# ANNUAL WATER QUALITY STATUS REPORT FOR THE INKOMATI-USUTHU WATER MANAGEMENT AREA

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# **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

#### Overview of the Inkomati-Usuthu Water Management Area

The Inkomati Catchment Management Agency (ICMA) is the responsible authority within the jurisdiction of the Inkomati Water Management Area, which has now been extended to include the Usuthu Catchment. This has also been accompanied by the name change to the Inkomati-Usuthu Catchment Management Agency (IUCMA). The Inkomati-Usuthu Water Management Area is depicted in a reddish-orange colour in Figure 1 (DWA, 2013) below, and is one of the nine newly demarcated Water Management Areas (WMAs). It is located in the eastern part of South Africa and falls wholly within the Mpumalanga Provincial boundaries.

The Inkomati-Usuthu WMA is part of an international basin called the Incomati basin. The water resources in the area are strategically important for international obligations as well as inter-basin transfers for power generation. As an authority, the IUCMA is responsible for managing, controlling, protecting and monitoring water resources in its area of responsibility.



Figure 1: Map of the newly demarcated Water Management Areas of South Africa



#### Purpose of the Report

The purpose of this report is to share information on the water quality status in the catchment, attribute some of the impact to specific activities within the catchment, indicate the steps that the organisation is taking towards remedying the impacts as well as show the status of authorisation of various water use activities within the water management area. The River Health Monitoring Reports for the Sabie and Crocodile Rivers were produced in 2013 and 2014 respectively. This report will focus only on the chemical and microbial water quality and covers the Sabie-Sand, Crocodile, Komati and Usuthu Catchments.

#### Water Quality Monitoring

Chemical water quality monitoring is performed on a monthly basis through grab sampling, and the samples are submitted to an independent, accredited laboratory for analysis. The variables of concern differ from catchment to catchment and are based on the types of activities occurring within a specific catchment. Monitoring is conducted both in-stream to determine the quality of water as well as at the discharge point to establish the quality of the discharge and its compliance with licence conditions or discharge standards. Often the monitoring of the discharge is accompanied by in-stream monitoring upstream and downstream of the discharge to determine the impact of the discharge. It is also critically important to monitor the background water quality at the headwaters as well as the quality of the most downstream point before the river exits or flows into a neighbouring country.

For the purpose of this report, strategic monitoring points were selected only instream to report on the water quality status since it would not have been practical to report on all monitoring sites. These included the headwaters, the exit point of the catchment and a few strategic points in the main stem as well as the discharge of the tributaries into the main stem. The information presented covers a period of approximately two years from January 2013 until March 2015, presented in time series. It is envisaged that the report will in future look at longer-term trends rather than just two years. This should be possible once the IUCMA has access to the Water Management System of the Department of Water and Sanitation where water quality data is captured. Three indicator variables were selected and these were:

pH - The pH of water indicates the acidity or basicity of the water. pH can range from 0 to 14. A pH of 7 is neutral. A measurement above 7 is basic. A measurement below 7 is acidic.

Electrical Conductivity (EC) - Electrical Conductivity (EC) measures water's ability to conduct an electric current. It is directly related to the concentration of salts dissolved in water.

Escherichia coli (*E. coli*) - *E. coli* is an indicator of faecal contamination of humans or other animals in the water resource. Faecal coliform bacteria can enter rivers through direct discharge of waste from mammals and other animals, from agricultural and storm runoff (non-point sources) and from human sewage.

The compliance of these indicator parameters was compared with the Target Water Quality Guideline limits (TWQG) for the Sabie, Komati and Usuthu Catchments and the Interim Water Quality Objectives (IWQO) for the Crocodile Catchment. This is because the Crocodile Catchment has IWQO while the other three catchments do not have them. This situation will also change in future when the Resource Quality Objectives (RQOs) are promulgated as part of the classification process.

It will be borne in mind that once promulgated, all institutions of government and water users must give effect to the class of the resource as well as the associated reserves and RQOs.

#### Water Quality Status

The chemical water quality is fairly good except at a few sites in the Komati Catchment. The microbiological quality is serious cause for concern in all four catchments. The numbers of *E. coli* counts are extremely high. This observation has influenced the Resource Protection and Waste division to profile all Wastewater Treatment Works (WWTW) in the WMA to determine their status in respect of authorisation, design and operational capacities, classification of process controllers, and so on.

It is envisaged that the profiling of WWTW will give the division a better understanding of the challenges they are facing and how to approach them. It is also envisaged that the report will shed some light on the impact of these facilities on water resources and focus some of the attention of the owners of these facilities on their state of disrepair and the damage they are causing to the environment.

The IUCMA also started participating in the MUSSA (Municipal Strategic Self-Assessment) conducted by the Department of Water and Sanitation providing detailed information which present the basis for discussion and engagement with municipalities and the Department. This is an ongoing process which emanated from the water quality workshop that was hosted by the IUCMA focussing only on impacts of municipal waste water treatment works (WWTW) within the Crocodile Catchment.

One of the spin-offs that came out of this initiative is the involvement of the Provincial Department of Co-operative Government and Traditional Affairs (CoGTA) which has did not only emphasise the water quality impacts of municipal wwtw, but also brought sharp focus on the issues associated with the performance of wwtw within the water management area but also covering the whole province. The Department of CoGTA is reported to be interested in assessing municipal infrastructure with a view to implement intervention measures where necessary in order to enhance the performance of municipal wwtw in the Mpumalanga Province. In other words, the proto-CMAs of both the Upper Vaal and the Olifants Water Management Areas will also benefit from this initiative of the IUCMA since the Mpumalanga Province extends beyond the boundaries of the Inkomati-Usuthu Water Management Area.



