

DANGEROUS SNAKES OF GABON



Gabon has a large variety of snakes. Around fourteen species of snakes are highly venomous. About twelve 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.



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

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



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Black-necked Spitting Cobra
(*Naja nigricollis*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

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



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Gold's Tree Cobra
(*Pseudohaje goldii*) - photo Ewan Kyle



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

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



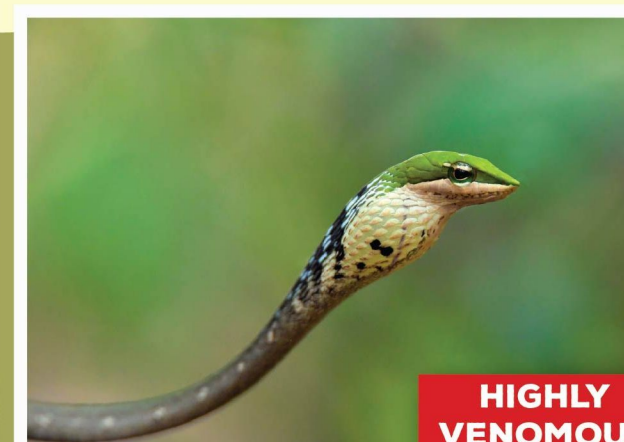
HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Gaboon Adder
(*Bitis gabonica*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Rhino-horned Viper
(*Bitis nasicornis*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

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



VENOMOUS

Variable Stiletto Snake
(*Atractaspis irregularis*) - photo Bill Branch



VENOMOUS

Variable Bush Viper
(*Atheris squamigera*) - photo Luke Verburgt



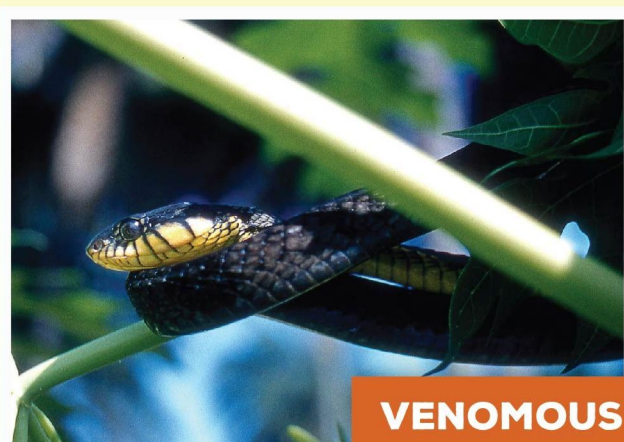
VENOMOUS

Spotted Night Adder
(*Causus maculatus*) - Photo Jelmor Groen



VENOMOUS

Lichtenstien's Night Adder
(*Causus lichtensteini*) - photo Eli Greenbaum



VENOMOUS

Blanding's Tree Snake - male
(*Toxicodryas blandingii*) - photo Gerald Dunger



VENOMOUS

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



VENOMOUS

Blanding's Tree Snake - juvenile
(*Toxicodryas blandingii*) - photo Luke Verburgt



CAN DELIVER A PAINFUL BITE

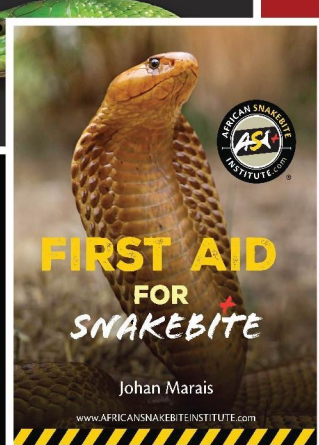
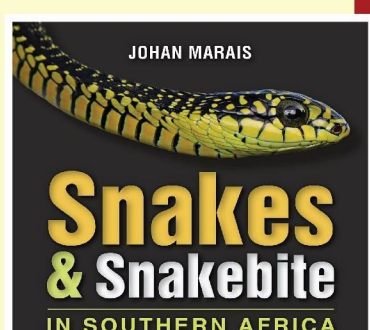
African Rock Python
(*Python sebae*)

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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 Poison Information Centre help-line for further advice: +27 861 555 777.

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.