

# COMMON SNAKES OF MATUSADONA 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**

**Black Mamba**  
(*Dendroaspis polylepis*)



**HIGHLY VENOMOUS**

**Mozambique Spitting Cobra**  
(*Naja mossambica*)



**HIGHLY VENOMOUS**

**Boomslang**  
(*Dispholidus typus*)



**HIGHLY VENOMOUS**

**Snouted Cobra**  
(*Naja annulifera*)



**HIGHLY VENOMOUS**

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



**VENOMOUS**

**Boulenger's Garter Snake**  
(*Elapsoidea boulengeri*)



**VENOMOUS**

**Bibron's Stiletto Snake**  
(*Atractaspis bibronii*)



**CAN INFLICT A PAINFUL BITE**

**Southern African Python**  
(*Python natalensis*)



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

**Olive Grass Snake**  
(*Psammophis mossambicus*)



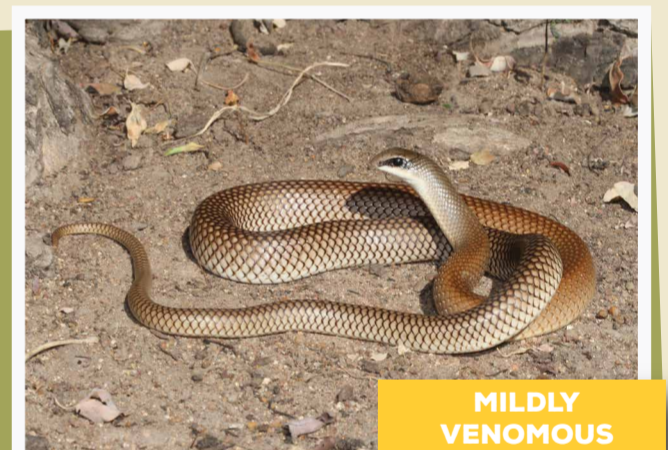
**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

**Western Yellow-bellied Sand Snake**  
(*Psammophis subtaeniatus*)



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

**Dwarf Sand Snake**  
(*Psammophis angolensis*)



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

**Rufous Beaked Snake**  
(*Rhamphiophis rostratus*)



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

**Bicoloured Quill-snouted Snake**  
(*Xenocalamus bicolor bicolor*)



**HARMLESS**

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



**HARMLESS**

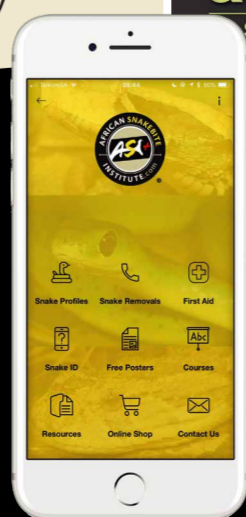
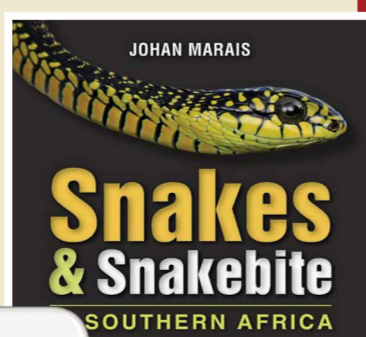
**Brown House Snake**  
(*Boaedon capensis*)



**HARMLESS**

**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.