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# **CHAPTER 1: THE SABIE RIVER CATCHMENT**

### 1.1 Introduction

The Sabie River originates in the upper reaches of the town of Sabie, and passes through Sabie where entities such as York Timber Sawmill and the now-defunct underground gold mines of the Transvaal Gold Mine Estate (TGME) are situated. The Sabie River flows further through Hazyview and Mkhuhlu and other residential areas before it enters the Kruger National Park (KNP), Mozambique and the Indian Ocean respectively. The main tributaries of the Sabie River are the Mac-Mac River, Klein Sabie River, Noord-Sand River, Bega River, Sand River and Mutlumuvi River. The Sand River flows into the Sabie River inside the Kruger National Park. There are five main dams in the Sabie Sand Catchment, namely Inyaka Dam, Da-Gama Dam, Eidenburg Dam, Mahleve Dam and Swartfontein Dam.

This report focuses on the water quality status of the tributaries and selected points along the main stem of the Sabie River. The Sabie Sand Catchment consists of Thaba Chweu, Bushbuckridge and Mbombela Local Municipalities. These municipalities have Wastewater Treatment Works (WWTW) that discharge wastewater into the Sabie River and some of its tributaries.

The catchment is dominated by trout farming, forestry at the upper reaches of the catchment and different forms of housing development including guest houses, lodges and hotels. According to the findings from the Ecostatus of the Sabie Sand River Catchment dated October 2012, compiled by the Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency (MTPA), the town of Sabie has a negative effect on the health of the river (resource) due to unsustainable urban development and pollution from factories and sawmills. The WWTW are poorly maintained, and trout farming has impacted negatively on the biodiversity of the Inyaka Dam and the river itself.

The middle reaches from Hazyview to the Kruger National Park are affected mostly by agriculture, eco-adventure tourism, irrigation, water abstraction and urban development. The lower reaches of the catchment are inside the Kruger National Park which is a protected area.

Figures 2 and 3 below show the map of the Sabie Catchment with strategic motoring points depicted and schematic representation of the catchment respectively.



Figure 2: Map of the Sabie Sand Catchment showing selected monitoring points



Figure 3: Diagrammatic representation of the Sabie Sand Catchment showing selected monitoring sites

A total of 12 monitoring points were selected in the Sabie River and its tributaries. Four monitoring points were selected in the main stem of the Sabie River from the headwaters until the river enters the Kruger National Park. The remaining eight monitoring points show the quality of water contributed by the tributaries into the main stem of the Sabie as well as the head waters of the Groot Sand River. Table 1 shows the location details of selected monitoring points.

SITE	SITE NAME	RIVER	CO-ORDINATES	
NO.			LAT (S)	LONG (E)
SS - 1	Sabie River @ Sabie Sawmill	Sabie River	25° 06' 06.83" S	30° 45' 05.34" E
SS - 2	Klein Sabie @ Sabie Falls	Klein Sabie	25°05' 16.95" S	30° 46' 42.22" E
SS - 11	Mac-Mac River	Mac-Mac River	25° 01' 46.10" S	31° 01' 32.12" E
SS - 17	Sabie River @ R40	Sabie River	25° 01' 49.88" S	31° 07' 30.64" E
SS - 15	Noord-Sand River	Noord-Sand River	25° 02' 03.21" S	31° 09' 18.24" E
SS - 18	Sabie River D/S @ Hoxani Weir	Sabie River	25° 01' 09.40" S	31° 13' 06.70" E
SS - 20	Bega River @ Mkhuhlu Settlement	Bega River	24° 58' 59.77" S	31° 14' 51.34" E
SS - 22	Sabie River @ Kruger Gate	Sabie River	24° 58' 46.57" S	31° 28' 57.23" E
SS - 29	Groot Sand River	Sand River	24° 42' 27.13" S	31° 01' 37.12" E
SS - 32	U/S of Thulamahashe WWTW @ Sand River	Sand River	24° 42' 53.47" S	31° 12' 18.66" E
SS - 33	U/S of Thulamahashe WWTW @ Mutlumuvi	Mutlumuvi River	24° 43' 41.02" S	31° 03' 49.81" E
SS - 35	D/S of Thulamahashe WWTW @ Railway bridge	Sand River	24° 43' 18.17" S	31° 14' 13.71" E

 Table 1: List of monitoring points indicating the site name, location and co-ordinates of the Sabie

 Sand River Catchment

## 1.2 Water Quality Status

The samples were analysed by a SANAS-accredited laboratory. Since the Sabie River does not have Interim Water Quality Objectives, the Target Water Quality Guidelines were used for comparison purposes to determine compliance with the most stringent objectives that protect the fitness for use for the most sensitive user. Table 2 below shows the target water quality guidelines for relevant variables of concern. As indicated elsewhere in this document, indicator variables were selected for the purposes of this report to demonstrate the status of water quality in the Sabie Sand Catchment.

Table 2: Target Water Quality Guidelines for relevant variables of concern for the Sabie Sand Catchment

Variable	Target Water Quality	Uniform Effluent Standards		
	Guidelines	General	Special	
pH (pH Units)	6.5 - 8.5	5.5-9.5	5.5-7.5	
Conductivity (mS/m	0-40	intake+75%; 250	intake+15%; 250	
<i>E. coli</i> (CFU/100 ml)	0	0	0	
Ammonia (mg/l)	0-1.0	10	1.0	
Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD)	0-10	75	30	
Nitrate & Nitrite (mg/l)	0-6		1.5	
Soluble Ortho-Phosphate (mg/l)	0.005-0.025		1.0	
Suspended Solids	0-5	25	10	

#### 1.2.1 Water quality status of the Sabie River



Figure 4: pH levels measured in the main stem of the Sabie River.

The pH in most of the monitoring points are within the acceptable limit, accept four points outside of the acceptable range as depicted in figure 4 above. These outliers could not be attributed to any activity or geology in the area and is therefore attributed to human error.



