

New search for 'fossil' fish

Area of
main
map

1986:

Hans Fricke films
live coelacanth in its
natural habitat.
Local fishermen have
caught coelacanths for
many years. Skins
used as abrasives

COMORO
ISLANDS

Beira

MOZAMBIQUE

Walvis
Bay

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SOUTH AFRICA

Lorenço
Marques

MADAGASCAR

Durban

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May 1991:
Expedition to search
for possible breeding colony

Cape Town

Port Alfred

0 km 1000

Coelacanth

Fossils date from 370 million
years ago

First live specimen
caught in 1938.

Weight: 57kg, length: 1.5m

Fins grow from strong
fleshy lobes thought
to be precursors of limbs

