













MAJOR VENOMOUS SNAKES OF COASTAL KARNATAKA'S LATERITE LANDSCAPES

				
RUSSELL'S VIPER <i>Daboia russelii</i> 90-130 cms	SAW-SCALED VIPER <i>Echis carinatus</i> 25-50 cms	INDIAN COBRA <i>Naja naja</i> 140-180 cms	COMMON KRAIT <i>Bungarus caeruleus</i> 90-130 cms	HUMP-NOSED PIT VIPER <i>Hypnale hypnale</i> 25-50 cms
Thick body, Chain-like pattern.	Short, Pattern on body helps camouflage.	Hood- when erect, Pattern on hood, Rice-like oval scales.	Double-bands along body, Big hexagonal scales, along spine's length.	Short, Arrow-shaped head, Sits with head raised.
				

In case of bite, stay calm and don't panic. Don't exert, drink water, or eat food.
Don't constrict area around wound. Clean gently with antiseptic. Rush to nearest hospital.
Carry a torch at night. Do not walk barefoot, keep to marked path, and keep surroundings clean.