



Fish Species in the Knysna Estuary

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Common name	Latin name	Family
Backwater butterfly ray	<i>Gymnura natalensis</i>	Dasyatidae
Blue stingray	<i>Dasyatis marmoratus capensis</i>	Dasyatidae
Blackspotted electric ray	<i>Torpedo fuscomaculata</i>	Torpedinidae
Bartail flathead	<i>Platycephalus indicus</i>	Platycephalidae
Bigeye clingfish	<i>Diplecogaster megalops</i>	Gobiesocidae
Chubby clingfish	<i>Apletodon pellegrini</i>	Gobiesocidae
Rocksucker	<i>Chorisochismus dentex</i>	Gobiesocidae
Blackhand sole	<i>Solea bleekeri</i>	Soleidae
Cape sole	<i>Heteromycteris capensis</i>	Soleidae
East Cape sole	<i>Austroglossus pectoralis</i>	Soleidae
Blacktail	<i>Diplodus sargus capensis</i>	Sparidae
Cape stumpnose	<i>Rhabdosargus holubi</i>	Sparidae
Sand steenbras	<i>Lithognathus mormyrus</i>	Sparidae
Santer	<i>Cheimerius nufar</i> (juveniles only)	Sparidae
Strepie	<i>Sarna salpa</i>	Sparidae
White musselcracker	<i>Sparodon durbanensis</i>	Sparidae
White steenbras	<i>Lithognathus lithognathus</i>	Sparidae
Zebra	<i>Diplodus cervinus hottentotus</i>	Sparidae
Bluefin gurnard	<i>Chelidonichthys kumu</i>	Triglidae
Cape halfbeak	<i>Hyporhamphus capensis</i>	Hemiramphidae
Spotted halfbeak	<i>Hemiramphus far</i>	Hemiramphidae
Cape needlefish	<i>Petalichthys capensis</i>	Belonidae
Cape silverside	<i>Atherina breviceps</i>	Atherinidae
Checked goby	<i>Redigobius dewaali</i>	Gobiidae
Knysna sand goby	<i>Psammogobius knysnaensis</i>	Gobiidae
Prison goby	<i>Caffrogobius multifasciatus</i>	Gobiidae
River goby	<i>Glossogobius callidus</i>	Gobiidae

Double sash butterflyfish	<i>Chaetodon marleyi</i>	Chaetodontidae
Dusky kob	<i>Argyrosomus japonicus</i>	Sciaenidae
Elf / Shad	<i>Pomatomus saltatrix</i>	Pomatomidae
Estuarine roundherring	<i>Gilchristella aestuaria</i>	Clupeidae
Evil eye blaasop	<i>Amblyrhynchotes honckenii</i>	Tetraodontidae
Flathead mullet	<i>Mugil cephalusi</i>	Mugilidae
Freshwater mullet	<i>Myxus capensis</i>	Mugilidae
Groovy mullet	<i>Liza dumerilii</i>	Mugilidae
Large scale mullet	<i>Liza macrolepis</i>	Mugilidae
Southern mullet	<i>Liza richardsonii</i>	Mugilidae
Striped mullet	<i>Liza tricuspidens</i>	Mugilidae
Garrick	<i>Lichia amia</i>	Carangidae
Grass klipfish	<i>Pavoclinus graminis</i>	Clinidae
Super klipfish	<i>Clinus superciliosus</i>	Clinidae
Horned blenny	<i>Parablennius cornutus</i>	Blenniidae
Kappie blenny	<i>Omobranchus woodii</i>	Blenniidae
Maned blenny	<i>Scartella emarginata</i>	Blenniidae
Piano blenny	<i>Plagiotremus tapeinosoma</i>	Blenniidae
Ringneck blenny	<i>Parablennius pilicornis</i>	Blenniidae
Snake blenny	<i>Xiphasia setifer</i>	Blenniidae
Two-eyed blenny	<i>Chaloroderma ocellata</i>	Blenniidae
Knysna seahorse	<i>Hippocampus capensis</i>	Sygnathidae
Longsnout pipefish	<i>Sygnathus acus</i>	Sygnathidae
Lesser guitarfish	<i>Rhinobatos annulatus</i>	Rhinobatidae
Longfin eel	<i>Anguilla mossambica</i>	Anguillidae
Oval moony	<i>Monodactylus falciformis</i>	Monodactylidae
Painted lizard fish	<i>Trachinocephalus myops</i>	Synodontidae
Piggy	<i>Pomadasys olivaceum</i>	Haemulidae
Spotted grunter	<i>Pomadasys commersonii</i>	Haemulidae
Snakelet	<i>Halidesmus scapularis</i>	Congrogadidae
Ten pounder	<i>Elops machnata</i>	Elopidae
Two tone fingerfin	<i>Chirodactylus brachydactylus</i>	Cheilodactylidae
Unicorn leatherjacket	<i>Aluterus monoceros</i>	Monacanthidae
White sea catfish	<i>Galeichthys feliceps</i>	Ariida