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Low dam levels in Nelson Mandela Bay a concern

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Nelson Mandela Bay has been badly affected by drought which has negatively impacted on the dam levels. The dam levels in Nelson Mandela Bay and surrounding areas are very low. This threatens water and food security. Impofu Dam is at 35.8% followed by Kouga Dam at 10%. Loerie Dam has shown a significant improvement at 92.9% compared to 35.4% at this time last year.

On average, Eastern Cape dams have consistently improved following the rains that fell in the past weeks. Most dams in the eastern part of the province have improved as the Amathole Water Supply System is now at 92.2% compared to 71.0% at this time in 2017. Xilinx Dam also showed a great improvement at 60.8% compared to 3.6% at the same time last year.

The Department of Water and Sanitation is concerned about the low dam levels particularly in Nelson Mandela Bay. The department will continue to monitor dam levels in the province to improve water security. The department appeals to all residents to save water and adhere to water restrictions.

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