COMMON SNAKES OF BANGWEULU WETLANDS

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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

Black Mamba
(Dendroaspis polylepis)

Black-necked Spitting Cobra
(Naja nigricollis) - Photo Luke Verburgt

Boomslang
(Dispholidus typus)

Puff Adder
(Bitis arietans)

Bibron's Stiletto Snake
(Atractaspis bibronii)

Snouted Night Adder
(Causus defilippii)

Southern African Python
(Python natalensis)

Herald Snake
(Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia)

Olive Grass Snake
(Psammophis mossambicus)

Green Water Snake
(Philothamnus hoplogaster)

Angola Green Snake
(Philothamnus angolensis) - photo Tim Brammer

Olive Marsh Snake
(Natriciteres olivacea) - photo Tim Brammer

Bangweulu Swamp Snake
(Limnophis bangweolicus) - photo Bill Branch

Zambezi House Snake
(Boaedon fradei)

Common Egg-eater
(Dasypeltis scabra)

Zambezi Blind Snake
(Afrotyphlops dinga)

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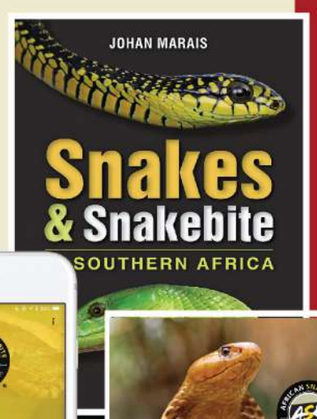

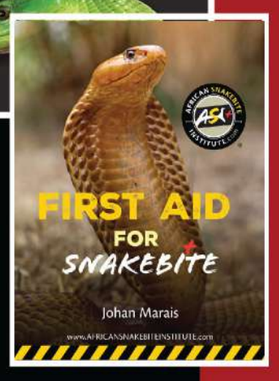

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EMERGENCY PROTOCOL

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 African Snakebite Institute help-line for further advice: +27 82 494 2039.

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.