# Common dangerous snakes of ZAMBIA

Zambia: 102 snake species.

31 are dangerous.

15 deliver a potentially deadly bite and require urgent medical attention.

16 are not deadly but they can inflict a very bite which requires medical treatment.

The *most common* dangerous snakes are found in this poster.

# SNAKEBITE PROTOCOL

**IN CASE OF A SNAKEBITE ALWAYS:** 

**KEEP THE VICTIM CALM** 

TRANSPORT VICTIM TO A HEALTH FACILITY AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE!

For snakebite advise:

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DO NOT: CUT OR SUCK THE BITE AREA APPLY ELECTRIC SHOCK APPLY OR GIVE ALCOHOL, APPLY HEAT OR ICE APPLY TRADITIONAL MEDICATION **APPLY A TOURNIQUET** GIVE ANTI VENOM AS A FIRST AID

VERY DANGEROUS—CAN DELIVER A DEADLY BITE



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DANGEROUS—REQUIRES MEDICAL CARE

# **Puff Adder**

Scientific name: Bitis arietans Size: max: 180 cm. Average: 80-90 cm.

**Prey: rodents Throughout Zambia** 

HIGHLY VENOMOUS





#### **Black-Necked Spitting Cobra**

Scientific name: Naja nigricollis Size: max: 225 cm. Average: 150 cm. Prey: rodents, frogs, snakes, birds, eggs **Throughout Zambia** 

**HIGHLY VENOMOUS** 



#### **Gaboon Adder**

Scientific name Bitis gabonica Size: max: 180 cm. Average: 120 cm. Prey: small mammals, ground dwelling

North-western, Copperbelt, Luapula, Northern Provinces

**HIGHLY VENOMOUS** 



#### **Mozambique Spitting Cobra**

Scientific name: Naja mossambica Size: max: 150 m. Average: 100-140 cm. Prey: rodents, frogs, snakes, birds, eggs Southern, Lusaka and Eastern Provinces

**HIGHLY VENOMOUS** 





#### **Rhombic Night Adder**

Scientific name: Causus Rhombeatus Size: max: 90 cm. Average: 60 cm. **Prey: frogs and toads Throughout Zambia** 



**VENOMOUS** 



# **Eastern Forest Cobra**

Scientific name: Naja subvulva Size: max: 2.75 m. Average: 2 m. Prey: rodents, sengi, frogs, toads and snakes as well as fish if near water. North-western, Copperbelt, Luapula, Northern, Muchinga and Eastern Provinces

**HIGHLY VENOMOUS** 





### **Snouted Night Adder**

Scientific name: Causus defilippi Size: max: 45 m. Average: 25-35 cm. Prey: frogs and toads

Luapula, Northern, Muchinga, Eastern and Lusaka Province



**VENOMOUS** 



#### **Snouted cobra**

Scientific name: Naja annulifera Size: max: 250 m. Average: 1.50-2 m. Prey: rodents, lizards, snakes, birds, eggs, frogs

**Southern, Lusaka and Central Provinces** 

**HIGHLY VENOMOUS** 





#### **Black Mamba**

Scientific name: Dendroaspis polylepis Size: max: 4.5 m. Average: 2-3 m. Prey: rodents and small birds **Throughout Zambia** 



HIGHLY VENOMOUS



# Anchieta's cobra

Small neck scale

Scientific name: Naja anchietae Size: max: 250 m. Average: 1.50-2 m. Prey: rodents, lizards, snakes, birds, eggs, frogs

**Eastern Province and western part of Southern Province** 

**HIGHLY VENOMOUS** 





### Northern Boomslang

Scientific name: Dispholidus typus typus Size: max: 2 m. Average: 120 m. Prey: lizards, frogs and small birds **Throughout Southern, central and eastern** Zambia

HIGHLY VENOMOUS



# Scientific name: Atractaspis bibronii

Size: max: 60 cm. Average: 40 cm. **Prey: nesting rodents and lizards Throughout Zambia** 

**Bibron's Stiletto Snake** 

**VENOMOUS** 



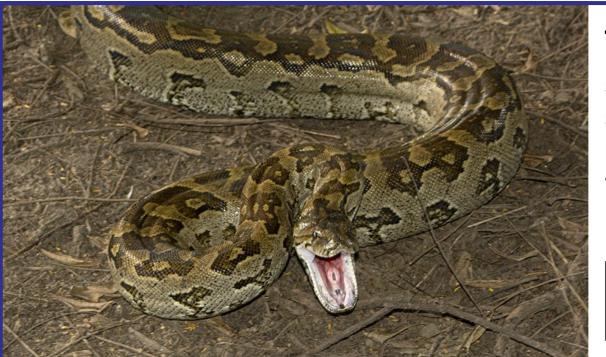


#### Twig Snake

Scientific name: Thelotornis capensis oatsii Size: max: 150 m. Average: 120 m. Prey: lizards, snakes, frogs **Throughout Zambia** 

HIGHLY VENOMOUS





#### **Southern African Python**

**Scientific name: Python natalensis** Size: max: 5.5 m. Average: 3-5 m. Prey: mammals and ground-dwelling birds **Throughout Zambia** 

NON-VENOMOUS SEVERE BITE



