



MEDIA STATEMENT

Slight drop in some Gert Sibande District dam levels

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Some of the listed dams in the Gert Sibande District of the Mpumalanga Province recorded some slight declines in water levels. According to the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) weekly state of reservoirs report of 04 March 2019, Vygeboom Dam dropped from 101.3% to 101.2%, Morgenstond Dam dropped from 70.0% to 69.9% and Jericho Dam dropped from 70.9% to 70.8%. The rest of the dams in the District recorded slight increases in water volumes.

Throughout the Province, the situation is much better with the listed dams in the other two districts recording some improvements and a few remaining unchanged as compared to the levels recorded last week. On average, the Province improved from last week's 73.4% to 74.1% with the water management areas also recording some improvements in term of water levels. The Olifants catchment increased from 64.2% to 65.0% and the Inkomati-Usuthu catchment increased from 74.4% to 75.0%.

On the brighter side, there are dams above 100% full. Blyderivierpoort Dam in the Ehlanzeni District increased from 100.6% to 100.7%, Nooitgedacht Dam in Gert Sibande District increased from 99.5% to 100.1% and Vygeboom Dam, also in Gert Sibande District recorded a slight decrease from 101.3% to 101.2%.

Currently, the situation is still looking good in some dams, but there are also critically important dams that are below 50% and this calls for all to be conservative in their water use, especially as we approach the dry winter season in the Mpumalanga Province.

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