COMMON AND DANGEROUS SNAKES OF SIERRA LEONE



Sierra Leone has a large variety of snakes. Around ten species of snakes are highly venomous. About eight are venomous but not deadly. The majority of snakes encountered are either mildly venomous or harmless to humans.

HIGHLY **VENOMOUS**

Has caused human fatalities **VENOMOUS**

Painful bite, but does not require antivenom

MILDLY **VENOMOUS**

Not thought to be harmful **HARMLESS**

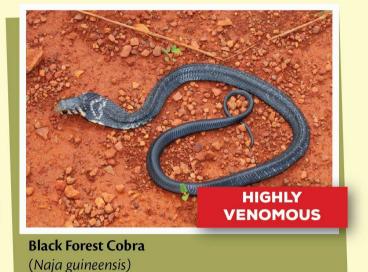
Not dangerous to humans

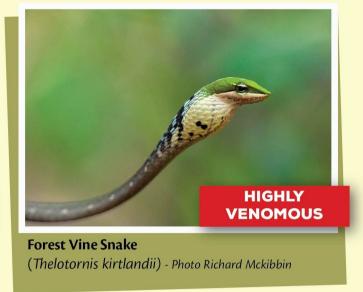


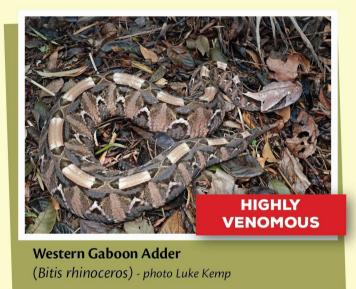
(Dendroaspis viridis) - Photo Bill Branch

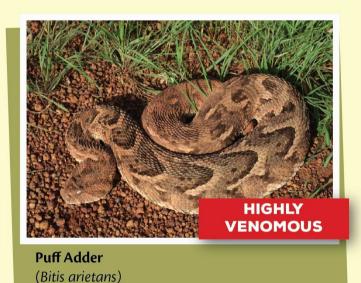


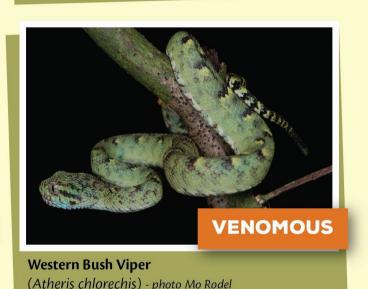
(Naja nigricollis)

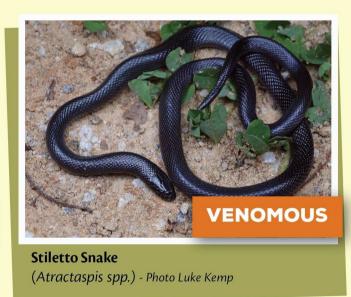


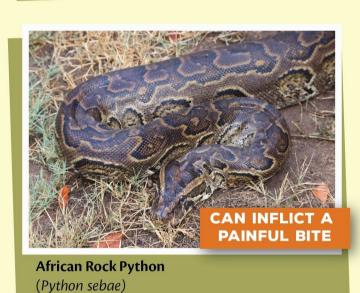






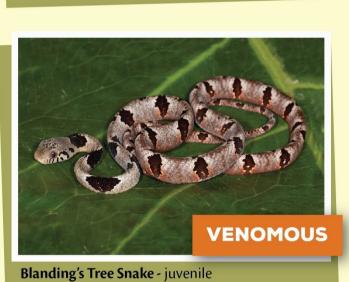




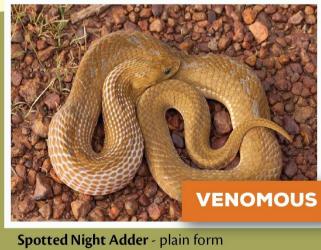


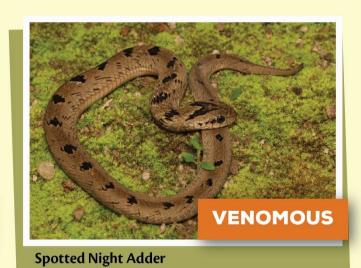






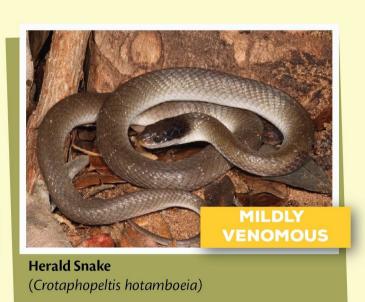
(Toxicodryas blandingii) - photo Luke Verburgt





(Causus maculatus) - Photo Jelmer Groen



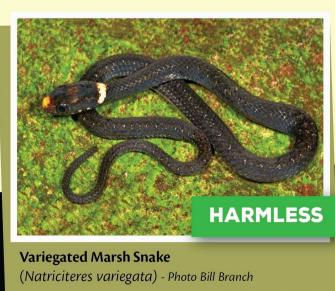


Elegant Sand Snake (Psammophis elegans) - Photo Bobby Bok



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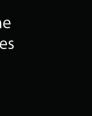
HARMLESS African House Snake



Ball Python (Python regius) - Photo Luke Kemp

(Causus maculatus)





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(Boaedon sp.) - Photo Luke Kemp

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