



MEDIA STATEMENT

Grootdraai Dam drops while the rest of dams in Gert Sibande District improves

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The listed dams in the Gert Sibande District of the Mpumalanga Province experienced a positive week as they recorded some improvements in water levels, except for the Grootdraai Dam which continued to drop.

The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) weekly state of reservoirs report of 04 October 2021 shows that all the listed dams with the exclusion of the Grootdraai Dam which dropped from 74.5% to 73.5%, recorded increases in water volumes over the week in the Gert Sibande District.

According to the report, Nootgedacht Dam increased from 93.6% to 94.7%, Vygeboom from 88.1% to 93.2%, Jericho from 72.6% to 76.1%, Westoe from 49.5% to 49.6%, Morgenstond from 80.7% to 81.5% and Heyshope from 83.6% to 84.2%.

The improvement in the listed dams in the Gert Sibande District contributed to the increase in the water levels in the Inkomati-Usuthu water management area, which recorded an improvement from 84.6% to 85.0%.

The improvement in most of the listed dams in the Gert Sibande District is in contrast to the provincial situation which continues to drop as the average dam levels dropped from 77.1% to 76.9% and the Olifants water management area also dropped from 70.4% to 69.8%.

Even though the majority of listed dams in the Gert Sibande District recorded some much needed improvements, the Department of Water and Sanitation reminds that South Africa is a water scarce country and encourages the wise, sparing and conservative use of the available water. The Department further encourages the public to prevent the wastage and loss of precious water by fixing and reporting leaks as the country cannot afford to lose even a single drop of precious water.

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