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STATUS ON MONITORING &
SURFACE WATER LEVEL TRENDS
Up to 30 September 2018

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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The information presented in this report is based on the status of all the major dams in the province up to end of September 2018.
Currently 68% of the dams in Limpopo Province have less water than the corresponding period last year and the following 8 dams are below 40%: Houtrivier, Nsami, Tours, Doorndraai, Tzaneen, Modjadji, Glen Alpine and Middle Letaba Dams. The average storage capacity for the province is 66.27% comparing to 70.76% the previous year.

The storage volume of the dams in the Limpopo WMA is 394.3 million cubic meters (76.94%) and is 31.23 million cubic meters less than the corresponding period last year (83.03%).

The storage volume of the dams in the Olifants River WMA is 616.22 million cubic meters (60.87%) and is 37.25 million cubic meters less than the corresponding period last year (64.55%)

The overall storage volume of the dams in the Limpopo Province is 1010.54 million cubic meters (66.27%) and is 68.53 million cubic meters less than the corresponding period last year (70.76%).

The challenge in both WMAs is that there are smaller dams, which supply water to communities that still need to be monitored. Resources need to be put in place before monitoring of these dams can be considered. Water level monitoring infrastructure at these dams are non existing or totally dilapidated, very little design, as built and survey information exists. This need to be addressed before any form of water level monitoring can be considered. The Thapane and Sheshego Dams are examples of this.

Available water resources at Middle Letaba Dam (9.3%) will have to be managed with great care and restrictions will have to be strictly adhered to as part of precaution measures**.**

The SAWS indicated the following:

Above-normal rainfall conditions are expected over parts most of the summer rainfall areas during early summer (Nov-Dec-Jan), however below-normal is expected for the summer rainfall areas during mid-summer (Dec-Jan-Feb). Below-normal rainfall is also expected over the north-eastern parts of Eastern Cape and southern parts of KwaZulu-Natal during late spring and mid-summer.
Overall higher temperatures are still expected moving towards the mid-summer period. There is a particularly confident forecast for above-normal temperatures over the northern parts of the country.
In general a drier and warmer summer season is expected, however it is not expected to be consistent throughout the whole of summer. This may have a more negative impact on agriculture, especially dry-land agriculture which relies on consistent rain. The forecast for frequency of rainfall days suggests parts of the summer rainfall areas might still receive a higher frequency of significant rainfall days, however as noted above, probably very inconsistent.

2. MONITORING NETWORK

The hydrological monitoring network for the Limpopo Province consists of the following:

81 river flow gauging stations (excluding canals and pipelines)
22 dam gauging stations
16 evaporation stations

3. OVERVIEW

For information purposes a graph depicting the surface water storage trend for Limpopo Province (October 1997 to September 2018), is attached, page 11.

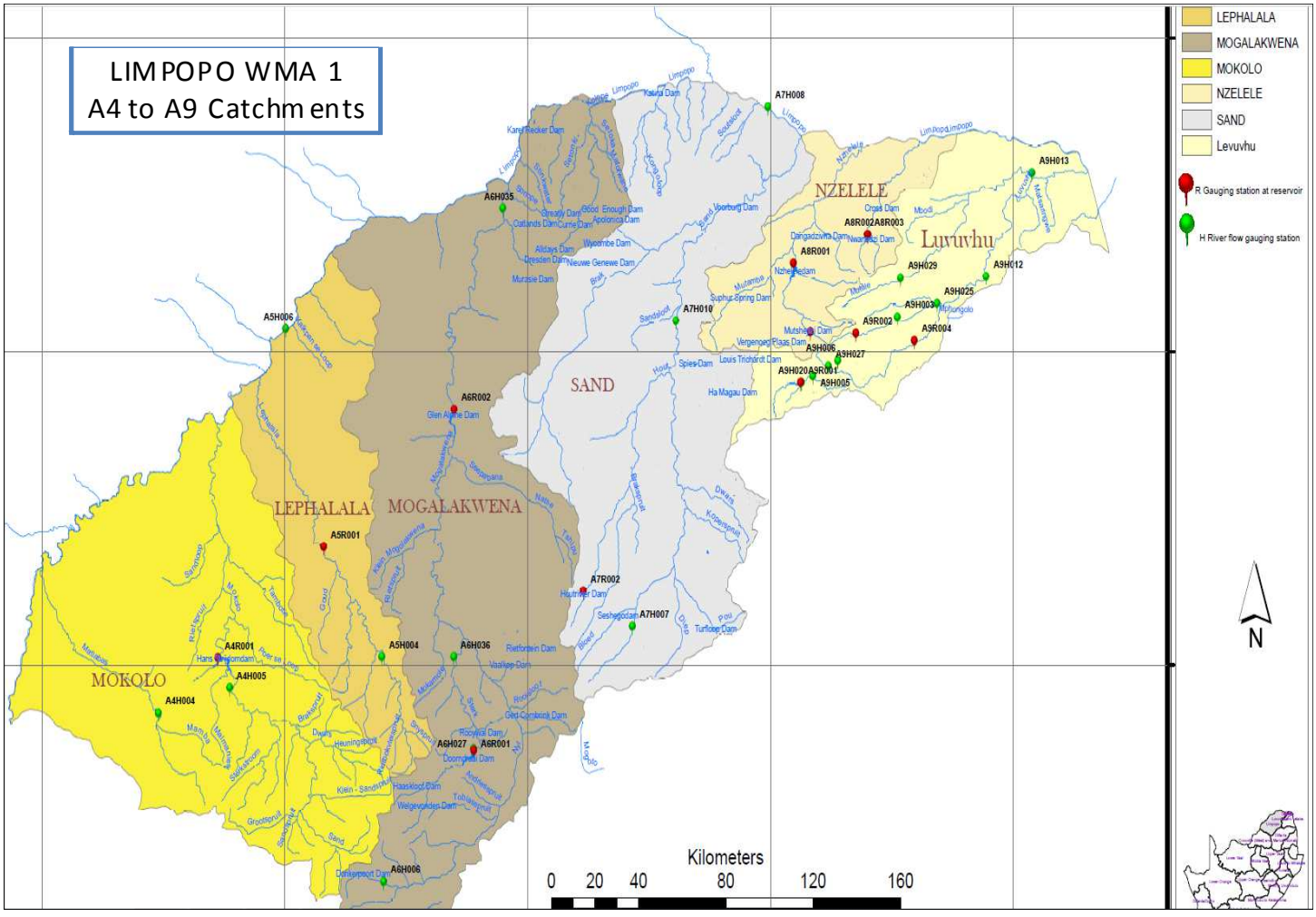
For information purposes a table indicating the comparison of water storage percentage for the different provinces is attached on page 12.

The purpose for attaching graphs of individual dams is to give a broader picture of water storage and status in the sub drainage catchments.

Attached are also tables indicating the capacity in millions of cubic meters and percentages of dams falling in the Limpopo WMA and Olifants WMA, pages 9, 10

4. LIMPOPO WATER MANAGEMENT AREA

The WMA consists of secondary drainage areas A1 to A9, of which A4 to A9 were addressed in this report.



4.1 A4 Drainage Area (Matlabas, Mokolo Rivers)
A graph of the Mokolo Dam (A4R001) is attached as no other dam exists in the A4 hydrological monitoring network.

4.2 A5 Drainage Area (Lephalala River)
Two small dams exists in the A5 hydrological network namely the Susandale Dam (A5R001) and the Vischgat Dam (A5R002). Owing to their relatively small storage volumes of approximately 0.6 million cubic meters in total, these dams have not been included in this report.

4.3 A6 Drainage Area (Nile, Sterk, Mogalakwena and Dorps Rivers)
Graphs of the Doorndraai Dam (A6R001) and Glen Alpine Dam (A6R002) are attached as no other dams exist in the A6 hydrological monitoring network.
It must be noted that the full capacity storage of Glen Alpine Dam is only 18.889 million cubic and therefore the dam fills and empties much faster than Doorndraai Dam! The graph of Glen Alpine clearly indicates this!

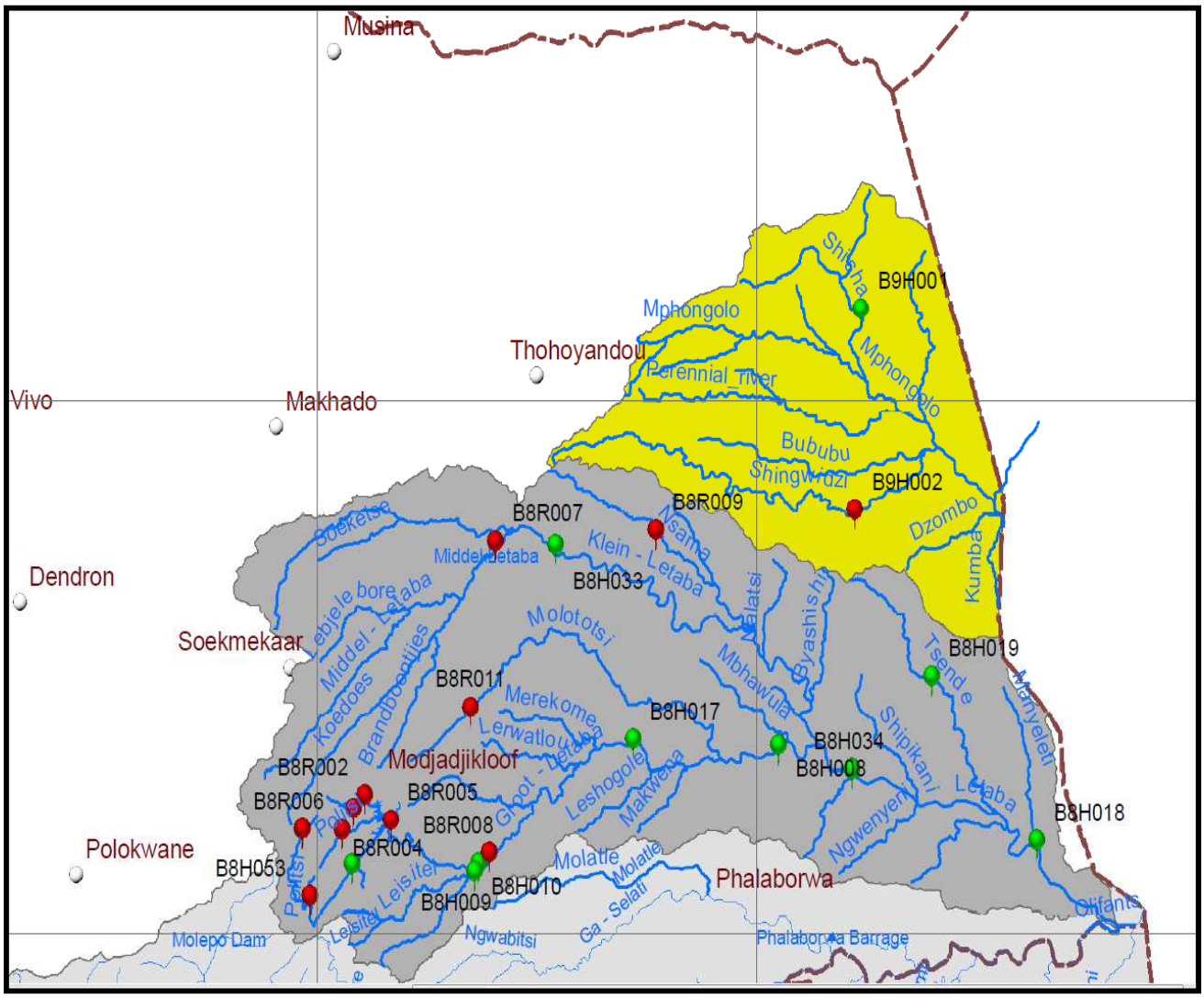
4.4 A7 Drainage Area (Sand, Blood, Diep, Hout, Dwars and Brak Rivers)
There are no existing dam monitoring stations in the hydrological network for this drainage area!
Hout River Dam is the only dam equipped with gauge plates. Data capturing and real-time equipment has been installed at Hout River Dam. The dam is currently on 43.8% (2.9 million m^3)

4.5 A8 Drainage Area (Nwanedzi and Nzhelele Rivers)
Graphs for the Nzhelele Dam (A8R001), Luphephe (A8R002), Nwanedzi (A8R003) and Mutshedzi (A8R004) Dams are attached.

4.6 A9 Drainage Area (Mutale, Luvuvhu Rivers)
Graphs for the Albasini Dam (A9R001), Vondo Dam (A9R002) and Nandoni (A9R004) Dams are attached.

5. OLIFANTS WATER MANAGEMENT AREA

The WMA consists of secondary drainage areas B1 to B9, of which monitoring sites in the B3 to B5 and B7 to B9 were addressed.



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5.2 B3 Drainage Area (Olifants, Elands, Bloed and Selons Rivers)

For information as well as operational matters a graph of Rust de Winter Dam (B3R001) has been included.