Figure 5: Electrical Conductivity measured in the main stem of the Sabie River

Figure 5 shows that the quality of water at the most upstream monitoring point is impacted more severely compared to the rest of the river going downstream. This can be attributed to activities such as trout farming and saw milling taking place upstream of such monitoring. The quality of water improves slightly from the headwaters as a result of the dilution from the tributaries and then deteriorates slightly as the river proceeds downstream towards the Kruger National Park and Mozambique. It must, however, be mentioned that the Electrical Conductivity is still far lower (much better) than the acceptable TWQG of 40 mS/m.



Figure 6: E. coli counts measured in counts per 100 ml in the main stem of the Sabie River

The microbial quality of water in the Sabie River is heavily impacted/degraded and significantly above the tolerable levels. The quality in the headwaters shows average *E. coli* counts of approximately 100 counts/100 ml and deteriorates further as the river flows towards the Kruger National Park. This is attributed to the impacts of various WWTW for both Thaba Chweu and Bushbuckridge Municipalities as well as overflows from manholes and non-functional pump stations (figure 6). It must be mentioned that the monitoring point for the headwaters of the Sabie River is not a historical point and that it was commissioned only recently to monitor the background water quality from the origin of the river. Hence the graph for this point is shorter.



Figure 7: pH levels measured in the tributaries of Sabie River

The pH of water in the tributaries of the Sabie River is acceptable as it is neither alkaline nor acidic. The pH of most of the selected sites ranges between 7.5 and 7.9 (figure 7). PH is therefore not a problematic variable in the Sabie Catchment.



Figure 8: Electrical Conductivity measured in the tributaries of Sabie River

The chemical quality of water in the various tributaries of the Sabie River is good. The trends for this tributaries show seasonality and fluctuation that indicates higher salt concentrations during dry seasons and low salt concentrations (dilution) during the wet or rainy seasons. As indicated in figure 8 above, the levels of dissolved salts, as indicated by measuring Electrical Conductivity (EC) over the reporting period showed that three tributaries complied with the TWQG of 40 mS/m, while one tributary (the Bega River) exceeded the TWQG. The Bega River flows through the Mkhuhlu Township. The slight deterioration in the chemical water quality of this stream is attributed to overflows from blocked manholes (sewer line) and illegal dumping of other domestic solid waste material inside the river.



Figure 9: E. coli measured in counts per 100 ml in the tributaries of Sabie River

Figure 9 above shows that all the tributaries did not comply with the TWQG. Investigations conducted by the IUCMA have shown that the high *E. coli* counts are ascribed to blocked manholes which cause raw sewage to overflow and illegal dumping of domestic solid waste material into the water resources. The Klein Sabie River passes through a settlement in the town of Sabie, the Noordsand passes through the town of Hazyview while the Bega River flows through the Mkhuhlu Township. In all cases, the high *E. coli* counts are attributed to the overflows from manholes, illegal dumping of solid waste material, burst sewage reticulation pipelines as well as non-functional pump stations.



Figure 10: pH measured in the tributaries of Sand River

The pH of water in the Sand River is acceptable as it is neither acidic nor alkaline. The pH of most of the selected sites is acceptable, and ranges between 7.5 and 7.9. This is shown in figure 10 above.



Figure 11: Electrical Conductivity measured in the tributaries of Sabie River

The chemical quality of water in the various tributaries of the Sand River is acceptable. Figure 11 above shows the levels of dissolved salts as indicated by measuring Electrical Conductivity (EC) over the reporting period which complies with the TWQG of 40 mS/m, although the quality deteriorates gradually or slightly as one proceeds downstream towards the confluence with the Sabie River.

The Thulamahashe WWTW is located between the Mutlumuvi and the Sand Rivers just before the two streams confluence. The quality of water upstream of the WWTW is relatively good, although it is deteriorating slightly compared to the headwaters. This may be attributed to runoff from agricultural activities in the area. However, there is a significant deterioration in the quality of water downstream of the WWTW, although the quality is still within the acceptable limit (TWQG) of 40 mS/m. This is attributed to the impact of the discharge from the Thulamahashe WWTW.



Figure 12: E. coli counts measured in the tributaries of Sabie River

The microbial quality of water in the Sand River is relatively good upstream at the headwaters but tends to deteriorate as the river proceeds downstream (see figure 12 above). The Mutlumuvi River upstream of the Thulamahashe WWTW shows elevated *E. coli* levels which increase drastically downstream of the Thulamahashe WWTW (see above figure).

The poor quality upstream of the WWTW is attributed to overflows from blocked manholes which are left for too long before they are fixed, while the downstream point shows the impact of partially treated discharge of wastewater from the Thulamahashe WWTW. The treatment plant is located between two streams, namely the Sand River and the Mutlumuvi River. The Thulamahashe WWTW discharges final effluent into the Sand River before it confluences with the Mutlumuvi River. The impact at the upstream point of the Thulamahashe WWTW is attributed to the manhole overflows from the township of Thulamahashe, which is also upstream of this monitoring point. Monitoring of the headwaters of the Grootsand was also recently commissioned and started in October 2014.

# **CHAPTER 2 : THE CROCODILE RIVER CATCHMENT**

### 2.1 Introduction

The Crocodile River Catchment originates near Dullstroom, where it flows into the Kwena Dam and eastwards through Nelspruit and joins the Komati River (to become the Inkomati River) before entering Mozambique at Komatipoort. The Elands River and Kaap River are two large tributaries of the Crocodile River system. The other smaller tributaries of the Crocodile River include the Lunsklip River, Nels River, Houtbosloopspruit, Gladdespruit, White River and Besterspruit. The significant dams include the Kwena Dam, Ngodwana Dam, Witklip Dam, Klipkoppie Dam, Longmere Dam and Primkop Dam.

