**Fingling Cape Sole found in the Rooiels river on 3 April 2016**

Mathew Meredith, aged seven years, was 'trolling ' the waters of the RooiEls river on the morning of 3 April 2016, with his ' toy landing net,' when he 'landed ' a small fish, which, on close inspection by his father, Owen Meredith, was identified as a Cape Sole fingling.  ( Heteromycteris Capensis.)  Matt had been in pursuit of the shoals of tiny silver fish, (probablyAtherina Breviceps,) when he plunged his net into the shallow water of the river, hitting the sand as he did so, and 'landed ' this small fish. It  was estimated to be around 85 mm in length. After the accompanying photographs were taken, the baby Sole was released back into the water.

Matt Meredith is an ardent fisherman, with a number of fine rod-and-line catches to his name .

This article follows the report of the Cape Sole, found dead, in the non-flowing water of the RooiEls 'lagoon,' in February of this year, The river has resumed its flow since the recent rains.

The 'landing' of this baby fish is a clear indication that the Cape Sole is a breeding resident in the RooiEls river.

The photograph reveals that the fish is, in colour, a very plale brown,almost opaque, and  perfectly matching the colour of the sand on which it is believed the fish was lying when it was caught. It is, however, possible, that the fish was lying just beneath the sand surface in the river. The hoop of the 'toy net' may have dislodged the fish from just beneath the sand surface, because, as Matt explained, he had hit the sand when he plunged the net into the water.

 Compared to the February speciman it is paler in colour,  The two eyes are clearly visible .

This record is the latest of four records. The previous three are as outlined in the February report.      1978 : Grindley

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Professor Charles Griffiths,(department of Biological services at UCT,) has said that Cape Sole finglings are quite common between Aghullas and Wavis bay.

The hope of more information about the status of the Cape Sole in our estuary has now been realised.  It appears that we have a healthy breeding population of these fish, other than when the river stops flowing into the sea.