

# 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*)



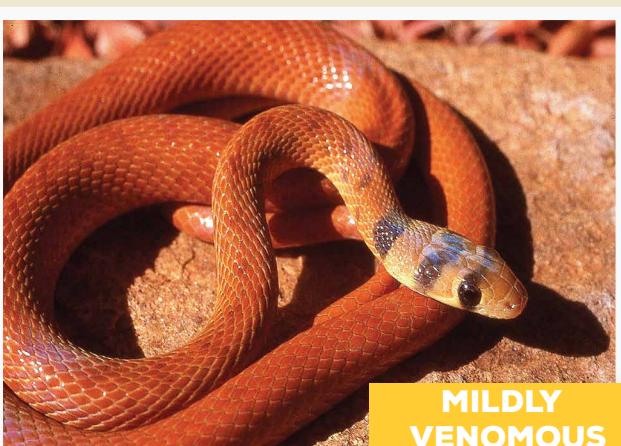
## MILDLY VENOMOUS

**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*)



## HARMLESS

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



## HARMLESS

**Confusing Egg-eater**  
(*Dasypeltis 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.