The Crocodile River Catchment is dominated by agricultural activities (pasture, dry land, or irrigated cultivation), forestry production, and rural and urban settlements. The middle region of the Crocodile River is characterised by increased urbanisation. The river flows through the major towns of Nelspruit, Kaapmuiden and Malelane. Commercial farming activities (sugar cane, fruit and vegetables) are also a feature of this catchment.

There are also mining activities in the Kaap River and the Sappi Mill in the Elands River Catchment. Illegal sand mining is posing a serious problem in the middle regions of the Crocodile River Catchment area (Kanyamazane area).

The construction of weirs and dams in the upper Crocodile Catchment to accommodate the increased trout farming near the towns of Dullstroom and Machadodorp has led to loss of wetland areas and is an overall threat to the water quality status of the river. The lower Crocodile Catchment forms the southern boundary of the internationally renowned Kruger National Park, with a number of tourist lodges built on the banks of the river that have a negative impact on the quality of the water (increased nutrients). In general the water quality in the upper Crocodile River Catchment appears to be in a good to fair condition, with the exception of the Elands River Sub-Catchment. This area is of concern as it reflects escalated concentrations of salts (and major ions) and nutrients.

Figures 13 and 14 show the map and the schematic representation respectively of the Crocodile Catchment and selected monitoring points.



Figure 13: map of the Crocodile River catchment showing strategic monitoring points

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Figure 14: Schematic representation of the monitoring ponits in the Crocodile River and its tributaries.

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A total of 15 monitoring points were selected on the Crocodile River and its major tributaries. Seven monitoring points are located in the main stem Crocodile River while the other eight are in the tributaries before the confluence with the Crocodile River. Table 3 contains details of the location of selected monitoring points.

Table	3:	List	of	monitoring	points	indicating	the	site	name,	location	and	co-ordinates	of	the
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SITE	SITE NAME	RIVER	CO-ORDINATES	S
NO.			LAT (S)	LONG (E)
C59	Croc @ Dullstroom	Crocodile	25°24'42.58''	30°06'54.00''
C61	Lunsklip before confluence with Crocodile	Lunsklip	25°23'49.45''	30°19′47.75″
C5	Croc @ Kwena Dam	Crocodile	25°21′39.06″	30°23'09.67''
C12	Lindenau @ Elands River	Elands	25°31′40.51″	30°41′52.33″
C14	Croc @ Montrose	Crocodile	25°26′59.93′′	30°42'36.11''
C63	Houtbosloop @ D/S of Elandshoogte Mine	Houtbosloop	25°22′38.35″	30°41'29.83''
C24	Croc @ Rivulets	Crocodile	25°25'09.01''	30°45'15.01''
C32	Gladdespruit D/S of Pappas Quarry	Gladdespruit	25°27'42.98''	30°57'00.00''
C33	Besterspruit U/S of MMC Delta	Besterspruit	25°27′51.01′′	30°58'22.01''
C15	Nels River on Brondal	Nels	25°20′27.99′′	30°52'54.01''
C20	D/S of White River	White	25°19′10.99′′	31°02'58.99''
C26	Croc @ Kanyamazane Bridge on N4	Crocodile	25°29′57.01′′	31°10'41.02''
C51	Kaap River before confluence with Croc	Каар	25°32′30.01′′	31°19′59.02''
C27	Malelane Gate Bridge on Crocodile	Crocodile	25°27′37.01′′	31°32'04.99''
C30	Crocodile @ D/S of Komatipoort Golf Course before confluence with Komati River	Crocodile	25°26′16.01″	31°58′23.99″

## 2.2 Water Quality Status

The water quality results were compared to the Interim Water Quality Objectives (IWQO) set for the Crocodile River and these are shown in table 4 below.

Table 4: Table	indicating Interin	n Water Quality	/ Ohiectives s	et for the Cr	ocodile River
	indicating interm	i water Quanty	y Objectives s	et for the cr	ocoune niver

Variable	Ideal	Acceptable	Tolerable
pH (pH Units)		6.5 – 8.4	
Conductivity (mS/m)	30	50	60
TSS (mg/l)	5	15	25
NH3-N (mg/l)	0.015	0.058	0.1
**PO4 (mg/l)	0.03	0.05	0.1
SO4 (mg/l)	20	40	60
NO3+NO2 (mg/l)	0.5	2	4
SAR	2	6	8
Chloride (mg/l)	25	40	50
Fluoride (mg/l)	0.2	0.5	0.75
Manganese (Mn) (mg/l)	0.02	0.10	0.30
Iron (Fe) (mg/l)	0.01	0.55	0.75
E. Coli (no/100 ml)	10	80	120
Arsenic (mg/l)	0.01	0.05	0.08
Aluminium (Al) (mg/l)	0.03	0.07	0.09

#### 2.2.1 Water quality status of the Crocodile River



#### Figure 15: pH levels measured in the Crocodile River

The monitoring points at Dullstroom and downstream of Komatipoort golf course showed slightly elevated pH during March and May 2014. The elevated pH at Dullstroom monitoring point was

expected due to the geology of the area. The elevated pH levels downstream of Komatipoort golf course monitoring point occurred for almost half of the duration of the reporting period. This impact in water quality can be attributed to the return water flows from the agricultural activities in the area resulting from soil conditioning with lime which is common practice in agriculture.



Figure 16: Electrical Conductivity measured in the Crocodile River

The chemical quality of water in the Crocodile River is good and ranges between the ideal and acceptable levels (see figure 16 above) when compared to the Interim Water Quality Objectives (IWQO's). The electrical conductivity levels in the mainstem of the Crocodile River Catchment have been consistently below the tolerable limit of the Interim Water Quality Objectives. The EC levels as measured downstream of Komatipoort golf course monitoring point at the Crocodile River seems to be deteriorating and is the only point which encroached just below the tolerable level. This can be attributed to the return flow from sugar cane irrigation in the area and discharge of partially treated wastewater from Komatipoort WWTW and the recurring manhole spillages.



