

## **KOBWA DAMS SPILL**

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The Driekoppies Dam in South Africa and Maguga Dam in Eswatini are currently spilling. They are on the Mlumati river and the Komati river, respectively. These two dams are managed by the Komati Basin Water Authority (KOBWA) on behalf of the South African and Eswatini governments.

The spilling is as a result of the surge in water due to the recent rains upstream in both the Komati River and the Mlumati River.

The Driekoppies Dam was first to spill on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of February 2020, remarkably marking its first spill since 2014. Maguga Dam began spilling at 23:55 on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of February 2020 having last spilt on the 15<sup>th</sup> of February 2019. KOBWA is in contact with the relevant institutions such as the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) and the Provincial Disaster Management Centre (PDMC) in Nelspruit and the Department of Water Affairs (DWA) and the National Disaster Management Agency (NDMA) Eswatini whenever flows reach emergency thresholds to ensure safety.

KOBWA also started warning her respective stakeholders to be cautious when it became evident that both dams will be full and spill respectively.

This overflow means that there are higher than normal flows in the river below these dams thus residents downstream are urged to be cautious and vigilant and refrain from crossing at unsafe crossing points to avoid danger of being swept away.

KOBWA will continue to monitor the system and the infrastructure in line with the Dam Safety Regulations and each dam's Operation and Maintenance Manual.

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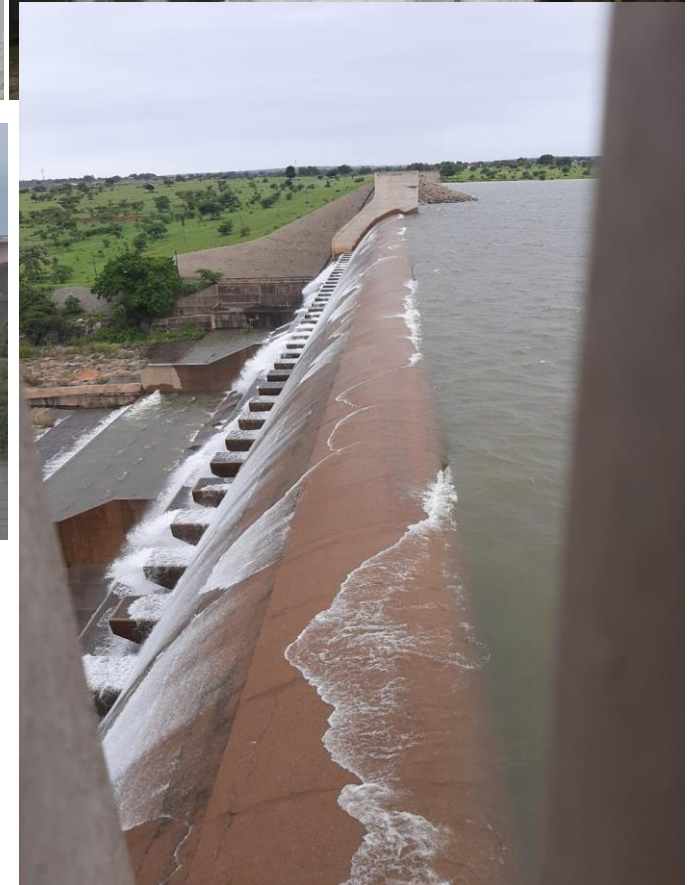
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**Maquqa Dam**



**Driekoppies Dam**





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