



MEDIA STATEMENT

Mpumalanga water levels record another 0.2% average drop

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Water levels continue to drop in the Mpumalanga Province, with a 0.2% drop in water in storage recorded on Monday. According to the Department of Water and Sanitation weekly state of reservoirs report of 17 June 2019, the average water levels in storage in the listed dams in the Mpumalanga Province dropped from last week's 72.4% to 72.2%. In the water management areas (WMA), the Olifants water management area dropped from 61.2% to 60.6% and the Inkomati-Usuthu water management area recorded a slight increase from 75.8% to 75.9% as a result of the increases in the Morgenstond and Jericho dams.

There was no improvement in water levels in the listed dams in the Ehlanzeni District with the majority of dams recording declines in water levels and only Da Gama and Inyaka dams remaining unchanged in terms of water volumes. Da Gama Dam remained unchanged at 71.7% and Inyaka Dam did not move from the 66.8% recorded last week.

On the downward spiral, Blyderivierpoort Dam dropped from 98.0% to 97.1%, Driekoppies Dam dropped from 74.4% to 74.2%, Longmere Dam dropped from 69.8% to 66.4%, Klipkopjes Dam dropped from 46.2% to 44.4%, Witklip Dam dropped from 97.0% to 95.8%, Primkop Dam dropped from 22.3% to 21.5%, and Kwena Dam dropped from 56.9% to 56.7%.





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In the Nkangala District, all the listed dams continue to record declines in water volumes. Witbank Dam dropped from 85.7% to 85.5%, Middelburg Dam dropped from 93.3% to 92.4% and Loskop Dam dropped from 90.2% to 89.7%.

The Gert Sibande District recorded some improvements in the Jericho and Morgenstond dams and the rest of the listed dams recorded drops in water volumes. Jericho Dam recorded a slight improvement from 62.6% to 62.8% and the Morgenstond Dam increased from 58.5% to 64.0%.

On the declining mode, Grootdraai Dam dropped from 73.3% to 71.9%, Nooitgedacht Dam dropped from 89.7% to 89.3%, Vygeboom Dam dropped from 100.3% to 100.2%, Heyshope Dam dropped from 86.3% to 85.7% and Westoe Dam dropped from 68.4% to 67.9%.

The Department of Water and Sanitation continues to encourage the public to be more water wise in using the available water, especially as we are in the dry winter season. The Department also urges the public needs to exercise self-restraint and be more conservative and efficient in water use for water security in this water scarce country.

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