



## MEDIA STATEMENT

### **Mpumalanga dam levels record a 0.1% average decline**

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The Mpumalanga Province recorded a 0.1% decline on the volume of water on average on the listed dams. The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) weekly state of reservoirs report of 21 January 2019 shows that on average, water levels in the listed dams in the province slightly dropped from 67.7% to 67.6%. The water management areas in the province recorded different results, with the Olifants catchment slightly increasing from 57.9% to 58.3% and the Inkomati-Usuthu catchment recording a slight drop from 69.5% to 69.4%.

Despite the average provincial drop in water volumes in the province, there are some dams in the three districts that recorded some increases in water volumes. In the Ehlanzeni District, Witklip Dam increased from 80.9% to 81.3%, Klipkopjes Dam increased from 46.3% to 47.6%, Da Gama Dam increased from 69.0% to 69.7% and Blyderivierpoort Dam increased from 68.0% to 69.3%. In the Gert Sibande District, Nootgedacht Dam increased from 98.3% to 99.7%, Vygeboom Dam increased from 101.0% to 101.9% and Westoe Dam increased from 52.7% to 52.8%. In the Nkangala District, Middelburg Dam increased from 91.4% to 94.0% and Loskop Dam increased from 82.7% to 83.0%.

Dams that recorded a decline in water volumes leading to the drop on average on the provincial dams include Longmere and Inyaka in the Ehlanzeni District, Grootdraai, Heyshope, Morgenstond and Jericho in the Gert Sibande District, and Witbank and Middelburg in the Nkangala District. Longmere Dam dropped from 71.6% to 67.5%, Inyaka Dam dropped from 59.3% to 58.9%, Grootdraai Dam dropped from 76.0% to 75.4%, Heyshope Dam dropped from 80.4% to 79.8%, Morgenstond Dam dropped from 65.2% to 64.4%, Jericho Dam dropped from 66.9% to 66.0%, and Witbank Dam dropped from 88.7% to 88.3%.

The report also shows that there are dams which recorded no changes in water volumes. Driekoppies Dam remain unchanged at 64.5%, Primkop Dam unchanged at 40.0% and





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Kwena Dam remained unchanged at 36.3%. All these dams which recorded no changes in water volumes are in the Ehlanzeni District.

The Department of Water and Sanitation encourages the public to continue using water sparingly and in a responsible manner to ensure that we all have access to a drop of water.

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