



MEDIA STATEMENT

Slight improvement in dam levels in Eastern Cape but water users warned to curtail water use

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Despite little rains received in the last few days in the province, there has not been any significant improvement in dams levels, with only a slight improvement of a mere 2% in the provincial average. The Eastern Cape water levels remain concerning at 58% this week from 56% last week. The weekly report released by the Department of Water and Sanitation show that concerted efforts are needed from government, water, civil society organisations and the general public to encourage water conservation. The province continues to feel drought effects in most parts of the province.

Kouga Dam has improved, with water levels at 49.3% this week, compared to 48.6% last week. Recording an improvement is Loerie Dam which increased to 44.1% this week, compared to 39.4% in previous week. Experiencing a decline is Impofu Dam, decreasing from 32.2% last week to 31.6% this week.

Ncora Dam improved from 73.5% last week to 79.0% this week, Macubeni Dam is at 81.3% this week, compared to 65.8% last week, and Lubisi Dam also improved from 43.6% last week to 45.5% this week.

Xilinxha Dam in Amathole District continues with a concerning decline, dropping from 25.5% last week to 22.1% this week. Other dams in Amathole have shown signs of improvement with Nahoon Dam increasing to 70.1% this week compared to 68.1% last week. Rooikrantz Dam is at 40.8% this week, as compared to 37.0% last week and Bridle Drift Dam dropped from last week's position of 48.9% to 43.8% this week.

Mzimvubu- Tsitsikama Catchment Area gained some little water in the past week, improving to 57.9% this week compared to 56.0% last week.

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