5.3 B4 Drainage Area (Steelpoort River)

For information as well as operational matters a graph of De Hoop Dam (B4R007) has been included.

5.4 B5 Drainage Area (Olifants River)

For information as well as operational matters the graph of Flag Boshielo Dam (B5R002) has been included in this report.

5.5 B7 Drainage Area (Klaserie and Olifants Rivers)

For information as well as operational matters the graphs of Klaserie Dam (B7R001) and Tours Dam (B7R003) have been included in this report.

5.6 B8 Drainage Area (Great, Middle and Klein Letaba Rivers)

Graphs for the Ebenezer Dam (B8R001), Magoebaskloof Dam (B8R003), Tzaneen Dam (B8R005), Middle-Letaba Dam (B8R007), Nsami Dam (B8R009) and Modjadji Dam (B8R011) are attached.

5.6 B9 Drainage Area (Shingwedzi, Phugwane and Mphongolo Rivers)

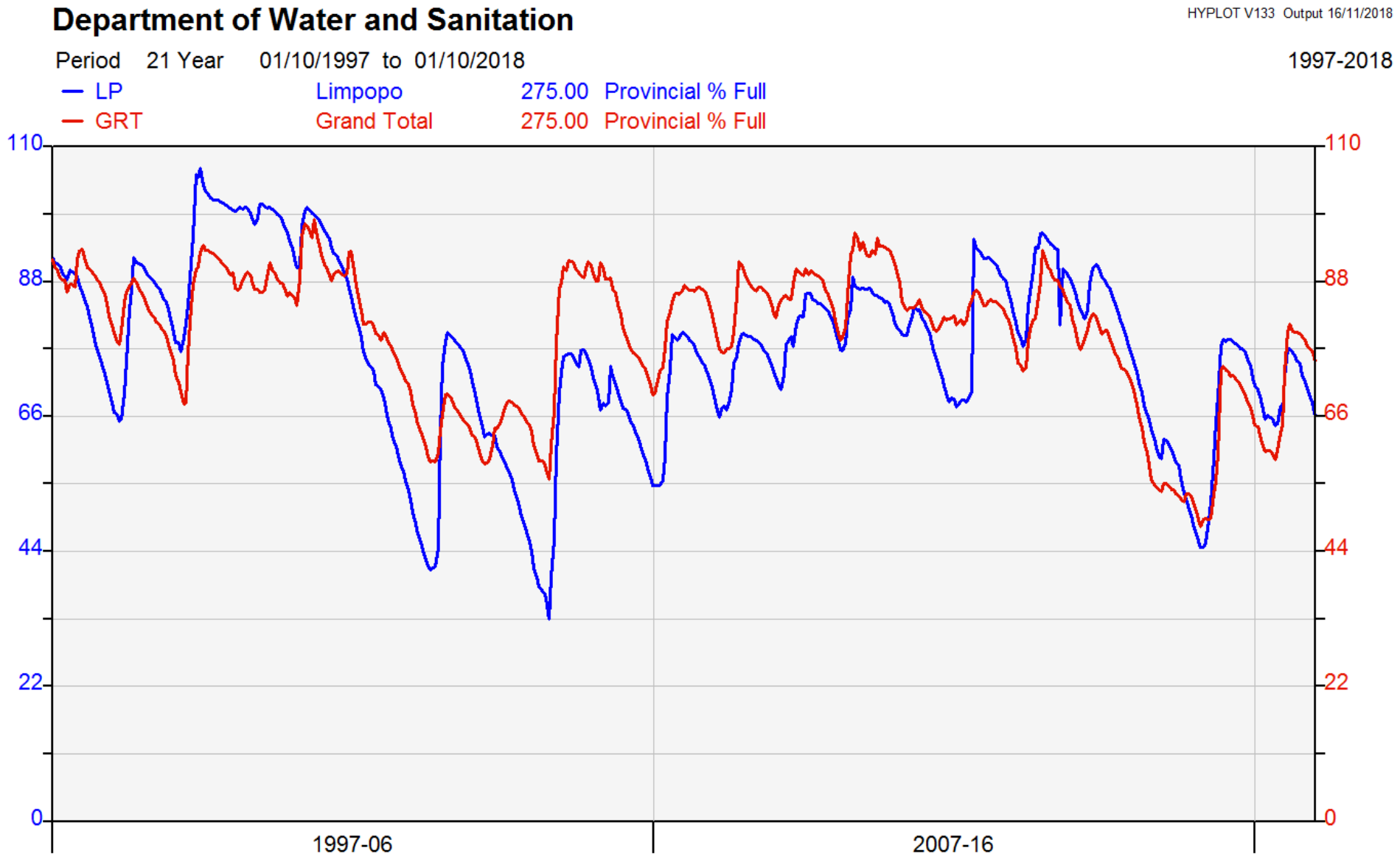
Only a limited part of this drainage area falls outside the Kruger National Park!
There are no existing dam monitoring stations in the hydrological network for this drainage area!

Levels of dams in Limpopo falling in the Limpopo WMA 1 (End of September 2018)

Full Supply Capacity Average for Limpopo WMA (%)	Dam	Full Supply Capacity in Millions m^3	Current Capacity in Millions m^3	Capacity in % Previous Year	Capacity in % Previous Week	Current Capacity in %
76.94	Mokolo Dam	145.77	111.99	91.30	77.30	76.80
	Doorndraai Dam	43.76	13.60	54.30	31.90	31.10
	Glen Alpine Dam	18.89	1.81	54.10	9.90	9.60
	Houtrivier Dam	6.63	2.49	43.40	38.30	37.60
	Nzhelele Dam	51.23	35.01	54.30	69.10	68.30
	Luphephe Dam	13.98	10.61	65.00	77.60	75.90
	Nwanedzi Dam	5.14	3.80	75.70	74.70	74.00
	Mutshedzi Dam	2.34	2.29	90.40	98.60	97.80
	Albasini Dam	28.20	22.93	79.80	81.80	81.30
	Vondo Dam	30.45	28.26	91.60	93.70	92.80
	Nandoni Dam	166.11	161.53	97.70	97.60	97.20

Levels of dams in Limpopo falling in Olifants WMA 2 (End of September 2018)

Full Supply Capacity Average for Olifants WMA (%)	Dam	Full Supply Capacity in Millions m^3	Current Capacity in Millions m^3	Capacity in % Previous Year	Capacity in % Previous Week	Current Capacity in %
60.87	Rust De Winter Dam	28.19	27.12	86.60	96.70	96.20
	Tonteldoos Dam	0.19	0.19	95.50	100.30	99.50
	Vlugkraal Dam	0.44	0.38	94.90	88.20	85.70
	De Hoop Dam	348.70	296.51	96.70	85.50	85.00
	Flag Boshielo Dam	185.13	157.61	41.10	86.20	85.10
	Klaserie Dam	5.60	3.49	91.80	67.10	62.20
	Tours Dam	6.08	1.92	81.90	34.90	31.50
	Ebenezer Dam	69.14	53.14	95.60	77.80	76.90
	Hans Merensky Dam	1.23	1.10	100.00	94.50	89.60
	Magoebaskloof Dam	4.84	4.80	99.90	99.50	99.10
	Vergelegen Dam	0.25	0.23	93.40	86.50	92.00
	Tzaneen Dam	156.53	41.84	49.90	27.90	26.70
	Dap Naude Dam	1.94	1.81	86.80	94.90	93.50
	Middel-Letaba Dam	171.93	16.05	18.80	9.60	9.30
	Thabina Dam	3.09	1.96	90.13	63.43	63.36
	Nsami Dam	21.87	7.31	65.80	34.50	33.40
	Modjadji Dam	7.20	0.78	47.40	11.40	10.80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HYPLOT V133 Output 16/11/2018
Period 21 Year 01/10/1997 to 01/10/2018
1997-2018
LP Limpopo 275.00 Provincial % Full
GRT Grand Total 275.00 Provincial % Full
110
88
66
44
22
0
1997-06
2007-16

Summary Provinces	Full Supply Capacity 10^6M^3	Water in Storage 10^6M^3	Last Year %Full	Last Week %Full	This Week 01/10/2018 %Full
EC Eastern Cape	1807.2	1195.0	53.9	66.5	66.1
FS Free State	15945.3	14128.3	74.4	89.1	88.6
G Gauteng	114.8	112.2	86.0	97.8	97.7
KN Kwazulu-Natal	4801.8	2916.2	48.5	60.9	60.7
L Lesotho	2362.6	948.6	36.5	40.9	40.1
LP Limpopo	1522.3	1008.7	70.7	66.9	66.3
M Mpumalanga	2538.6	1857.2	70.7	73.8	73.2
NC Northern Cape	147.3	126.5	90.8	85.7	85.9
NW North West	881.4	542.9	77.1	62.7	61.6
S Swaziland	333.8	278.7	63.0	85.2	83.5
WCo Western Cape - Other rainfall	268.9	57.6	20.5	21.7	21.4
WCw Western Cape - Winter rainfall	1596.8	1170.9	38.5	71.8	73.3
WC Western Cape - Total	1865.7	1228.5	35.9	64.6	65.8
GRAND TOTAL	32320.8	24342.7	64.0	75.7	75.3

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A4R001	Mokolo Dam	198.00	Res Nett Cap (MCM)	Weekly Reading	WB
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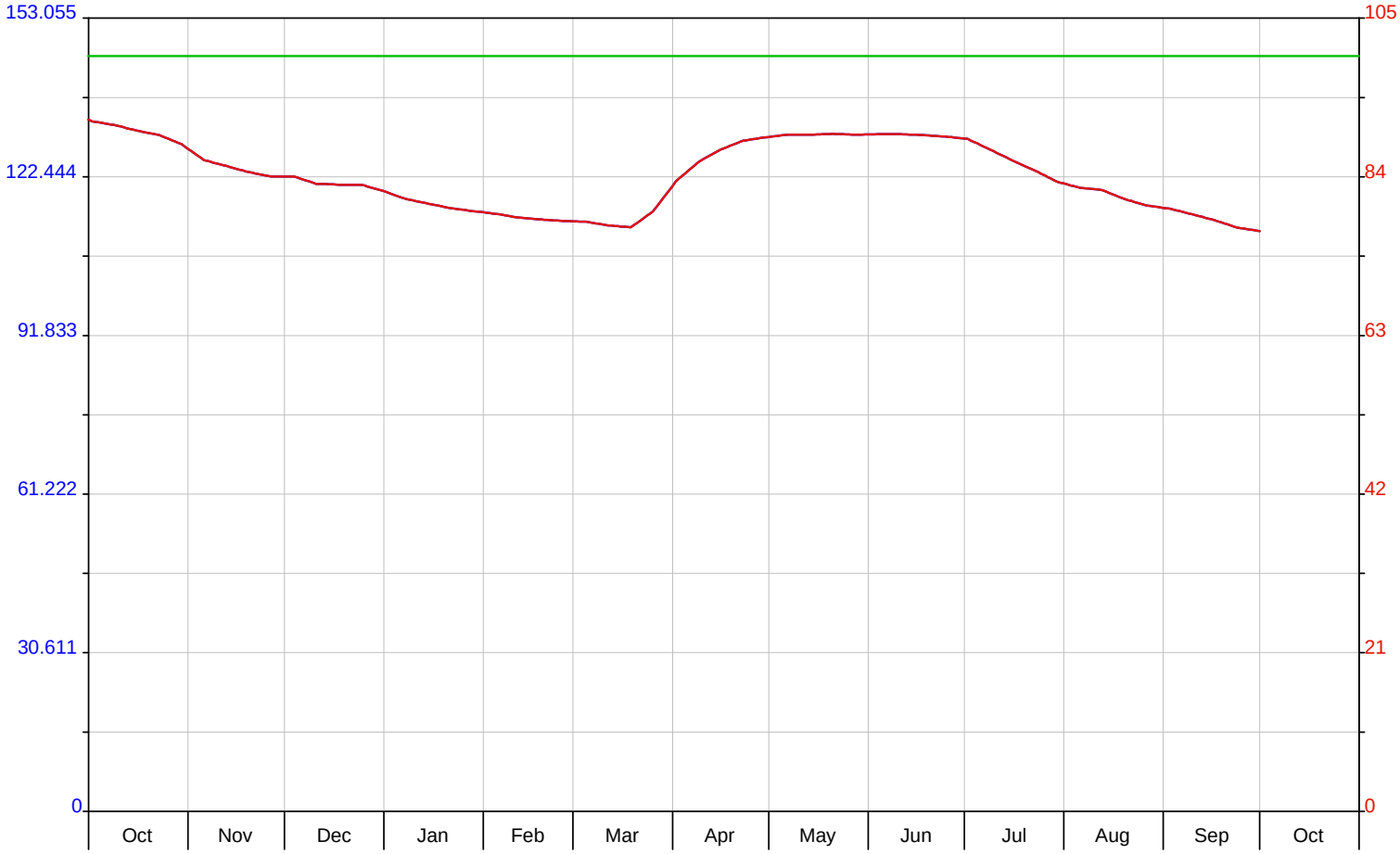

