

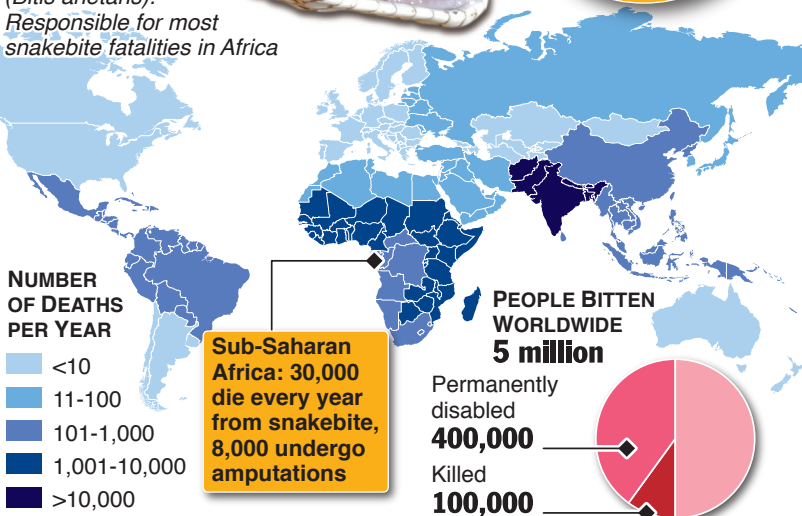
World running out of snakebite antidote

One of the world's most effective snakebite treatments is to be withdrawn, putting tens of thousands of lives at risk. Fresh supplies of Fav-Afrique, which neutralises 10 different snakebites in sub-Saharan Africa, are desperately needed



Puff adder
(*Bitis arietans*):
Responsible for most
snakebite fatalities in Africa

Fav-Afrique:
Last batch will
expire in June 2016.
**Manufacturer Sanofi
Pasteur** says it has
been priced out of
market by cut-price,
but less effective
drugs



Source: Medecins Sans Frontieres, The global burden of snakebite: PLOS Medicine, 2008

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