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at a glance

Averages Aug
Day temp: 17
Night temp: 14
Rainfall: 19mm
Fishing: above average

Sep | Oct planning

Sep full moon:
04 Sep 09
Oct full moon:
04 Oct 09
Public holiday:
24 Sep 09
School holidays:
24 Sep 09 -
07 Oct 09

Whales
Tale -
50 calves in
San Sebastian
Bay

Spring is here, the temperatures have risen and all indications are for a great summer



As I write the whales are cavorting in the bay, and what a wonderful sight they are as they breach and sail. For those that have not watched them before Infanta must be one of the most magnificent places to watch them from.

The walk along towards the point is beautiful, with the fynbos in bloom, and the mothers and calves swimming below. After many years of debate San Sebastian Bay has been declared as the largest whale nursery in Southern Africa, with about **50 calves** it is many more than other well known destinations.



Who was spotted at the Mudlark?



The animal life around us has been exceptional this year. On Tuesday morning the **otter** was catching fish in front of the lodge. As I was taking photos of him I could hear the enjoyment as he ate his fish.

We have a **genet cat** that has been visiting, he often sits on the bird feeders at dinner time and enjoys the butternut that has been cooked for him, to our amazement he walked through the garden this morning, with guests and dogs around.



There is a herd of forty **eland**, the largest antelope in the world, which we have been sighting regularly, much to the dismay of the local farmers, they seem to be enjoying their crops.

Our feathered friends are still plentiful, and a flock of **juvenile fish eagles** have been sighted up the river. The bird fundies tell us that this is very unusual.

Bronwyn the regional coordinator for the Blue Crane working group, a Conservation Project has been around trying to film the Blue Cranes on the sand bank at the mouth.

Last but not least the **fishing has been excellent** for the winter months, and obviously will start to get better. Grunter of seventy centimeters, Kob up to six kilograms, and Elf have been around with of course the normal juvenile fish. This is a first for us in winter, as normally in the colder months the fishing is very weak. Rudolph our gillie **caught and released 20 small spotted grunter last weekend.**

The last couple of months we have hosted some most interesting guests, and have even managed to escape to Madagascar for some well earned rest.

Now we are rejuvenated, and ready for hopefully a very busy summer season.

Tim & Hilary