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A6R001	Doorndraai Dam	198.00	Res Nett Cap (MCM)	Weekly Reading	WB
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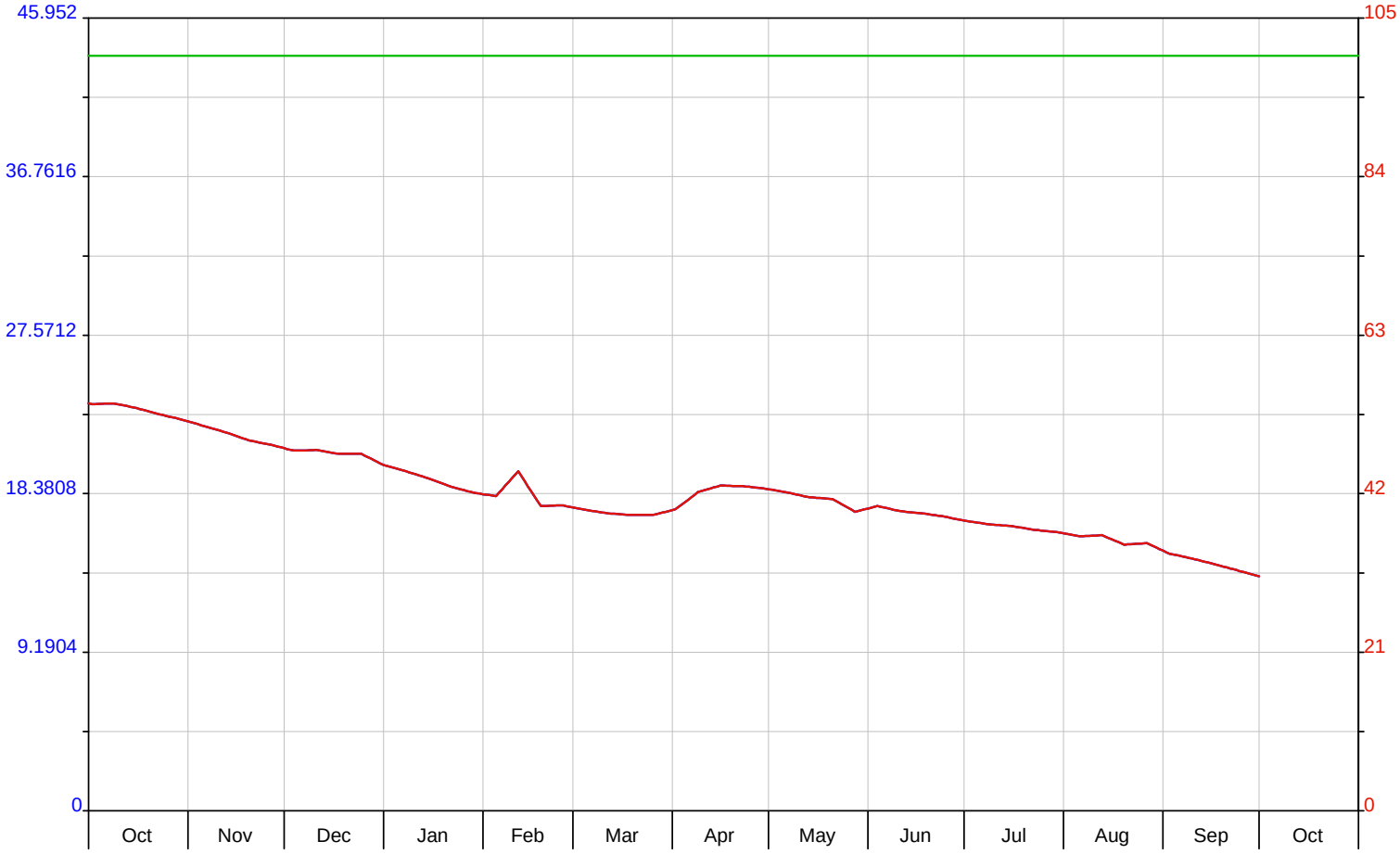

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A6R002	Glen Alpine Dam	198.00	Res Nett Cap (MCM)	Weekly Reading	WB
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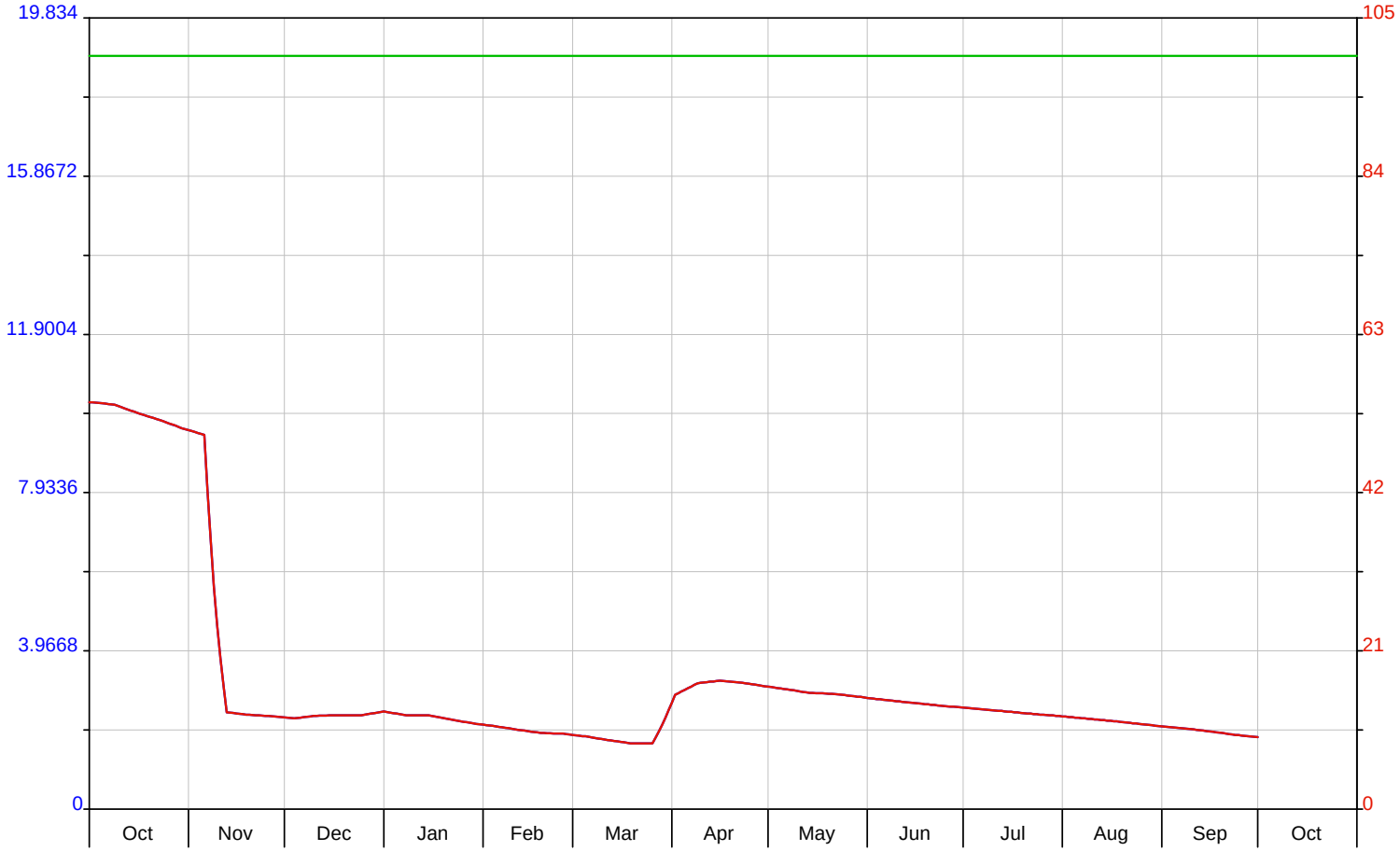

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A7R002	Houtrivier Dam	198.00	Res Nett Cap (MCM)	Weekly Reading	WB
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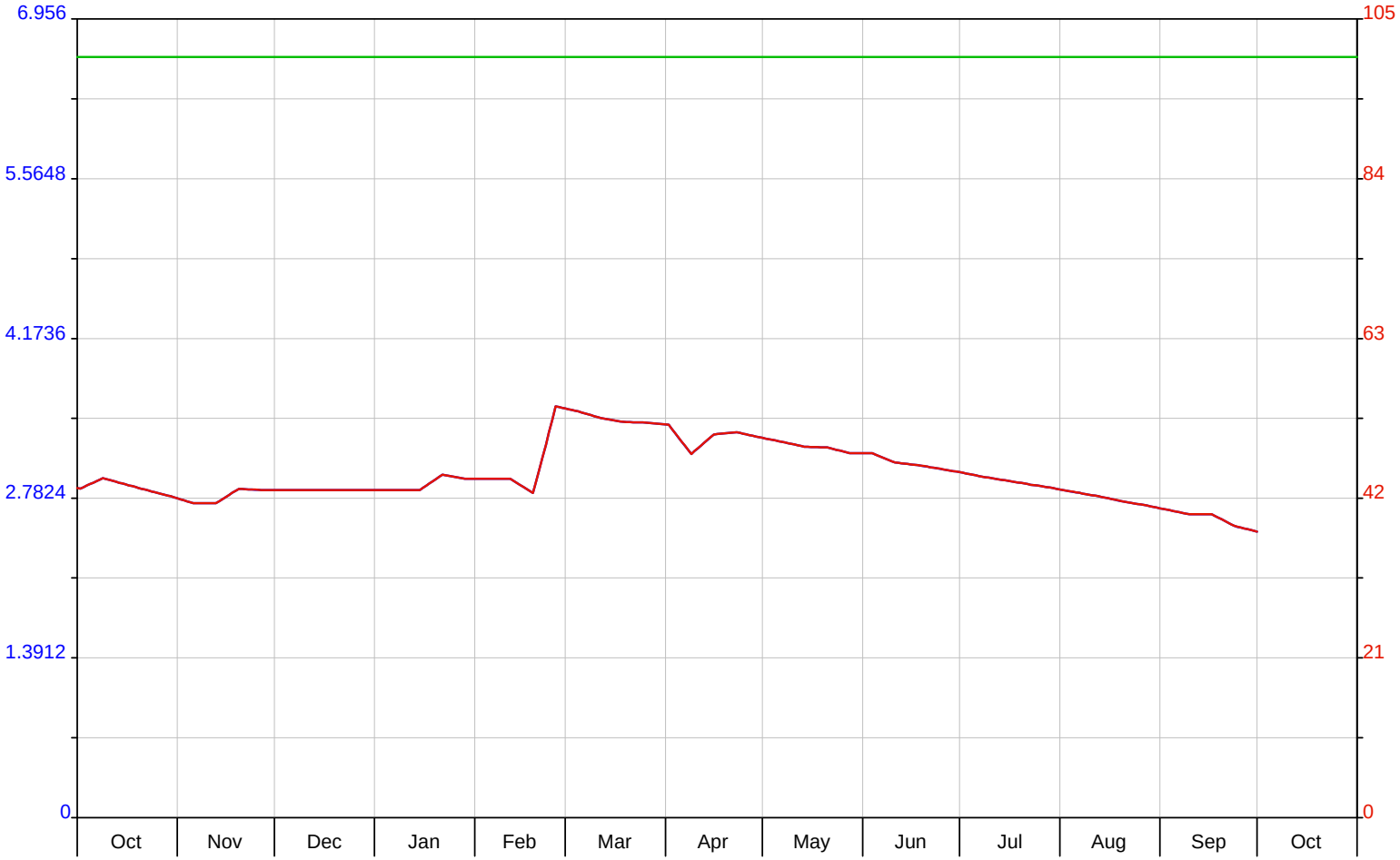