Figure 17: E. coli counts measured in the Crocodile River

*E. coli* counts in the main stem of the Crocodile River (figure 17) showed the lowest counts at Kwena Dam ranging within acceptable limits in comparison to other monitoring points in the mainstem of the Crocodile River Catchment. The Crocodile River at Dullstroom showed high *E. coli* counts which periodically exceeded the tolerable limit except for five months during the reporting period. The Dullstroom monitoring point measures the background water quality at the headwaters of the Crocodile River. However, there is sewage pump station in this area which often spills contributing to high levels of *E. coli* counts.

The other factor which contributes to the high *E. coli* in this catchment is the Municipal WWTW and pump stations which are constantly failing due to lack of maintenance, being operated above the design capacity. The highest *E. coli* count was experienced at the Kanyamazane Bridge monitoring point which is located downstream of Kanyamazane WWTW and Kanyamazane residential area. The Kanyamazane stream which passes through residential area also contributes high levels of E. *coli* counts at this point exceeding the tolerable limit.





Figure 18: pH levels in the tributaries of the Crocodile River

The pH ranges in the tributaries of the Crocodile River (figure 18) ranged from 6.1 to 8.59 for all the monitoring points exceeding the upper limit slightly in the Elands and Kaap Rivers. pH is therefore not a problematic variable in the crocodile River tributaries as well.



Figure 19: Electrical Conductivity measured in the tributaries of the Crocodile River

Electrical conductivity in the tributaries of the Crocodile River showed seasonality (see figure 19) ranging between 3.9 and 20.8 in the Lunsklip, Houtbosloop, Nels and White Rivers. All these tributaries complied with the ideal limit over the reporting period. The remaining tributaries also showed seasonality and fell below the ideal limit during the wet season while encroaching into the tolerable limit during the dry seasons. This shows high levels of dissolved salts that concentrate during low flow periods. The tributaries that show this behaviour are the Elands River, Besterspruit and the Kaap River. The high levels of salts in these tributaries are attributed to the activities in the catchments of these tributaries such as irrigated effluent in the Elands River, dense settlement impacts in the Besterspruit as well as irrigation return flows in the Kaap River.



Figure 20: E. coli measured in the Crocodile River tributaries on monthly basis.

The *E.coli* counts in the tributaries of the Crocodile River showed very high counts for most of the reporting period with the highest count recording 62 000 counts per 100m<sup>2</sup> (see figure 20). This occurred at a point downstream of White River sewage and is attributed to the occasionally breakage of the pump station at White River (Hillsview pump station) which spills raw sewage into the water resource.

The most problematic variable of concern in the Crocodile River Catchment is *E. coli*. The continuous malfunctioning and breakdown of pump stations which spill untreated sewage also contribute to the observed *E. coli* counts. Municipal WWTW that are not upgraded also contribute to the elevated *E. coli* counts observed in the water resource since disinfection is not effective.

# **CHAPTER 3: THE KOMATI RIVER CATCHMENT**

### 3.1 Introduction

The Incomati basin is an international basin shared between South Africa, Swaziland and Mozambique and is named after the Inkomati River as the main river. The Komati River is the main stem of the Inkomati Water Management Area on the South African side and originates from the outflow of the Nooitgedacht Dam next to Carolina, Mpumalanga Province. The catchment of the Nooitgedacht Dam includes the Boesmanspruit and the Vaalwaterspruit tributaries which feed directly into the dam.

The most unique feature of the Komati River is that it starts in South Africa and flows through Swaziland in a north-easterly direction and comes back to South Africa at the Mananga Border Gate. It then joins up with the Crocodile River (one of its main tributaries) at Komatipoort before it enters Mozambique. The Inkomati River confluences with the Sabie River, which is another one of its main tributaries, in Mozambique. After entering Mozambique, the Komati River is referred to as the Incomati River and it flows into the Indian Ocean at Maputo Bay. From source to mouth, the length of the Inkomati River is 480 kilometres (Mikiyasu, 2003).

On the South African side, there are a number of dams/reservoirs that store water for use during the dryer seasons of the year. These include the Nooitgedacht and Vygeboom Dams which are strategically important for the country's power generation and whose activities occur outside of the Inkomati Water Management Area. The Driekoppies and Maguga Dams were built jointly by South Africa and Swaziland to support irrigation and other users in both countries and to ensure that adequate water is available to Mozambique to meet its developmental needs. The Maguga Dam is in Swaziland. The allocation from the two dams to South Africa and Swaziland as well as their international obligations towards Mozambique are managed through the Komati Basin Water Authority (KOBWA).

This report focuses on the water quality status of the tributaries that feed the Komati River before the confluence with its main tributary of the Crocodile River, as well as selected points along the main stem of the Komati River. The Komati Catchment consists of Chief Albert Luthuli and Nkomazi Local Municipalities. These municipalities have Wastewater Treatment Works (WWTW) that discharge wastewater into the Komati River and some of its tributaries. The WWTW are poorly maintained. The catchment is dominated by coal mining in its upper reaches and irrigation agriculture in its lower reaches.

For the purposes of this report the Komati River upstream of Swaziland will be referred to as the Upper Komati while downstream of Swaziland, it will be referred to as the Lower Komati. Figures 21 and 22 below show the map and the diagrammatic representation respectively of the Komati Catchment and the strategic monitoring points.



Figure 21: Map of the Komati River showing strategic monitoring ponits

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Figure 22: Schematic representation of the Komati River showing strategic monitoring ponits

A total of Nine monitoring points were selected in the main stem of the Komati River and its tributaries. Four of the monitoring points were in the main stem of the Komati River from the outflow of the Nooitgedacht Dam until its confluence with the Crocodile River at Komatipoort, while the other five monitoring points were in some of the tributaries of the Komati River. Table 5 contains details of the location of selected monitoring points.

