

COMMON SNAKES OF ZAKOUMA 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.*)



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Puff Adder
(*Bitis arietans*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Egyptian Cobra
(*Naja haje*)



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Boomslang
(*Dispholidus typus*)



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



VENOMOUS

Velvety-green Night Adder
(*Causus resimus*)



VENOMOUS

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



CAN INFLICT A PAINFUL BITE

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



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Olive Grass 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



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



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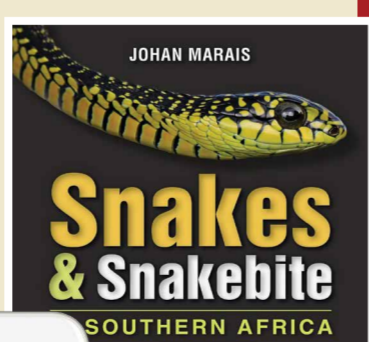
African File Snake
(*Limaformosa crossi*) - photo Stephen Spawls



HARMLESS

Sahel Egg-eater
(*Dasypeltis sahelensis*) - 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.