



MEDIA STATEMENT

Mpumalanga records slight improvement in water levels

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The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) calls on the public to continue using water wisely and sparingly despite some slight improvements in water levels in the Mpumalanga Province, especially as the dry winter season is already here.

The latest DWS weekly state of reservoirs report of 15 April 2024 shows that the Mpumalanga Province recorded a slight improvement from 97.1% to 98.2% on average dam levels over the past week. In the Water Management Areas (WMAs), the Olifants WMA increased from 86.5% to 87.5% and the Inkomati-Usuthu WMA increased from 97.3% to 98.4%.

In terms of water levels per district, Ehlanzeni is the only district that recorded some decline, dropping from 100.4% to 100.0% whereas Gert Sibande and Nkangala recorded some improvements, increasing from 94.8% to 96.9% and 98.0% to 98.9% respectively.

Most of the listed dams in the Lowveld and Ehlanzeni District recorded declines in water levels. Both Buffelskloof and Da Gama dams remained unchanged at 100.3%. Only Kwena Dam recorded some improvement, recording an increase from 100.4% to 100.5%.

The dams that recorded declines in water levels in the Lowveld include Blyderivierpoort from 101.4% to 100.6%, Driekoppies from 101.6% to 100.9%, Longmere from 101.6% to 101.1%, Klipkopjes from 100.0% to 99.8%, Witklip from 101.2% to 100.6%, Inyaka from 100.8% to 100.4%, and Ohrigstad from 70.2% to 69.8%.

The majority of the listed dams in Gert Sibande District recorded improvements in water levels except for Vygeboom and Jericho dams that recorded decreases in water volumes, dropping from 101.6% to 100.9% and from 70.0% to 69.8% respectively.

The listed dams that recorded improvements include Grootdraai from 95.1% to 96.7%, Nootgedacht from 96.0% to 96.9%, Westoe from 69.3% to 70.0%, Morgenstond from 91.4% to 100.7% and Heyshope from 100.8% to 102.7%.

All the listed dams in the Nkangala District recorded improvements in water levels. Witbank Dam increased from 97.4% to 99.5%, Middelburg Dam increased from 95.1% to 96.6%, Loskop Dam from 100.1% to 100.8% and Rhenosterkop / Mkhombo Dam from 95.5% to 95.6%.

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DWS encourages the public to be more water savvy and responsible in their water use considering that South Africa is a water scarce country where every drop counts as water has no substitute.

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