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A8R001	Nzhelele Dam	198.00	Res Nett Cap (MCM)	Weekly Reading	WB
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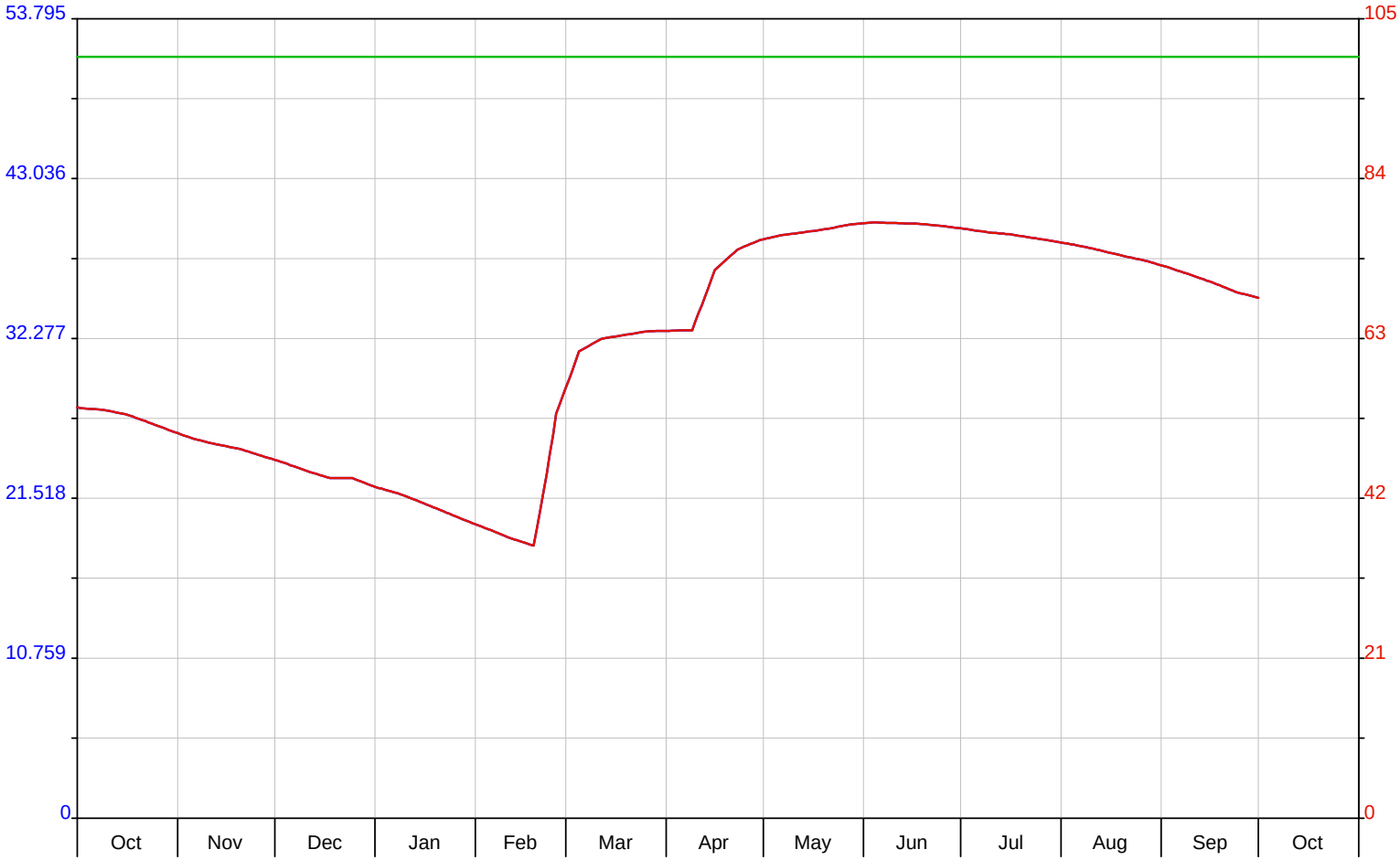

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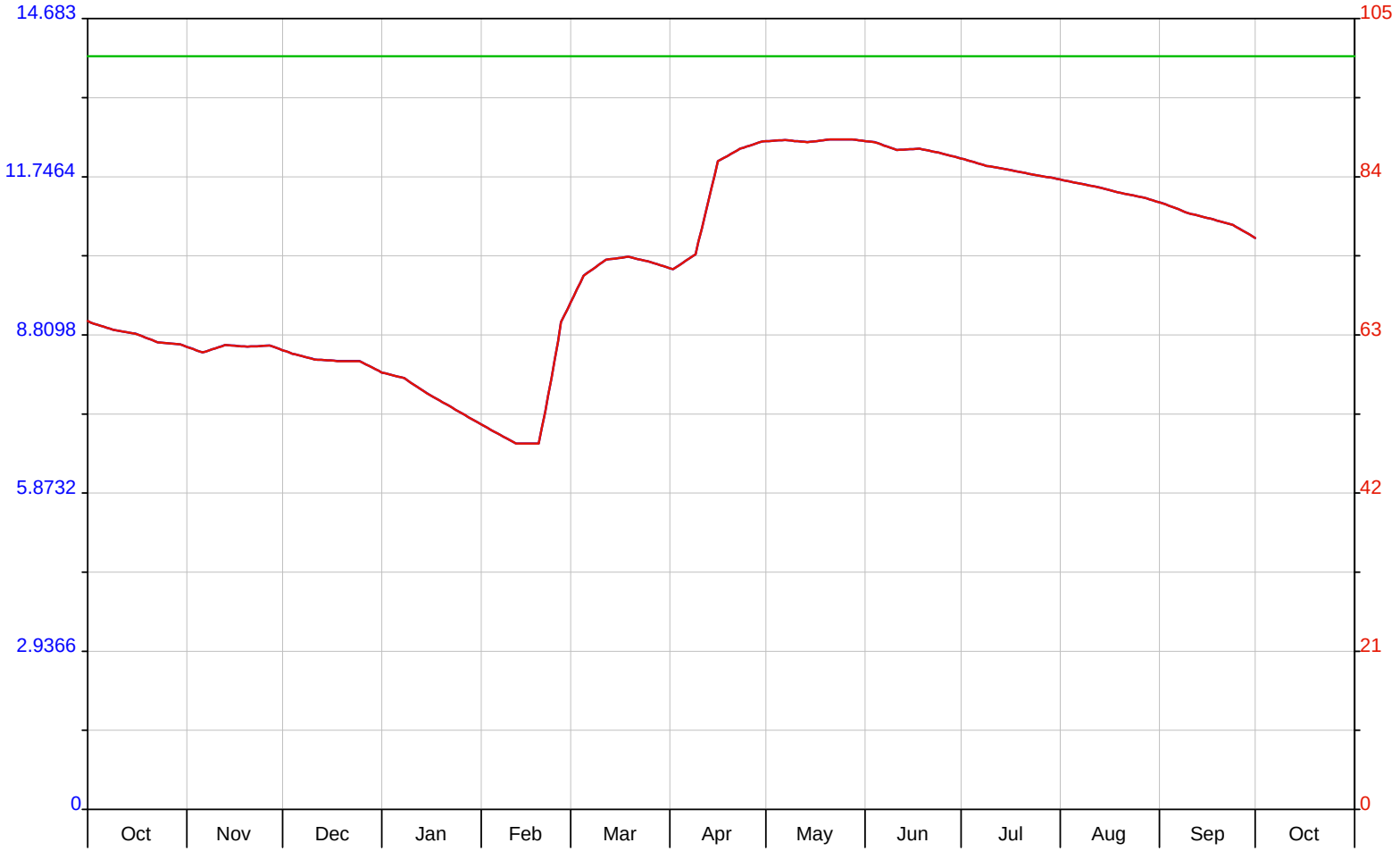

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A8R003	Nwanedzi Dam	198.00	Res Nett Cap (MCM)	Weekly Reading	WB
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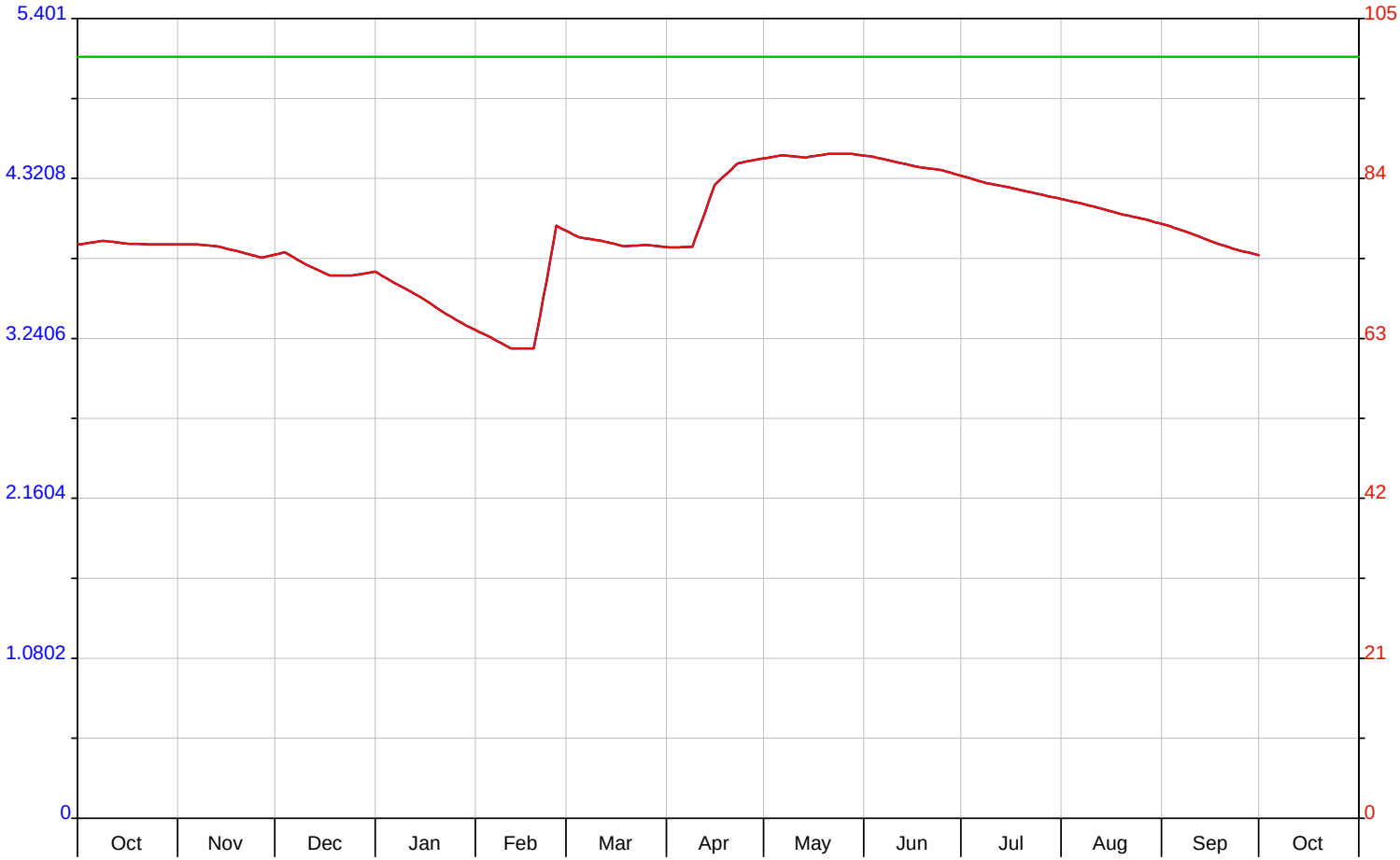

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A8R004	Mutshedzi Dam	198.00	Res Nett Cap (MCM)	Weekly Reading	WB
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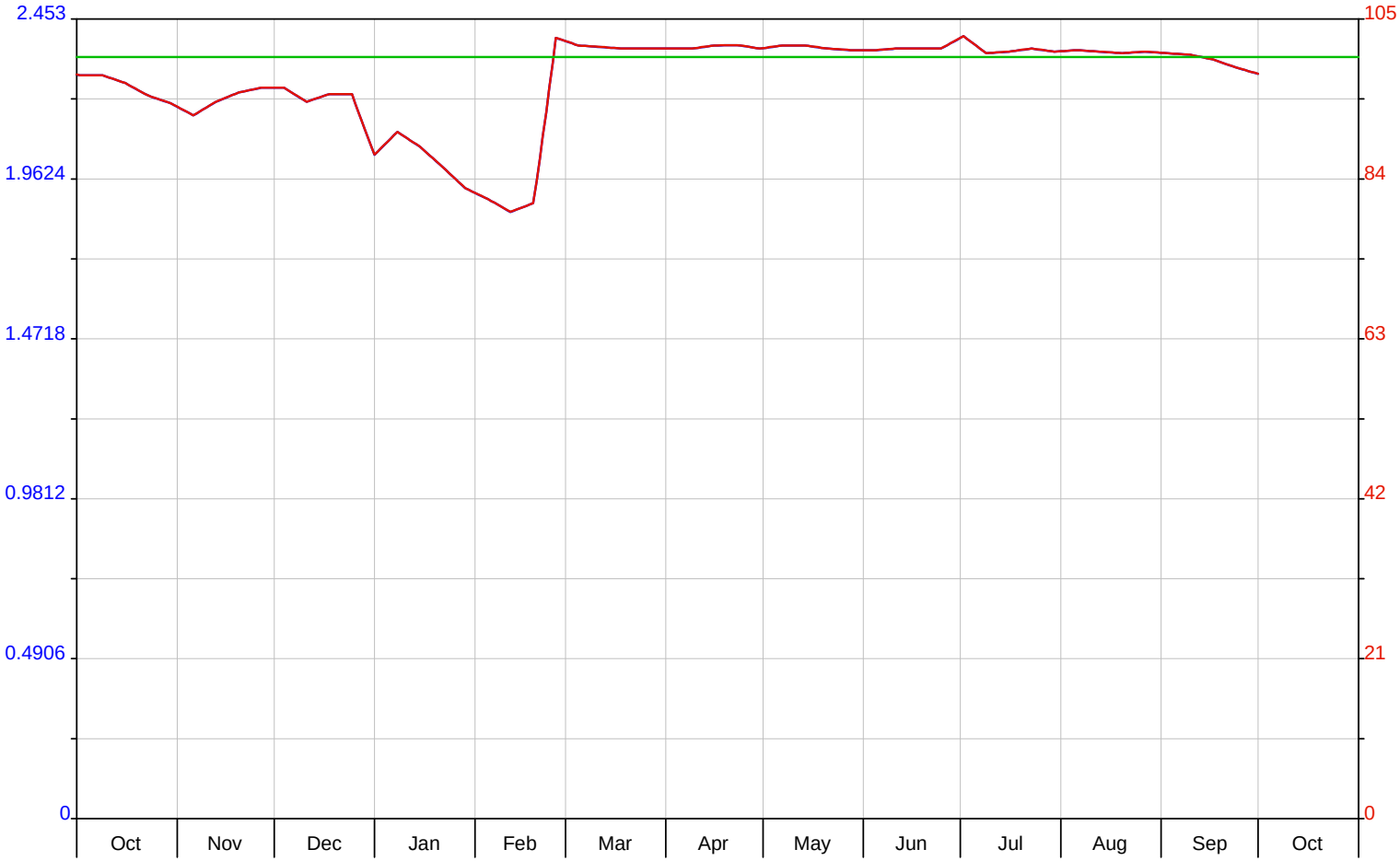

