

# COMMON SNAKES OF SINIKA MINIA NATIONAL PARK



**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**

**Carpet Viper**  
(*Echis spp.*)



**HIGHLY VENOMOUS**

**Puff Adder**  
(*Bitis arietans*)



**HIGHLY VENOMOUS**

**Egyptian Cobra**  
(*Naja haje*)



**HIGHLY VENOMOUS**

**Boomslang**  
(*Dispholidus typus*)



**HIGHLY VENOMOUS**

**Black-necked Spitting Cobra**  
(*Naja nigricollis*)



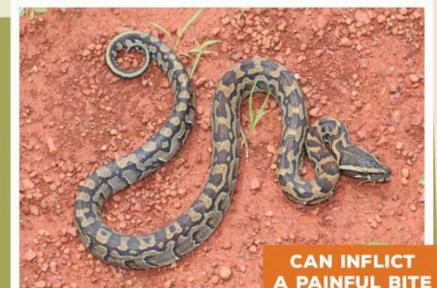
**VENOMOUS**

**Velvety Green Night Adder**  
(*Causus resimus*)



**VENOMOUS**

**Stiletto Snake**  
(*Atractaspis spp.*)



**CAN INFLICT A PAINFUL BITE**

**African Rock Python**  
(*Python sebae*)



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

**Olive Sand Snake**  
(*Psammophis mossambicus*)



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

**Elegant Sand Snake**  
(*Psammophis elegans*) - Photo Tim Brammer



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

**Herald Snake**  
(*Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia*)



**HARMLESS**

**Spotted Bush Snake**  
(*Philothamnus semivariegatus*)



**HARMLESS**

**House Snake**  
(*Boaedon spp.*) - Photo Luke Kemp



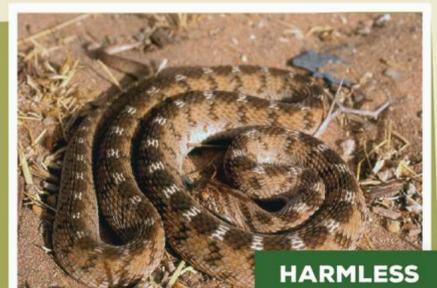
**HARMLESS**

**Sahara Sand Boa**  
(*Eryx muelleri*) - Photo Laurent Chirio



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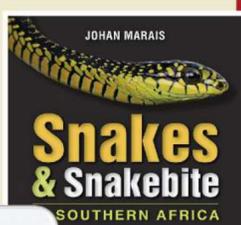
**African File Snake**  
(*Limaformosa crossi*) - Photo Stephen Spawls



**HARMLESS**

**Egg-eater**  
(*Dasypeltis sahalensis*) - 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.