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AFRICAN PENGUIN **CRITICALLY ENDANGERED**

The population is 5 percent of what it was. The reasons are human induced. We are the solution. **ACT NOW!**

Photo: Shaun Janke.

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BRINDLE BASS **DATA DEFICIENT**

This species was over-exploited and has been fully protected in South African waters since 1992. It is a large, inquisitive fish that is easy to approach. MPAs serve to reduce disturbance and post release mortality.

Photo: Joy Gillespie,
uShaka Marine World

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COELACANTH **CRITICALLY ENDANGERED**

Coelacanths were found living in deep canyons in iSimangaliso MPA in October 2000. They were originally thought to have become extinct with the dinosaurs. Coelacanths are protected in the iSimangaliso MPA.

Photo: Peter Timm,
iSimangaliso MPA.



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DAGERAAD **CRITICALLY ENDANGERED**

An endemic seabream to South Africa. The MPAs in the eastern and western Cape waters show a higher abundance and a larger mean size of dageraad than adjacent exploited areas.

Photo: Steve Benjamin.

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ENGLISHMAN **NEAR THREATENED**

A highly resident species of fish that has been heavily overexploited. MPAs provide important protection for resident populations of this fish.

Photo: Dennis King.



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LEATHERBACK TURTLE **CRITICALLY ENDANGERED**

The South African nesting population has declined by 5.6 percent during the past 3 generations. iSimangaliso MPA provides safe nesting grounds for sea turtles.

Photo: Natalie dos Santos,
iSimangaliso MPA.



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LOGGERHEAD TURTLE **VULNERABLE**

While conservation efforts in nesting areas have indicated the population is increasing, it is still threatened by plastic pollution and entanglement in fishing gear. The iSimangaliso MPA protects important nesting grounds.

Photo: Cleeve Robertson.

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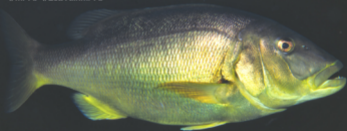
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RED STEENBRAS **ENDANGERED**

Overfishing is the primary threat to this endemic South African fish.

MPAs ensure fish stocks recover.

Photo: Dennis King.



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WHITE STEENBRAS **ENDANGERED**

An endemic fish to South Africa, they are dependant on healthy estuaries for juvenilles to feed and grow. Overfishing, habitat destruction and degradation of estuaries has caused numbers to decline. Protection within the Knysna and Swartkops estuaries is vital to their recovery.

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