SITE	SITE NAME	RIVER	CO-ORDINATES	
NO.			LAT (S)	LONG (E)
CRL22	Boesmanspruit Dam	Boesmanspruit	26º 05′ 50.1"	30º 5´ 25.2"
CRL25	Seepage from Union Colliery	Boesmanspruit	26º 14´ 16.2"	30º 0′ 34.4"
CRL27	Nooitgedacht Dam	Komati	25º 56′52.9"	30º 04´ 57.7"
CRL31	Vaal Water @ R36	Vaalwaterspruit	25º 0′ 26"	30º 01´38.2"
CRL26	Boesmanspruit D/S of Tselentis Colliery	Boesmanspruit	26º 14´ 11.6"	30º 2′ 29.1"
K2	Komati River below Komati Chalets	Komati	25º 26´35.6"	31º 57´ 51"
К7	Naas Pump Station	Komati	25º 38′ 27"	31º 50′ 43.7"
К13	Komati @ Mananga Border Gate	Komati	25º 55′55.9"	31º 45´ 36.7"
K25	Driekopies Dam	Mlumati	25º 42′43.7"	31º 31' 24.7"

Table 5: Selected monitoring points in the Komati River and its tributaries

## 3.2 Water Quality Status

The samples were analysed by a SANAS-accredited laboratory. Since the Komati River does not have Interim Resource Quality Objectives, the Target Water Quality Guidelines were used for comparison purposes to determine compliance with the most stringent objectives that protect the fitness for use for the most sensitive user. Table 6 below shows the Target Water Quality Guidelines for relevant variables of concern. As indicated elsewhere in this document, indicator variables were selected for the purposes of this report to demonstrate the status of water quality in the Komati River Catchment. Table 6: Target Water Quality Guidelines for relevant variables of concern for the Komati River

Variable	Target Water Quality	Uniform Effluent Standards		
	Guidennes	General	Special	
pH (pH Units)	6.5-8.5	5.5-9.5	5.5-7.5	
Conductivity (mS/m)	0-40	intake+75%; 250	intake+15%; 250	
<i>E. coli</i> (CFU/100 ml)	0	0	0	
Ammonia (mg/l)	0-1.0	10	1.0	
Calcium (mg/l)	0-32			
Magnesium (mg/l)	0-30		1.5	
Nitrate & Nitrite (mg/l)	0-6		1.5	
Soluble Ortho-Phosphate (mg/l)	0.005-0.025		1.0	
Sodium (mg/l)	0-70	Intake +90	Intake +50	
Sulphate (mg/l)	0-200			
Aluminium (mg/l)	0-0.15			
Iron (mg/l)	0-0.1		0.3	
Manganese (mg/l)	0-0.02	0.4	0.1	

#### 3.2.1 Water quality status of the Komati River



Figure 23: pH measured in the Komati River

The pH of the water resources as shown in figure 23 above fell within the acceptable limits for pH for almost the entire reporting period, except for two monitoring points which showed a slight increase above the upper limit at the end of the reporting period. These are at Mananga border and below the Komati Chalets. These areas are characterized by irrigation agriculture and the high pH in these areas is attributed to irrigation return flows emanating from soils conditioned with lime, which is normal practice in agriculture.





Figure 24: Electrical Conductivity measured at the Komati River

The concentration of dissolved salts as indicated by measuring electrical conductivity (figure 24) shows exceedance of the TWQG of 40 mS/m below the Komati Chalets for most of the reporting period and periodically at the Naas pump station. These two points as reported above are characterised by irrigated agriculture and the impact is associated with return flows emanating from soils conditioned with lime.


Figure 25: E. coli counts measured in the Komati River

According to the TWQG, the limit for *E.coli* is 0 CFU/100ml. Although fluctuating, the overall trend on the number of cfu/100 of *E. coli* seems to be decreasing over the reporting period (see figure 25 above). It is worrying to note that a large water body such as the Nooitgedacht dam has such a high count of E. coli at its outflow. This is attributed to overflows from Carolina manholes and pump stations as well as the discharge of partially treated waste water from WWTW in Carolina and Breyton.

The Mananga Border gate recorded *E.coli* counts of about 504 CFU/100ml and fluctuates from 41 CFU/100ml in November 2013 to about 1600 CFU/100ml in January 2014. The Komati River below Komati river chalets recorded the highest count of 2000 CFU/100ml in November 2013, this can be attributed to the number of guest houses using the septic tank system along that stretch of river. In summary, none of the monitoring points complied with the TWQG for the reporting period. This is a cause for concern since this has impact not only on local users but on neighbouring countries and *vice versa* specially since the Komati flows into Swaziland and back into South Africa again.



Figure 26: pH measured in the tributaries of the Komati River

The pH reading for the selected points were all within the acceptable levels except for the isolated cases of Boesmanspruit at Tselentis and Boesmanspruit dam which recorded 5.9 and 8.9 respectively (see figure 26 above). The pH is therefore not a concern in the area and has shown to be stable over the reporting period, albeit with isolated fluctuations (spikes) here and there.



Figure 27: Electrical Conductivity measured at the tributaries of the Komati River

The concentration of dissolved salts as measured by electrical conductivity in the tributaries of the Komati River showed compliance to the TWQG limit of 40 mS/m throughout the reporting period except at the monitoring point Boesmanspruit at Tselentis (se figure 27 above). This high concentrations of dissolved salts can be attributed to the impacts of mining activities at Tselentis Colliery.



