

COMMON SNAKES OF ODZALA-KOKOUA 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

Jameson's Mamba
(*Dendroaspis jamesoni*) - photo Bill Branch



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Central Forest Cobra
(*Naja melanoleuca*) - photo Luke Verburgt



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Banded Water Cobra
(*Naja annulata*) - photo Bill Branch



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Forest Vine Snake
(*Thelotornis kirtlandii*) - photo Richard Mckibbin



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Gaboon Adder
(*Bitis gabonica*)



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Puff Adder
(*Bitis arietans*)



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Rhino-horned Viper
(*Bitis nasicornis*) - photo David Taylor



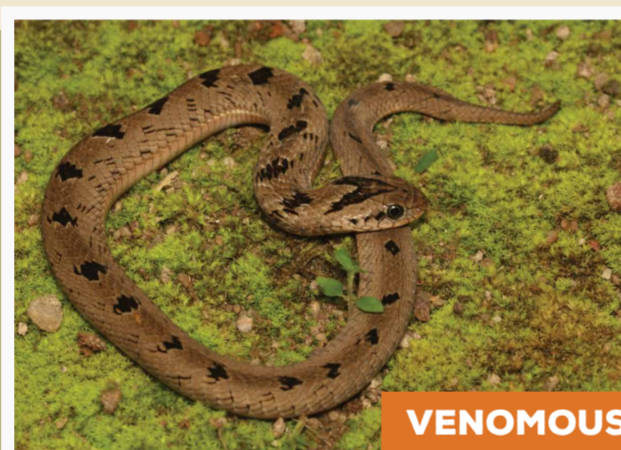
CAN INFLICT A PAINFUL BITE

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



VENOMOUS

Angolan Garter Snake
(*Elapsoidea semiannulata*) - photo Werner Conradie



VENOMOUS

Spotted Night Adder
(*Causus maculatus*) - photo Jelmel Groen



VENOMOUS

Variable Bush Viper
(*Atheris squamigera*) - photo Robin James Backhouse



VENOMOUS

Blanding's Tree Snake
(*Toxycodryas blandingii*) - photo Luke Kemp



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Black Tree Snakes
(*Thrasops spp.*) - photo Bill Branch



HARMLESS

Smith's Water Snake
(*Grayia smithii*) - photo Alex Rebelo



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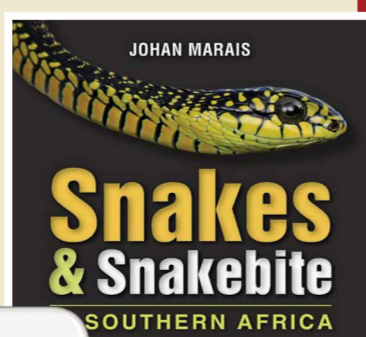
Emerald Snake
(*Hapsidophrys smaragdinus*) - photo Luke Kemp



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Olive House Snake
(*Boaedon olivaceus*) - photo Michael McLaren

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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.