



HIGH CONFIDENCE GROUNDWATER RESERVE DETERMINATION STUDY IN THE BERG CATCHMENT

PROJECT STATUS — PROJECT STEERING COMMITTEE No. 2

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Presentation Outline

- Background
- Study progress and milestones achieved
- Capacity building programme





Background

- 24-months project: February 2022 to February 2024.
- The primary objective of this study is to determine a high confidence groundwater Reserve requirements (quantity and quality) to satisfy the basic human needs and to protect aquatic ecosystems for all priority water resources within the Berg catchment.



Study Progress and Milestones Achieved

| DELIVERABLE | DUE DATE |
|---|---------------|
| 4.3.1. Inception report | April 2022 |
| 4.3.2 Gap analysis report | June 2022 |
| 4.3.3 Delineation of water resource units report | August 2022 |
| 4.3.4 Ecological reference conditions report | October 2022 |
| 4.3.5 BHN and EWR requirement report | February 2023 |
| 4.3.6 Operational Scenarios and its Socio-Economic and Ecological consequences report | May 2023 |
| 4.3.7 Evaluate Scenarios with Stakeholders | August 2023 |
| 4.3.8 Monitoring Programme report | November 2023 |
| 4.3.9 Gazette and Implement Reserve | February 2024 |

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Capacity Building Programme

| Task | Description | Period |
|------|--|-------------------------|
| 2.1 | Gap Analysis and Water Resource Model Inventory: data collection, review, and analysis | June 2022 |
| 3.1 | GRU delineation | August 2022 |
| 3.4 | Water Resource Modelling: 1 week groundwater modelling. | 23 – 27 January 2023 |
| | Day 1 - Field trip to CFA and TMG - all DWS staff | |
| | <u>Day 2</u> - Introduction to Groundwater Modelling and Data Collation – in person training | |
| | <u>Day 3</u> - Conceptualization and Groundwater Model Set Up – in person training | |
| | <u>Day 4</u> - Model set up and Model Calibration – in person training | |
| | <u>Day 5</u> - Scenario Analysis and Results – in person training | |
| 3.8 | Reserve Determination: Attend Final Reserve Determination stakeholder engagement workshop to observe how it is determined and update the reserve reporting based on stakeholder input. | January 2024 |

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