Figure 28: E. coli measured at the tributaries of the Komati River

From January 2013 to march 2015, all the selected monitoring points did not comply with the TWQG limit of 0 CFU/100ml. the one that recorded the highest elevations throughout is the Lomati river at Phiva. This point is located downstream of the phiva settlement showing the impact of pit latrines and septic tanks from this settlement on water resources. Illegal dumping of refuse emanating from this settlement is also prevalent and often most of the litter also finds its way into the water resources.

# **CHAPTER 4: USUTHU CATCHMENT**

## 4.1 Introduction

The headwaters of the Usutu River emerge from the highlands of Amsterdam, Mpumalanga province, flow through the Kingdom of Swaziland and Mozambique before entering the Indian Ocean. The Usuthu Catchment is unique from the other three catchment due to the short distance from the headwaters to the border with Swaziland. Consequently, it has independent rivers that start at the source and flow directly into a neighbouring country before confluencing with the main stem. While it is clear that the main stem is the Usuthu River, the other tributaries confluence with the Usuthu River in Swaziland. These tributaries are the Mpuluzi, bordering the Usuthu River to the north, and Sandspruit immediately south of the Usutu River, followed by the Hlelo and Assegaai consecutively to the south.

The Usutu catchment is characterised by large transfers out of the catchment (and out of the WMA) to the Vaal and Olifants Water Management Areas mainly for cooling purposes at ESKOM power stations but also for other economically important activities. This catchment is therefore a water producing area and therefore a strategic area whose level of protection should be elevated. Pollution of these strategic water resources will significantly impact on power generation and the economy of the country at large. Four large dams in the Usutu support these transfers, namely; Heyshope, Morgenstond, Westoe and Jericho dams.

The major activities in the catchment include forestry, mining and agricultural activities and municipal wastewater treatment works. Figure 29 below shows the map of the Usuthu catchment and strategic monitoring sites selected for the purpose of this report.



Figure 29: Map of the Usuthu River Catchment showing strategic monitoring points.

A total of 18 monitoring points were selected in the main stem of the Usuthu River and its tributaries. Three of the monitoring points were in the main stem of the Usuthu River from its headwaters until it enters Swaziland while the other 15 monitoring points were located in the Mpuluzi, Sandspruit, Hlelo and assegai which start at their sources and enter Swaziland independently of each other. Table 7 shows details of the location of selected monitoring points.

SITE	SITE NAME	RIVER	CO-ORDINATES	)-ORDINATES			
NO.			LAT (S)	LONG (E)			
U-4	Heyshope Dam Wall	Assegaai River	-26,99784	30,52464			
U-14	Assegaai River Upstream of Heyshope Dam (Inflow)	Assegaai River	-27,13278	30,37806			
U-17	Assegaai River at the Weir	Assegaai River	-27,06519	30,99356			
U-22	Assegaai River After Confluence with Dorpspruit	Assegaai River	-27,06508	30,80131			
U-35	Hlelo River on N2 Road Bridge to Ermelo	Hlelo River	-26.87690	30.59413			
U-36	Ngwempisi River on N2 Road Bridge to Ermelo	Ngwempisi River	-26.76810	30.39331			
U-37	Hlelo River on R33 Road Bridge to Amsterdam	Hlelo River	-26.85395	30.73167			
U-38	Ngwempisi River on R33 Road Bridge to Amsterdam	Ngwempisi River	-26.67981	30.70253			
U-39	Mpama River Upstream of Jerico Dam on R65 Road Bridge	Mpama River	-26.60438	30.47946			
U-40	Mpama River Downstream of Jerico Dam	Mpama River	-26.65724	30.49123			
U-41	Jerico Dam	Mpama River	-26.65794	30.48010			
U-42	Morgenstond Dam	Mpama River	-26.71229	30.54005			
U-43	Westoe Dam	Usuthu River	-26.50734	30.62566			
U-44	Usuthu River Downstream of Westoe Dam on R33 Road Bridge	Usuthu River	-26.50544	30.62691			
U-46	Usuthu River @ weir before Nerston Border Gate	Usuthu River	-26.51305	30.78632			
U-50	Mpuluzi River Downstream of Mpuluzi Oxidation Ponds	Mpuluzi River	-26.32367	30.80501			
U-51	Mpuluzi River Upstream of Mpuluzi Oxidation Ponds	Mpuluzi River	-26.29064	30.78377			
U-52	Mpuluzi River on N17 Road Bridge	Mpuluzi River	-26.29769	30.50727			

Table. 7 Usuthu Water Quality Monitoring Points

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# 4.2 Water Quality Status

The samples were analysed by a SANAS-accredited laboratory. Since the Usuthu River does not have Interim Water Quality Objectives, the Target Water Quality Guidelines were used for comparison purposes to determine compliance with the most stringent objectives that protect the fitness for use for the most sensitive user. Table 8 below shows the target water quality guidelines for relevant variables of concern. As indicated elsewhere in this document, indicator variables were selected for the purposes of this report to demonstrate the status of water quality in the Usuthu Catchment.

Table	8:	Target	water	quality	guidelines	for	relevant	variables	of	concern	for	the	Usuthu	River
Catch	me	nt.												