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A9R001	Albasini Dam	198.00	Res Nett Cap (MCM)	Weekly Reading	WB
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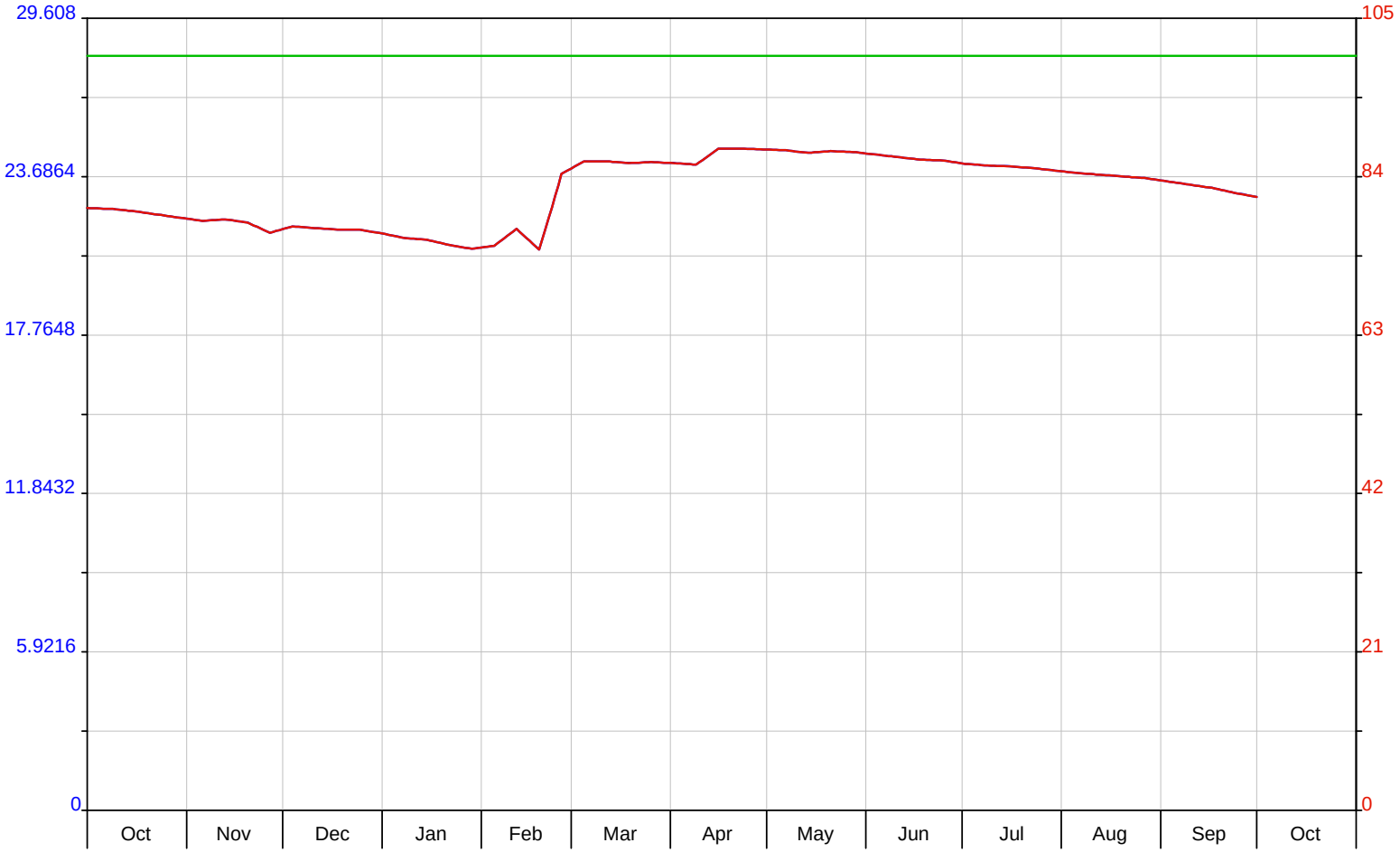

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A9R002	Vondo Dam	198.00	Res Nett Cap (MCM)	Weekly Reading	WB
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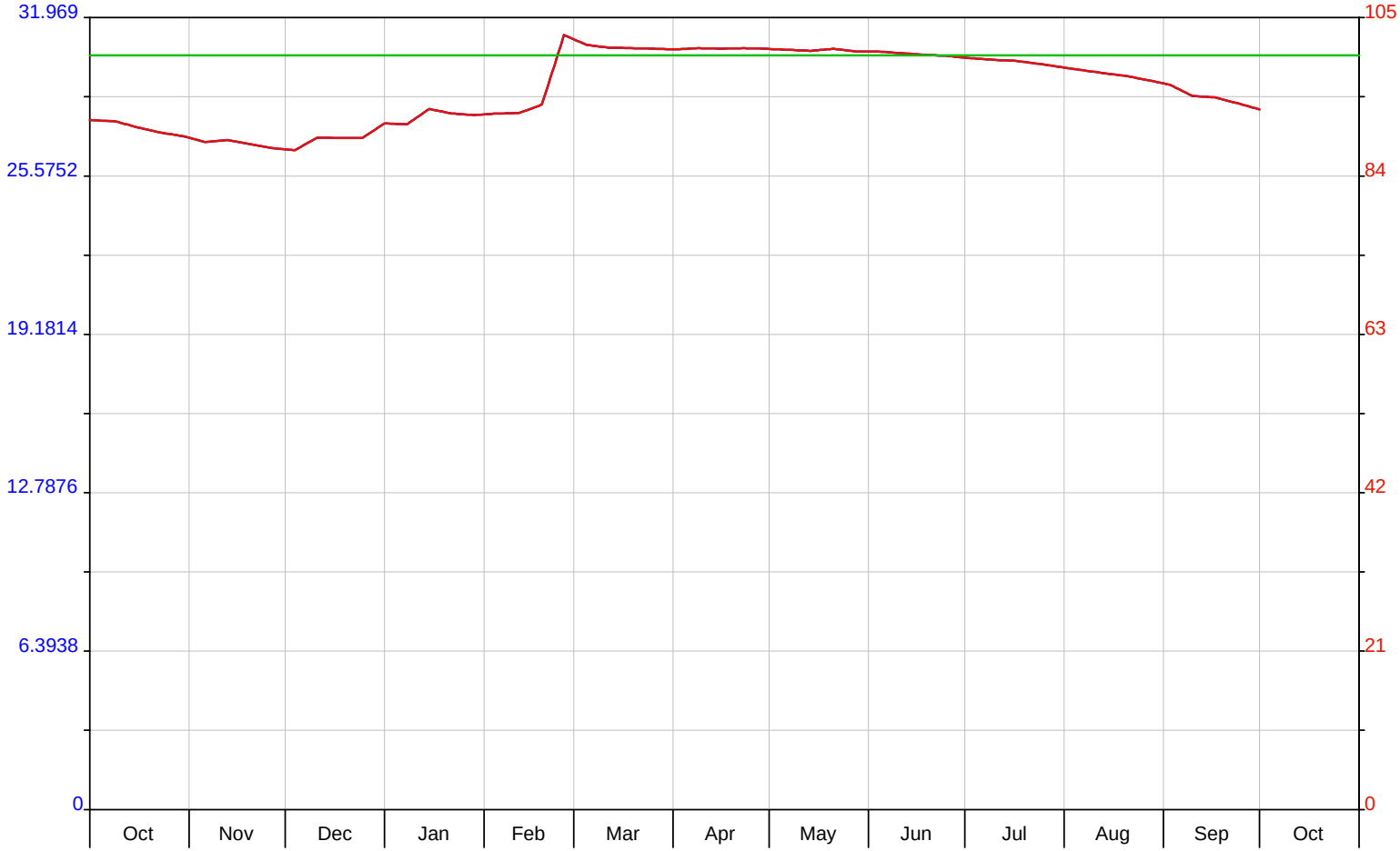

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A9R004	Nandoni Dam	198.00	Res Nett Cap (MCM)	Weekly Reading	WB
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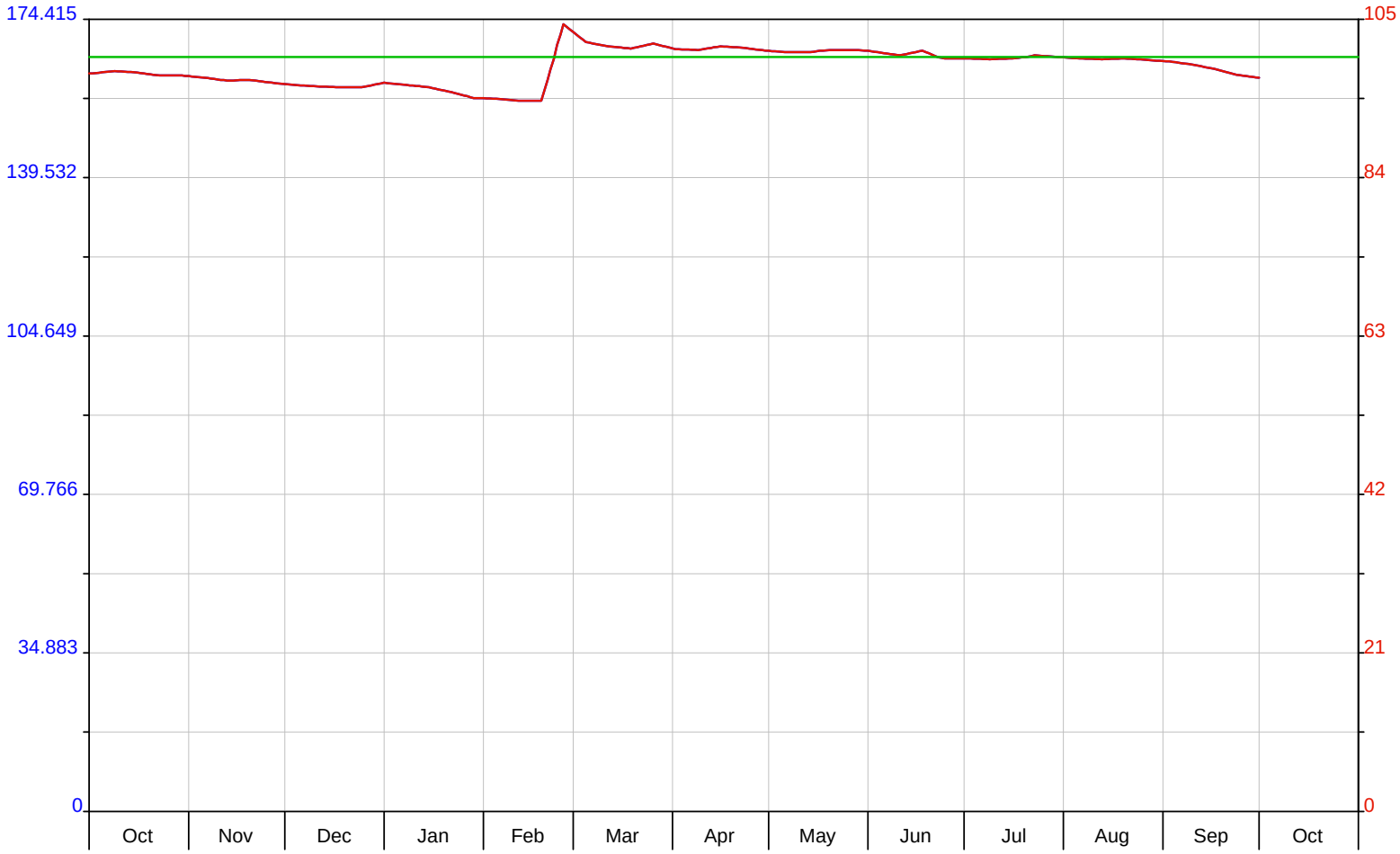

