COMMON SNAKES OF MATUSADONA NATIONAL PARK

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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)

Mozambique Spitting Cobra
(Naja nm,ossmabica) - Photo Alexander Rebello

Boomslang - male
(Dispholidus typus)

Snouted Cobra
(Naja annulifera)

Puff Adder
(Bitis arietans)

Boulegner's Garter Snake
(Elapsoidea boulengeri)

Bibron's Stletto Snake
(Atractaspis bibronii)

Southern African Python
(Python natalensis)

Olive Grass Snake
(Psammophis mossambicus)

Western Yellow-bellied Sand Snake
(Psammophis subtaeniatus)

Dwarf Sand Snake
(Psammophis angolensis)

Rufous Beaked Snake
(Rhamphiophis rostratus)

Bicoloured Quill-snouted Snake
(Xenocalamus bicolor bicolor)

Spotted Bush Snake
(Philothamnus semivarieagtus)

Brown House Snake
(Boaedon capensis)

Long-tailed Thread Snake
(Myriopholis longicauda)

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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.