



## water & sanitation

Department:  
Water and Sanitation  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA



## MEDIA STATEMENT

### Decline in Mpumalanga water levels continues

03 July 2019

The decline in the water levels in the Mpumalanga Province continues with the average water levels in storage dropping from 71.6% to 71.0% over the past week as recorded by the Department of Water and Sanitation weekly state of reservoirs report of 01 July 2019. The report further shows continued drops in the water management areas, with the Olifants catchment dropping from 60.1% to 59.7% and the Inkomati-Usuthu water management area recording a drop from 75.0% to 74.4%.

In the Ehlanzeni District, only the Longmere Dam recorded a slight increase from 63.2% to 66.4% and the rest of the listed dams continued to record drops in water volumes.

All the listed dams in the Gert Sibande District recorded declines in water volumes with most still above 60% and only the Morgenstond Dam below 50% and decreasing from 55.2% to 53.9%.

The Loskop Dam recorded a slight increase from 89.2% to 89.3% while the Witbank and Middelburg dams continued with their decline mode in the Nkangala District. Even though the other dams recorded declines in water volumes, they are still comfortable above 80%.

The Department of Water and Sanitation continues would like to urge the public and all water users to be more water wise and continue using the available water more conservatively as we are in the midst of the dry winter season with very limited chances of rain in the Mpumalanga Province.

**End**

**Issued by the Department of Water & Sanitation**

**For more information contact Sputnik Ratau, Spokesperson for the Department of Water and Sanitation on 082 874 2942**

**For media releases, speeches and news visit the Water & Sanitation portal at: [www.dwa.gov.za](http://www.dwa.gov.za)**



Department of Water and Sanitation South Africa



DWS\_RSA