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B3R001	Rust De Winter Dam	198.00	Res Nett Cap (MCM)	Weekly Reading	WB
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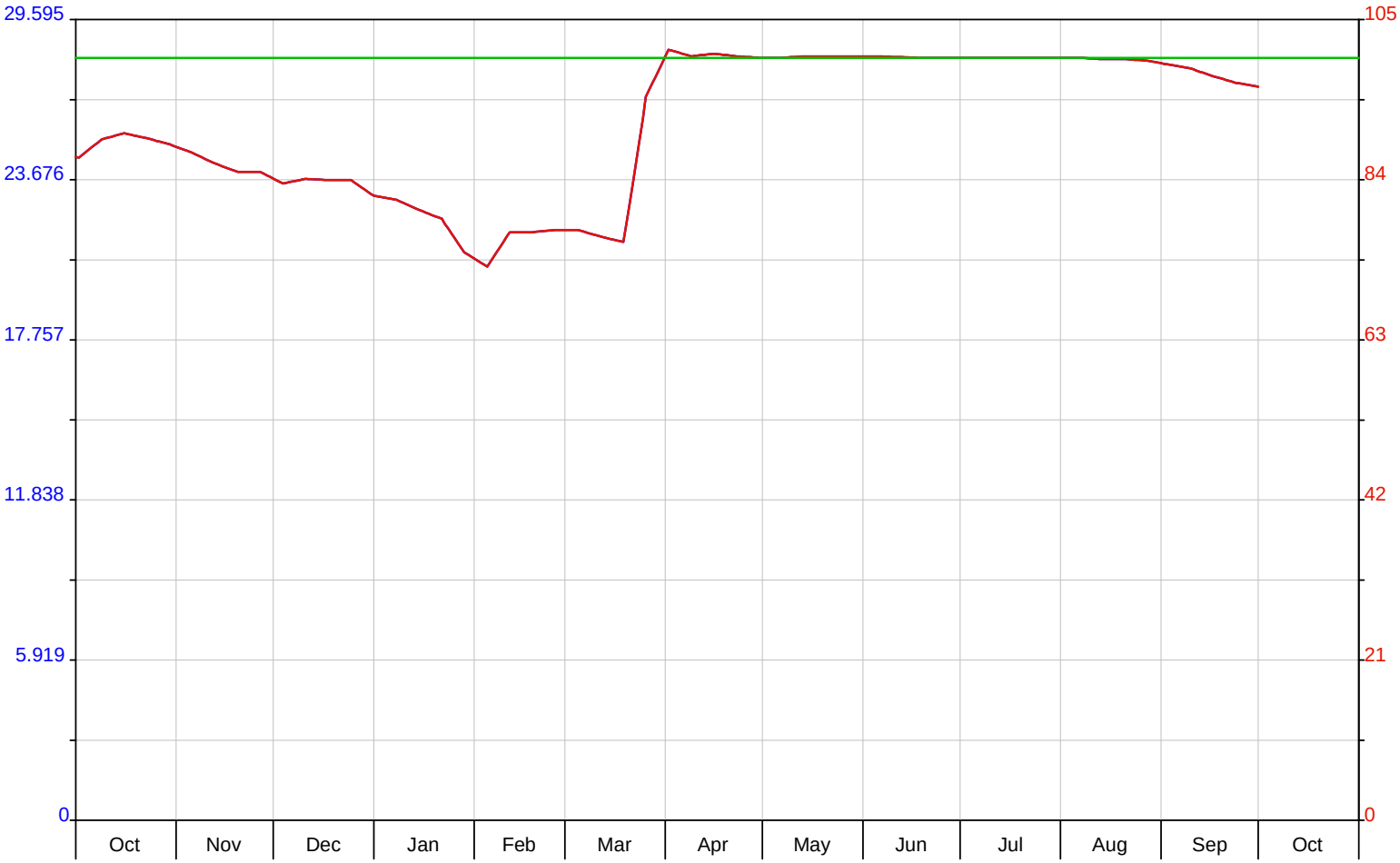

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B4R007	De Hoop Dam	198.00 Res Nett Cap (MCM)	Weekly Reading	WB
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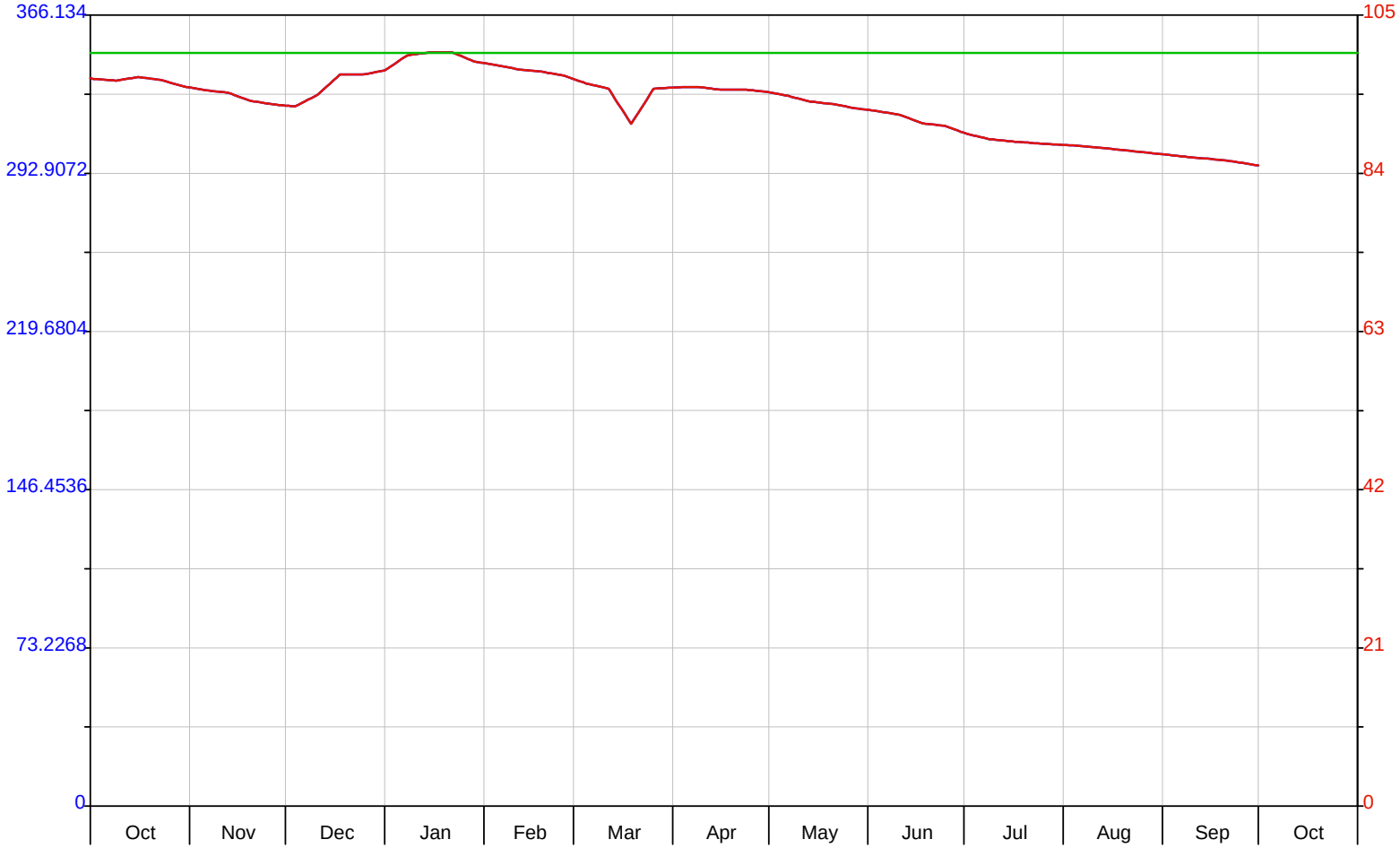

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B5R002	Flag Boshielo Dam	198.00	Res Nett Cap (MCM)	Weekly Reading	WB
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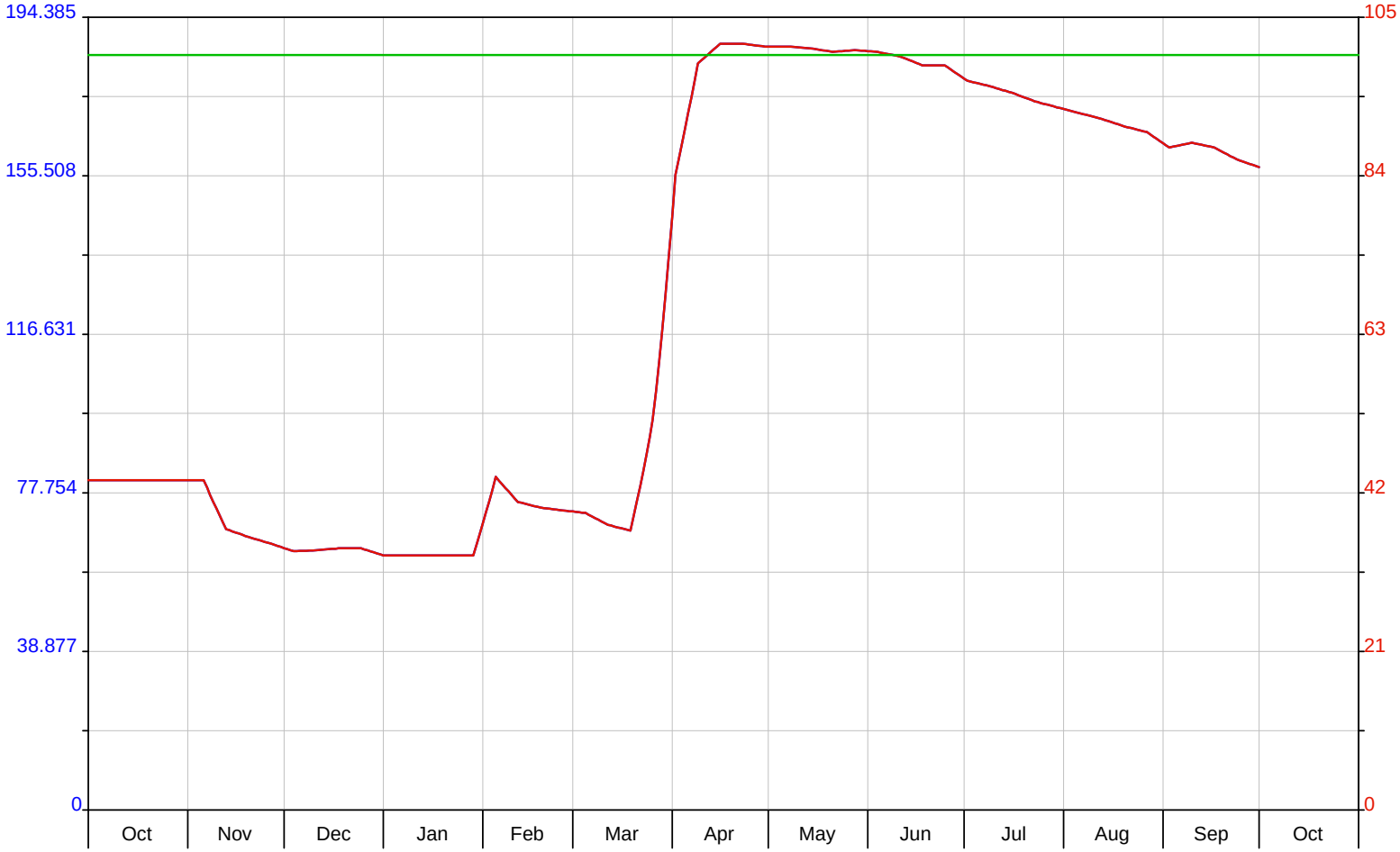

