

# COMMON SNAKES OF BOMA 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

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



## HIGHLY VENOMOUS

**Black-necked Spitting Cobra**  
(*Naja nigricollis*) - photo Luke Verburgt



## HIGHLY VENOMOUS

**Boomslang**  
(*Dispholidus typus*)



## HIGHLY VENOMOUS

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



## VENOMOUS

**Stiletto Snake**  
(*Atractaspis* spp.) - photo Luke Kemp



## MILDLY VENOMOUS

**African Large-eyed Cat Snake**  
(*Telescopus obtusus*)



## MILDLY VENOMOUS

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



## MILDLY VENOMOUS

**Northern Stripe-bellied Sand Snake**  
(*Psammophis sudanensis*) - photo Stephen Spawls



## MILDLY VENOMOUS

**Smith's Racer**  
(*Platyceps brevis*) - photo Stephen Spawls



## CAN INFLICT A PAINFUL BITE

**African Rock Python**  
(*Python sebae*) - photo Luke Kemp



## HARMLESS

**Olive Marsh Snake**  
(*Natriciteres olivacea*) - photo Tim Brammer



## HARMLESS

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



## HARMLESS

**Slender Green Snake**  
(*Philothamnus heterolepidotus*) - photo Werner Conradie



## HARMLESS

**Common Wolf Snake**  
(*Lycophidion capense*)



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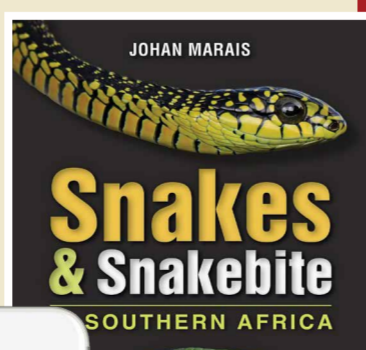
**African House Snake**  
(*Boaedon fuliginosus*)



## HARMLESS

**Confusing Egg-eater**  
(*Daspeltis confusa*) - photo Werner Conradie

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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.