



SNAKEBITE PROFILE

ALBANY ADDER

Bitis albanica



Risk of Bites

The Albany Adder has an extremely limited distribution, as they are only found in the succulent thickets of the Algoa Bay area in the Eastern Cape. Sightings of this snake are extremely rare, and no bites have been recorded.



Most Bites

Researchers that work on this species are at risk.

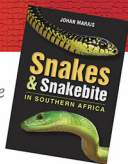


Symptoms & Venom

No bites have been recorded from this species, and it's presumed that its venom would be similar to that of the other dwarf adders, resulting in local pain and some swelling.

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– *Snakes and Snakebite in Southern Africa* (2024).



First Aid

Immobilise and reassure the patient and elevate the affected limb. Remove tight clothing and jewelry. Transport the victim to the nearest hospital or doctor for pain management treatment. Avoid all other first aid remedies including bandages.



Medical Treatment

There is no antivenom for bites from this snake. Bite victims would be treated symptomatically. Symptoms from such bites should resolve fully within a week or so.