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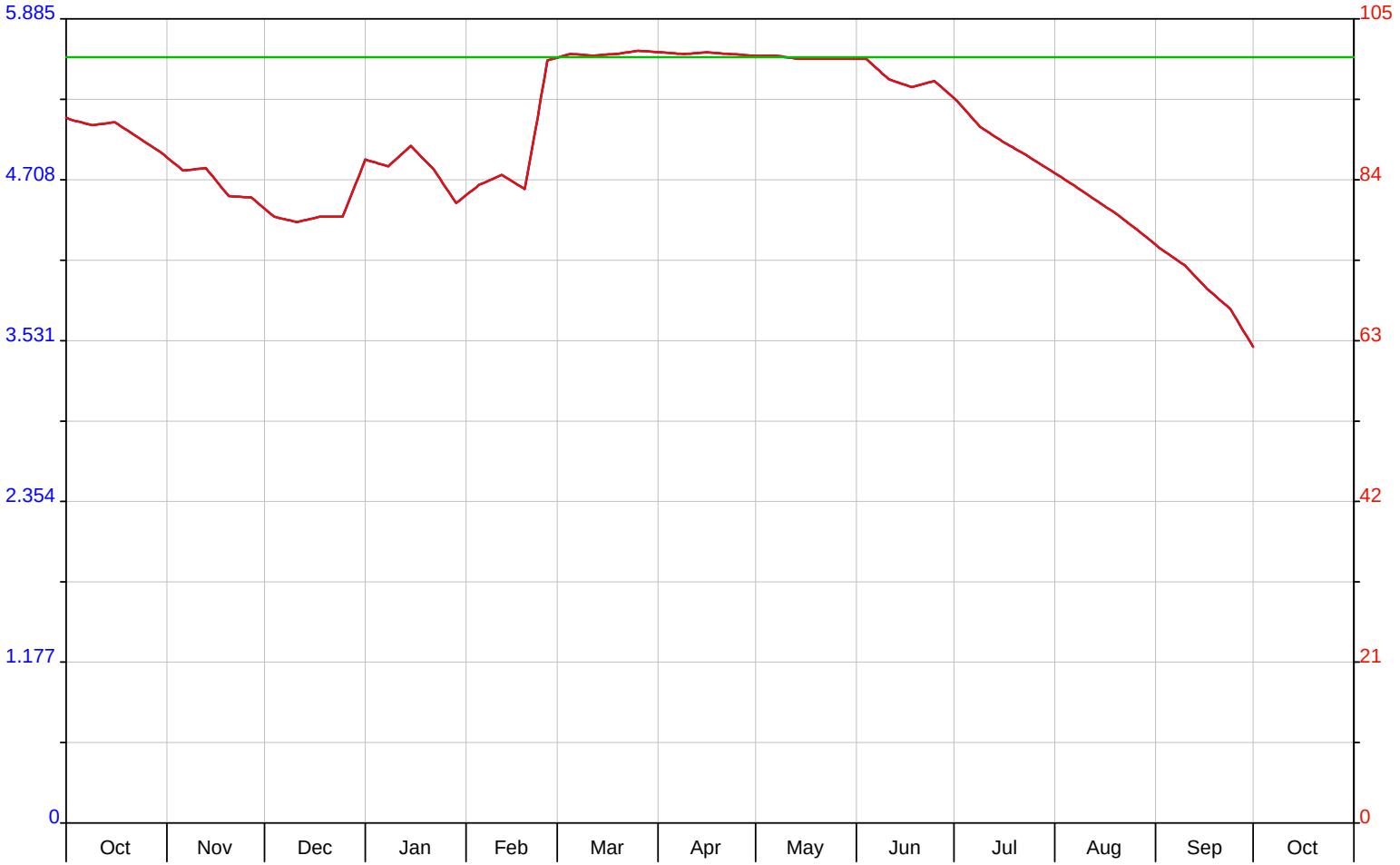

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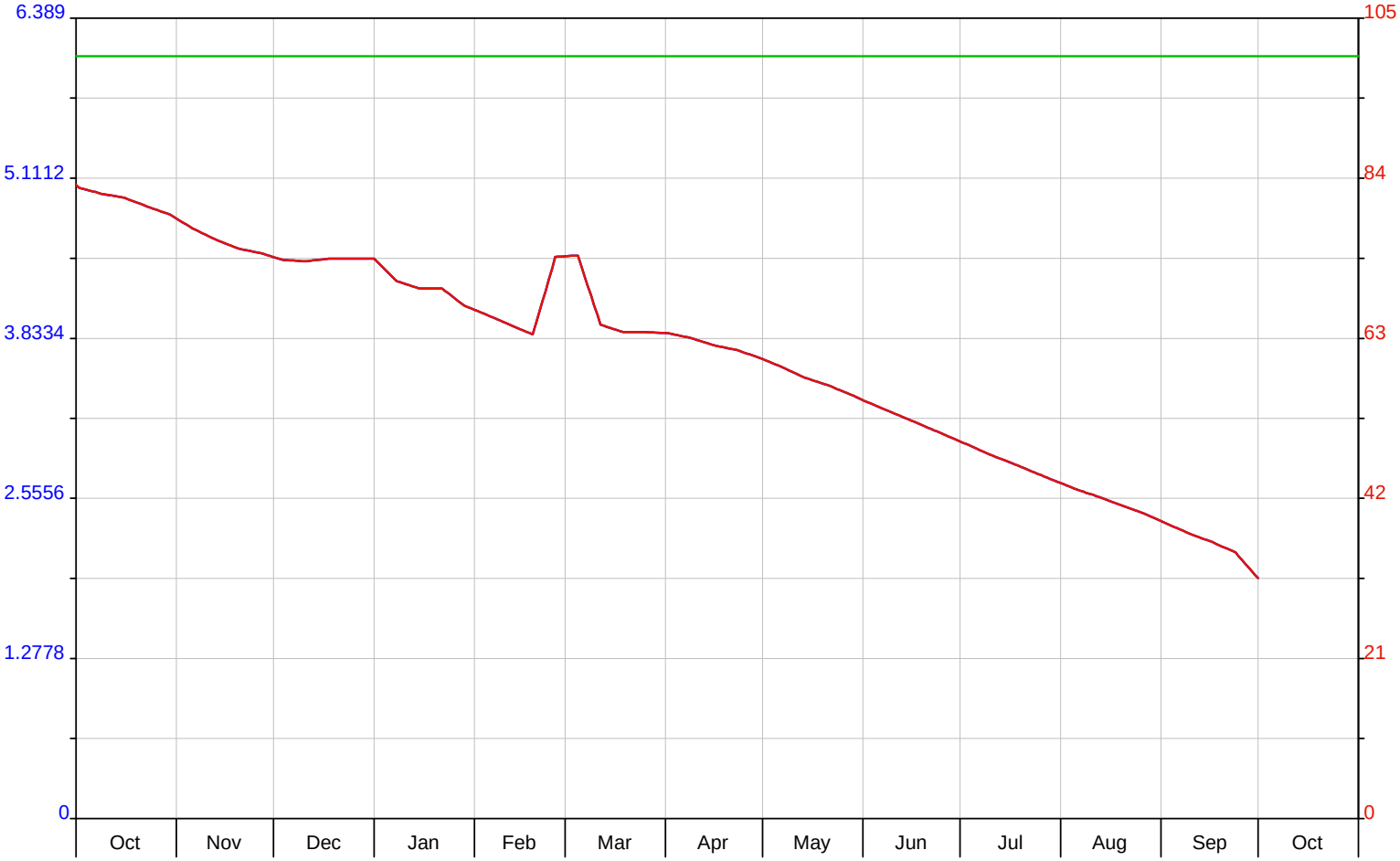

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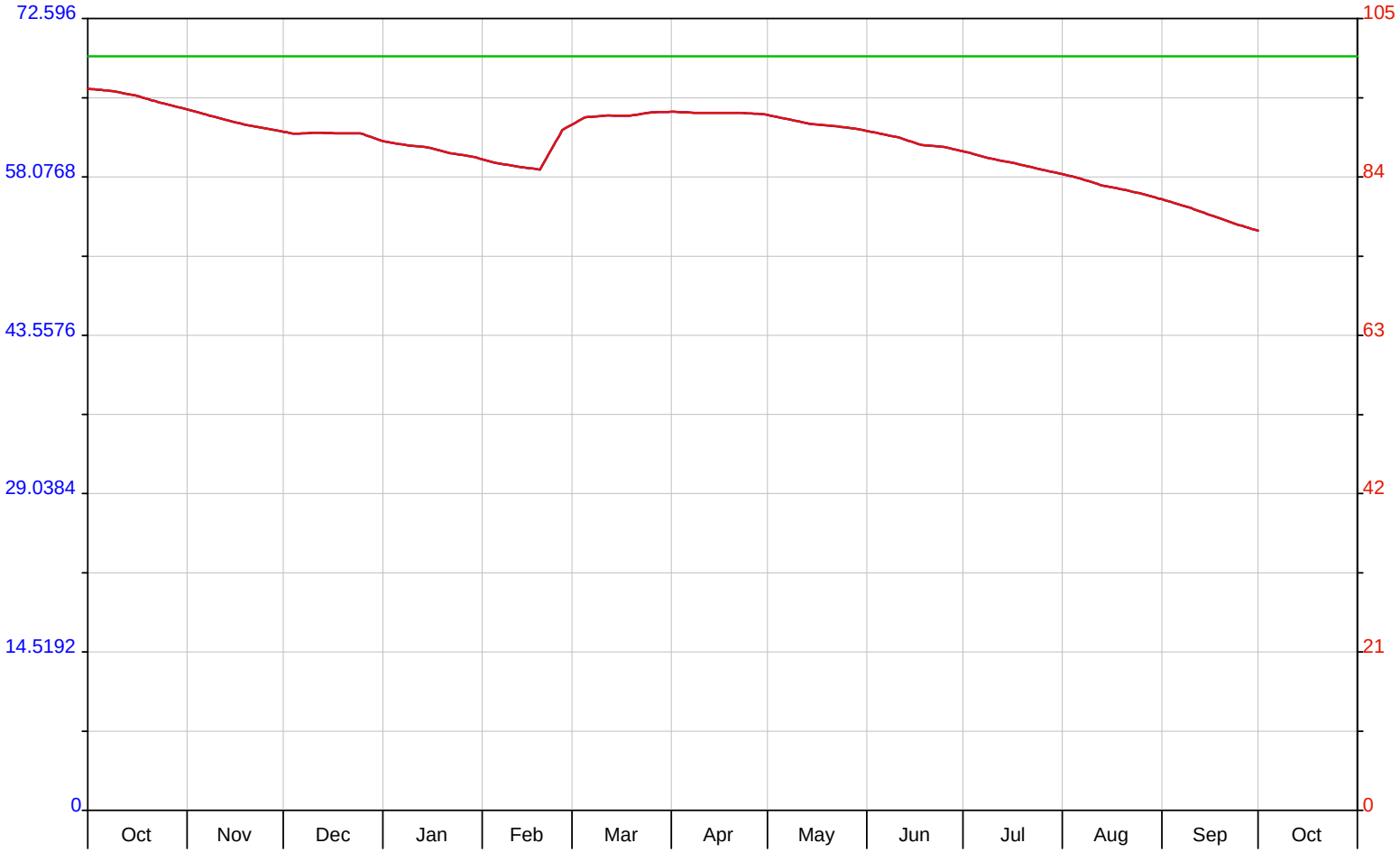

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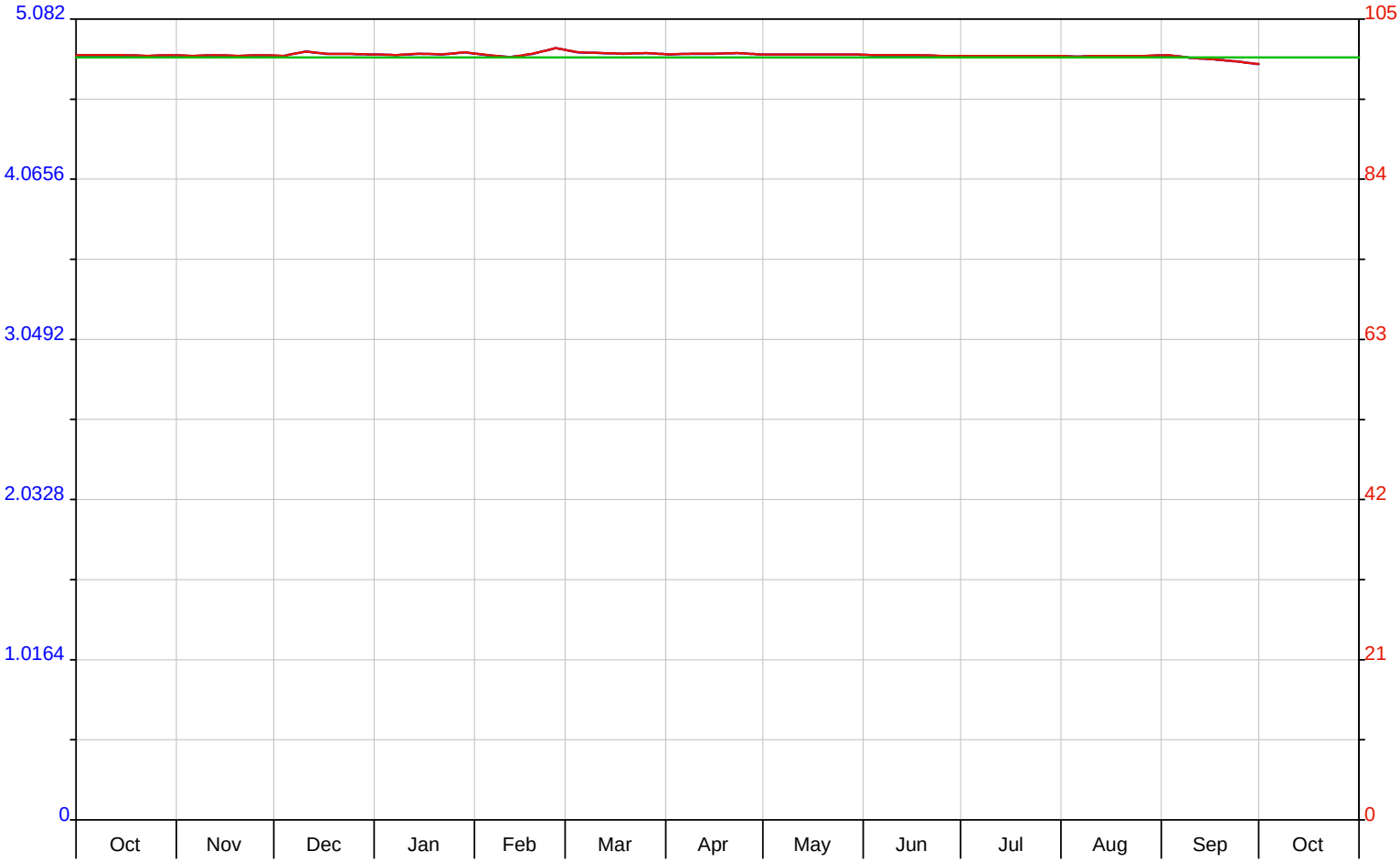

