

COMMON SNAKES OF IONA 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

Zebra Cobra
(*Naja nigricincta nigricincta*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Puff Adder
(*Bitis arietans*)



VENOMOUS

Horned Adder
(*Bitis caudalis*)



VENOMOUS

Kunene Coral Snake
(*Aspidelaps lubricus cowlesi*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Karoo Sand Snake
(*Psammophis notostictus*)



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Namib Sand Snake
(*Psammophis namibensis*)



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Western Sand Snake
(*Psammophis trigrammus*)



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Viperine Rock Snake
(*Hemirhagerrhis viperinus*)



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Western Keeled Snake
(*Pythonodipsas carinata*)



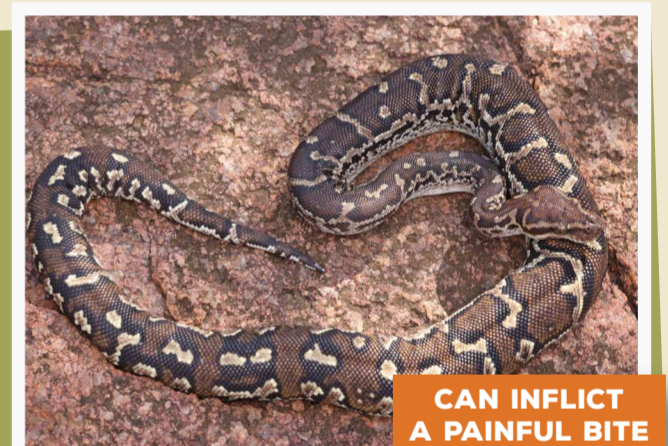
MILDLY VENOMOUS

Damara Tiger Snake
(*Telescopus finkeldeyi*)



CAN INFLICT A PAINFUL BITE

Mole Snake
(*Pseudaspis cana*)



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Anchieta's Dwarf Python
(*Python anchietae*) - photo Luke Kemp



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Angola File Snake
(*Limaformosa vernayi*) - photo Warren Klein



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Bug-eyed House Snake
(*Boaedon mentalis*)



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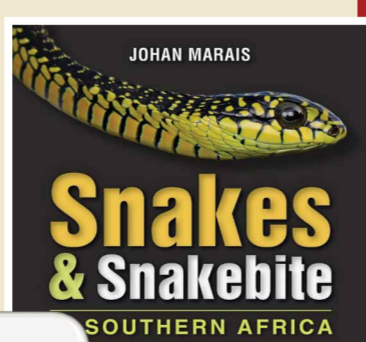
South-western Shovel-snout
(*Prosymna frontalis*)



HARMLESS

Western Thread Snake
(*Namibiana occidentalis*) - photo Tim Brammer

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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.