

ANNUAL SMITH MEMORIAL LECTURE



Presented by:
Prof. Alan Whitfield

‘Knysna Estuary:
Jewel of the Garden Route’

THURSDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER 2023
| 17H30 FOR 18H00 – 19H30 |

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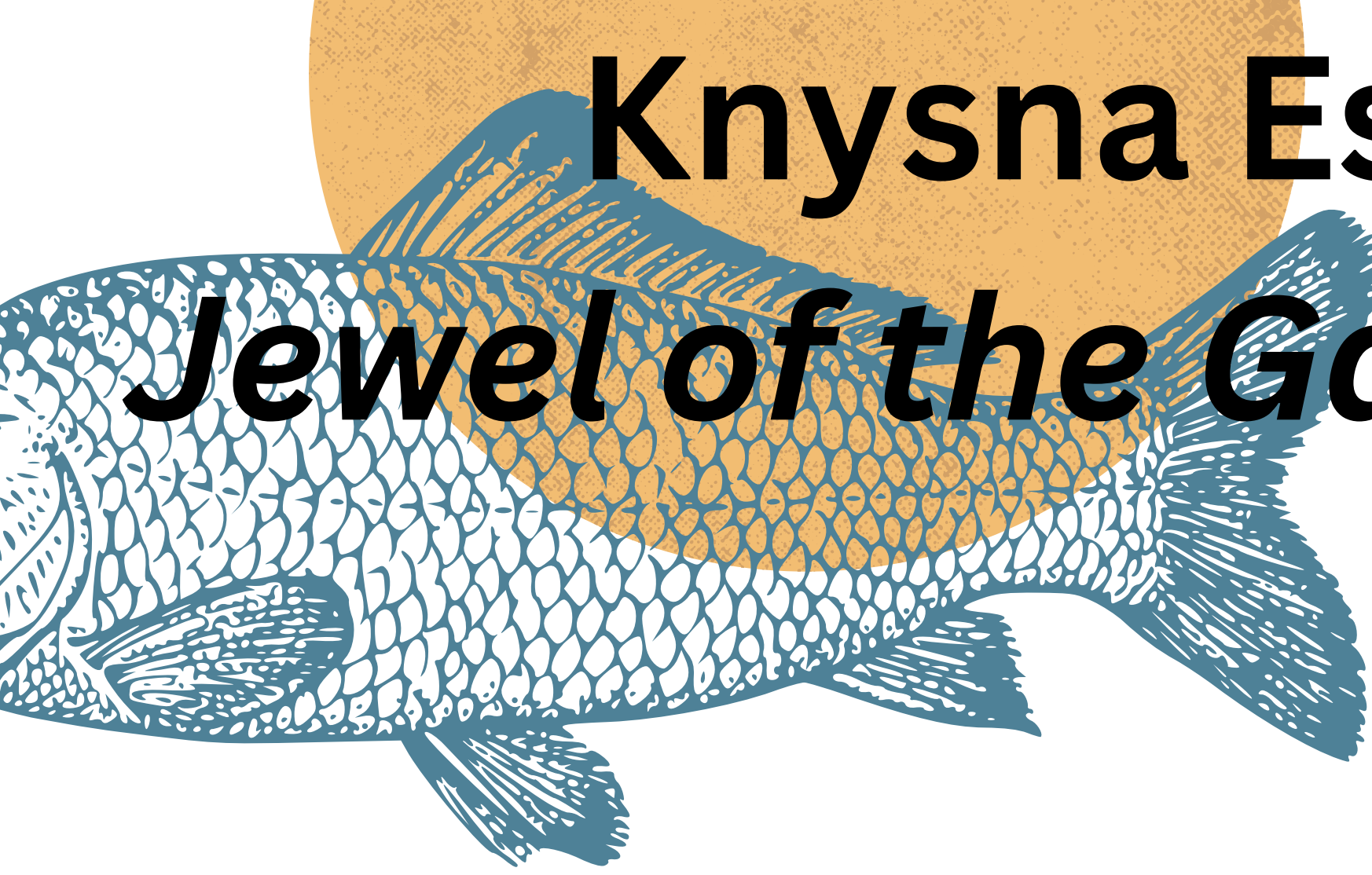
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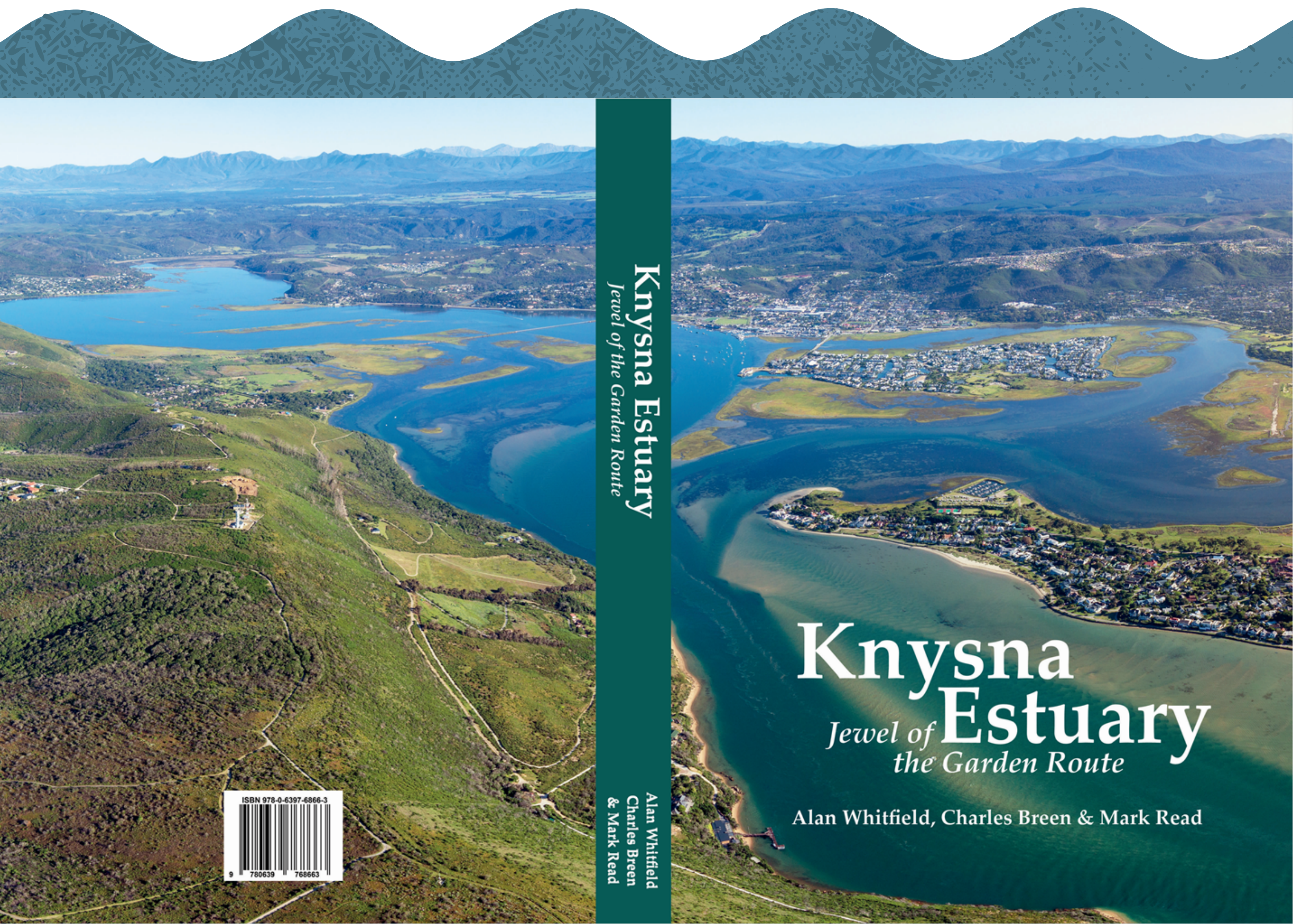
Knysna Estuary: *Jewel of the Garden Route*

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The Knysna Estuary is the most important of South Africa's 290 estuaries in terms of conservation importance. With a deep mouth and strong marine and freshwater influences, rich and diverse plant, invertebrate, fish and bird communities now occupy the system.

This year's Smith Memorial Lecture is centered on the launch of the recently published 'Knysna Estuary' book. The contents of the various chapters of this book are written by experts in their field, most with a strong knowledge and direct research experience of the Knysna Estuary. The aim throughout is to enable and encourage readers to appreciate life within the estuary, understand its structure and functioning, and empower people to communicate its value and conservation importance from an informed position.

Just as rarity is one of the most prized qualities of a gemstone, so it is that the unique nature the Knysna Estuary affords its singular importance in the Garden Route and to South Africa. In this book, the authors introduce readers to the multifaceted nature of the Knysna Estuary and how the biotic and abiotic components function together as a system, and in this Smith Memorial Lecture, Prof Whitfield will link his talk to the love for nature once exhibited by the Smiths.



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