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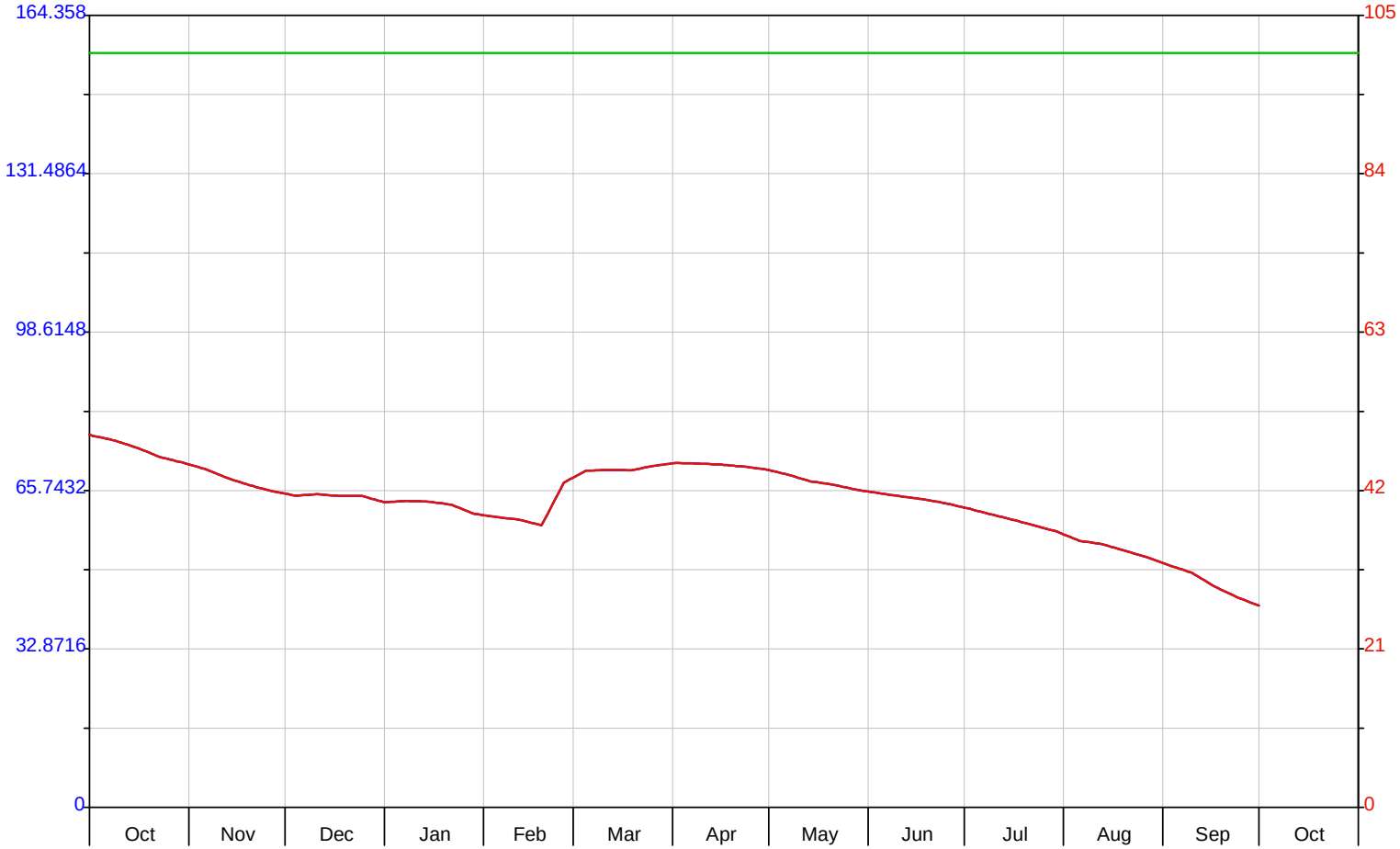

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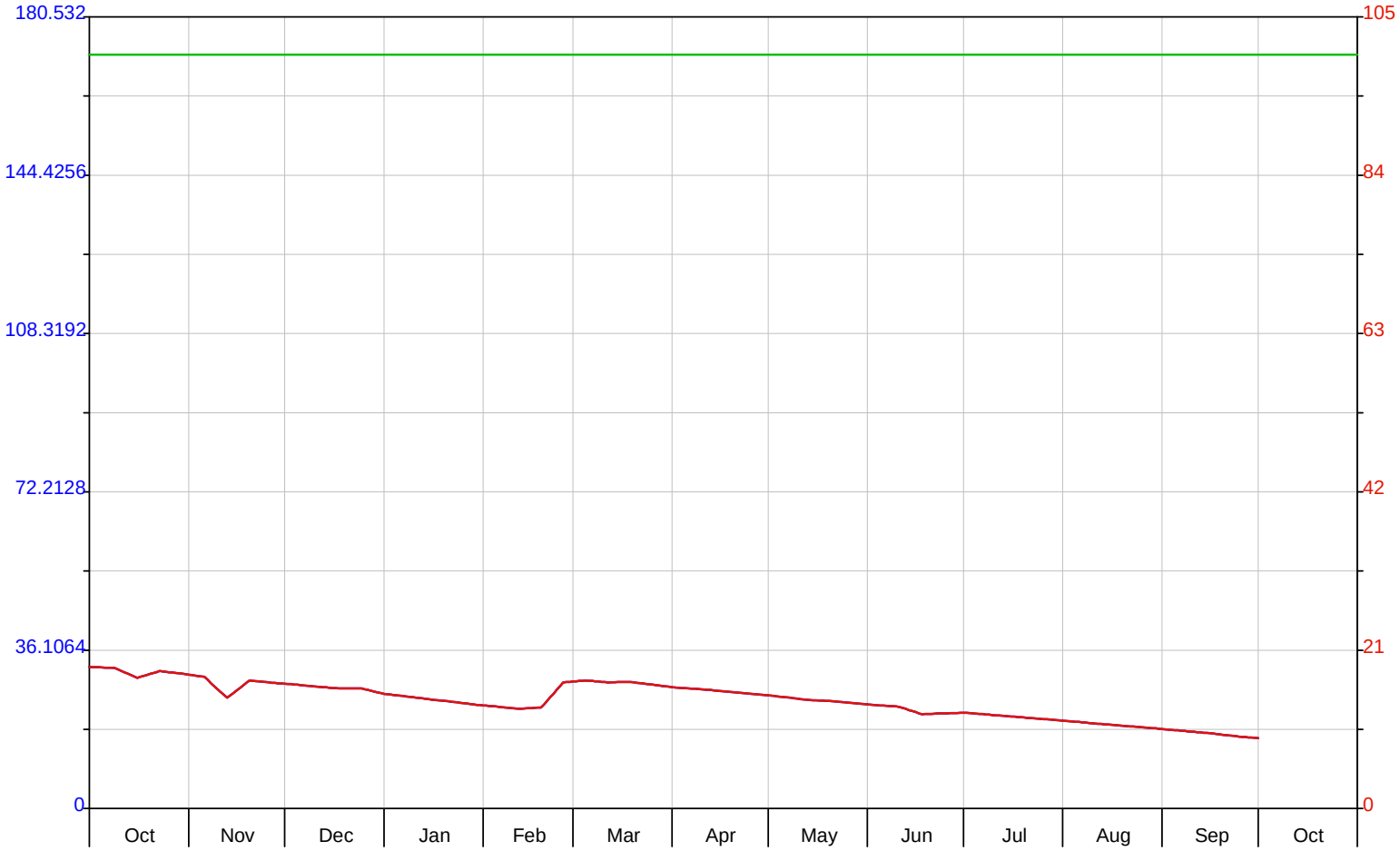

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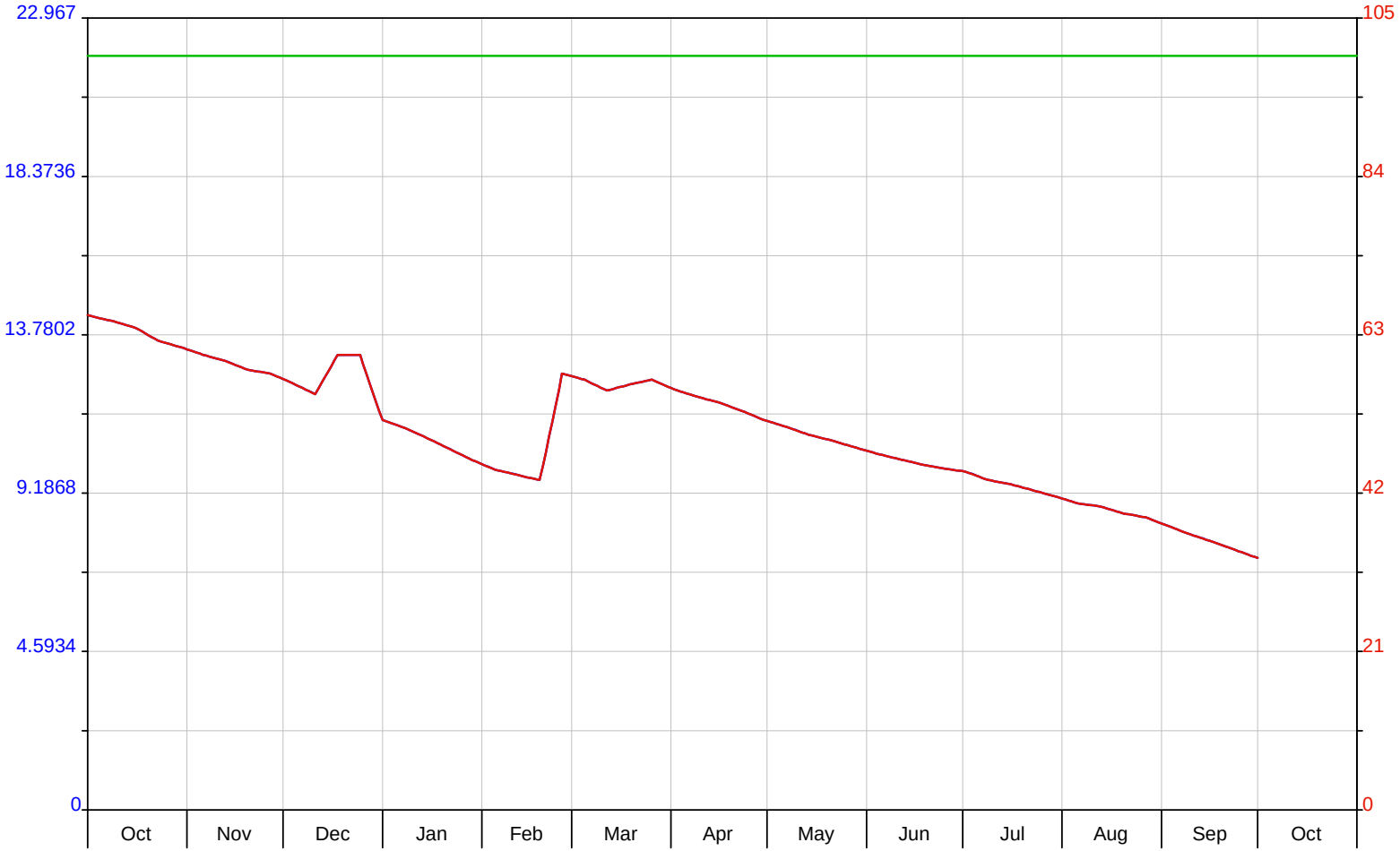

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