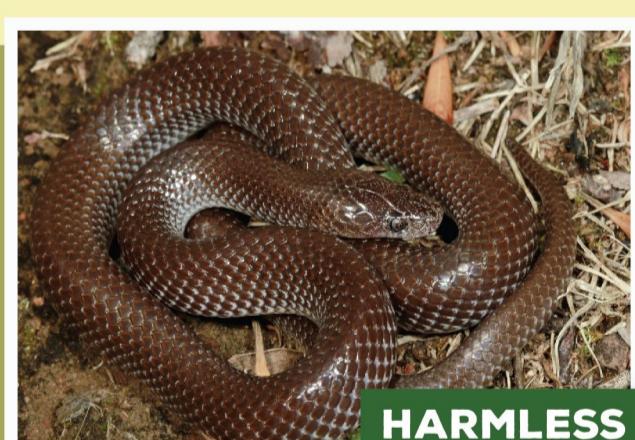
## HARMLESS

Brown Water Snake  
(*Lycodonomorphus rufulus*)



## HARMLESS

Western Natal Green Snake  
(*Philothamnus occidentalis*)



## HARMLESS

Common Wolf Snake  
(*Lycophidion capense*)



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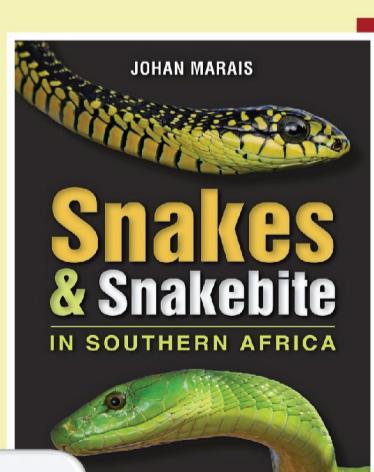
Brown House Snake  
(*Boaedon capensis*)



## HARMLESS

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

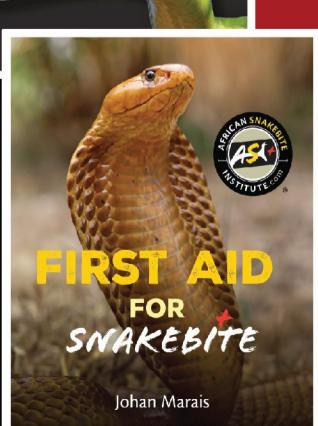
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## EMERGENCY PROTOCOL

### 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.

### 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.