COMMON SNAKES OF PENDJARI 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

West African Carpet Viper
(Echis ocellatus)

Puff Adder
(Bitis arietans)

West African Banded Cobra
(Naja savannula) - Photo Luke Verburgt

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

Katian Spitting Cobra
(Naja katiensis) - Photo Stephen Spawls

Spotted Night Adder
(Causus maculatus) - Photo Jelmer Groen

Angolan Garter Snake
(Elapsoidea semiannulats) - Photo Werner Conradie

African Rock Python
(Python sebae)

Olive Sand Snake
(Psammophis phillipsii) - Photo Luke Verburgt

Elegant Sand Snake
(Psammophis elegans) - Photo Tim Brammer

Variagated Tiger Snale
(Telescopus variegatus) - Photo Gerald Dunger

Herald Snake
(Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia)

Ball Python
(Python regius)

Common Bush Snake
(Philothamnus irregularis)

Striped House Snake
(Boaedon lineatus) - Photo Luke Verburgt

Egg-eater
(Dasypeltis spp) - Photo Stephen Spawls

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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.