Witsand - home of the BIG cob

Jan Langenhoven

The Breede river became famous as the home of the big cob. Many fisherman came to this resort to try and catch a 100 pounder. Some succeeded, some failed. The cob (Afrikaans: kabeljou) enters the estuary from the sea with the incoming tide. You can catch the elusive ‘big ones’ kilometers upstream in the river. However, be sure to have the right tackle, be sure to have the right bait, make sure you know the marks, make sure you read the tide and the wind, be alert when it takes the bait and strike at the right time, then play it with patience and judgement, and bring it in with meticulous care and concentration. There is no bigger thrill, no greater excitement for a fisherman to land a 100 lb cob. Although not as abundant as in the past, the big cobs are still around.