



MEDIA STATEMENT

Kwena Dam dips below 50%

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The Kwena Dam which is strategic in supplying water to the City of Mbombela and recharging the Crocodile River downstream dropped in volume to less than 50% as recorded by the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) weekly state of reservoirs report of 26 August 2019.

According to the report, the Kwena Dam dropped from last week's 50.0% to 48.7%. On top of the decline at the Kwena Dam, all the listed dams in the Ehlanzeni District recorded declines in water volumes with Klipkopjes and Primkop dams also below the 50%. Klipkopjes Dam dipped below 35% by dropping from 35.9% to 34.1% and Primkop Dam staying below 20% at 16.3%.

In the Nkangala District, the listed dams also recorded declines in volumes with the Rhenosterkop Dam critically dropping from 1.5% to 1.4%.

Elsewhere in the Gert Sibande District, the listed dams also recorded declines in water volumes with the Morgenstond Dam hovering below 50% and recording a drop from 43.9% to 42.3%.

On average, the Mpumalanga Province recorded a 0.7% decline, dropping from 66.9% to 66.2% with the catchment areas also dropping in water levels. The Olifants water management area dropped from 55.9% to 55.2% and the Inkomati-Usuthu water management area dropped from 70.4% to 69.8%.

The Department of Water and Sanitation therefore urges water users and the public to be more conservative and use the available water sparingly and wisely and always think about others as water is life. Let us all play our part in water security in our water scarce country.

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