Variable	Target Water Quality	Uniform Effluent Standards					
	Guide	General	Special				
pH (pH Units)	6.5 - 8.5	5.5-9.5	5.5-7.5				
Conductivity (mS/m	0 - 40	intake+75%;250	intake+15%;250				
<i>E. coli</i> (cfu/100ml)	0	0	0				
Ammonia (mg/l)	0 - 1.0	10	1.0				
TDS (mg/l)	0 - 450	*	*				
Soluble ortho-phosphate (mg/l)	0.005-0.025	*	1.0				
Sulphate (mg/l)	0 - 200	*	*				
Iron (mg/l)	0 - 0.1	*	0.3				
Manganese (mg/l)	0 - 0.02	0.4	0.1				
Nitrate & Nitrite (mg/l)	0 - 6	*	1.5				
Sodium (mg/l)	0 - 70	intake + 90	intake + 50				
Aluminum (mg/l)	0 - 0.15	*	*				
Arsenic (mg/l)	0 - 0.01	0.5	0.1				
Copper (mg/l)	0 - 0.2	1.0	0.02				
Calcium (mg/l)	0-32	*	*				

## 4.2.1. Water Quality Status of the Usuthu Catchment

The responsibility for managing this catchment was transferred to the IUCMA in May 2014 through a gazette. There was no associated budget and human resources that were transferred to the IUCMA to be able to start operating in the area. Consequently, arrangements were made for the KZN office to continue managing the area until the IUCMA received the required resources to start operating in the area. This involved the IUCMA developing an augmented structure to accommodate additional staff and starting a recruitment process to appoint such staff.

This process was unfortunately delayed by the moratorium that was instituted by the Department of Water and Sanitation due to the transfer of the sanitation functions from the Department of Human Settlement back to the Department of Water Affairs, which was applicable to all agencies of the Department of Water and Sanitation as well. It was only in March 2015 that the IUCMA was able to fill the positions for the Usuthu Catchment.

Meanwhile the KZN office of the Department of Water and Sanitation stopped conducting water quality monitoring in the Usuthu Catchment in April 2014. The results presented in this chapter will cover only February 2015 and were done after an agreement was reached with the KZN office to take the samples and let the IUCMA pay for them since the IUCMA did not have staff and also did not know the monitoring sites while the KZN office had staff but reportedly did not have the budget

for the area. The results for March have not been made available to the IUCMA even after repeatedly requesting for them form the KZN office of the Department of Water and Sanitation.

The table below shows the results for four monitoring sites focusing on the indicator variables. The results cannot be presented graphically to show trend since they show only one data set for the month of February 2015.

## Table 9: The water quality results for Usuthu River for the month of February 2015.

Parameters	U-4	U-14 (Assegaai	U-17 (Assegaai	U-22 (Assegaai
	(Heyshope	River Upstream of	River at the	River After
	Dam Wall)	Heyshope Dam	Weir)	Confluence with
		(Inflow))		Dorpspruit).
Aluminium (mg/l)	1.04	0.011	0.124	13.0
Chloride (mg/l)	4.35	2.90	4.84	
Electrical conductivity (mS/m)	13.1	14.1	13.3	20.1
Iron (mg/l)	0.496	0.004	0.088	
Manganese (mg/l)	0.003	0.003		
Nitrite (mg/l)	0.2	0.2		
Nitrate (mg/l)	0.2	0.2		
Ammonia (mg/l)	0.1	0.1	0.1	2.60
Ortho phosphate (mg/l)	0.2	0.2	0.2	
pH (pH Units)	7.98	7.89	8.14	7.58
Sulphates (mg/l)	15.1	5	8.06	

It will also be noted that the results do not cover all the monitoring points listed in the table or depicted in the map above. This is because some of the monitoring points have been established newly by the IUCMA to determine the background water quality at the headwaters of each major resource for example. These monitoring points have been selected as strategic monitoring points that will be used for reporting purposes on the water quality status going forward. The results for February shows that the resource status at this point is very good.

# **CHAPTER 5: STATUS OF WASTEWATER TREATMENT WORKS**

# **Bushbuckridge Local Municipality**

## Maviljane WWTW

- The type of process technology applied by the WWTW is oxidation ponds.
- The WWTW has a design capacity of 0.86 ML/day.
- The average daily flow (operational) capacity is unknown because the plant does not have flow measuring devices.
- The WWTW has not been registered in terms of the requirements of regulation 2834 and therefore the class of the plant is not known.
- The copies of the process controllers' and supervisor's classification certificates were not available at the WWTW and therefore could not be verified.
- The WWTW does not have a water use authorisation for the disposal of waste into the oxidation ponds and the discharge of effluent into the Injaka Dam.
- The monthly effluent discharge qualities are shown in Tables 10 (a) & (b) below.

Substance Parameter	Limit	Mavilja	ane ponds	s/Mapulai	neng WW	TW			
		Apr	Jun	Jul	Aug	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
рН	5.5-9.5	7.8	9.2	7.6	7.5	6.9	9.5	9.6	6.3
EC (mS/m)	75	19.5	21.7	25.0	31.1	19.3	23.8	20.3	7.6
N (mg/l)	No limit	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.2
Ortho-Phosphate (mg/I)	1	0.6	0.6	1.1	1.3	0.8	1.8	0.6	<0.05
COD (mg/l)	75	88	104	68	141	121	116	92	<10
<i>E. coli</i> (counts per 100 ml)	0	0	2	15	0	52	1	1	0
NH3 (mg/l)	1	0.3	0.9	3.0	5.4	1.6	0.7	0.2	<0.2

#### Table 10 (a): The quality of the sewage overflow recorded from April 2013 to January 2014

Substance	Limit	Maviljane ponds/Mapulaneng WWTW									
Falameter		Feb	Mar	April	May	Oct	Jan	Feb	Mar		
рН	5.5-9.5	7,6	6,4	7,8	7,4	NM	8,11	7,57	7,53		
EC (mS/m)	75	6,7	7,1	5,5	11,5	NR	14,4	4,55	21,4		
N (mg/l)	No limit	0,2	0,2	0,2	0,3	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	0,3		
Ortho- Phosphate (mg/I)	1	0,05	0,05	0,05	0,05	<0.2	0,63	<0.2	1,4		
COD (mg/l)	75	10	10	10	20						
E. coli (counts per 100 ml)	0	83	0	10	0	NR	0	8	0		
NH3 (mg/l)	1	NR				<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	0,3		

Table 10 (b): Final overflow quality from February 2014 to March 2015

The above table indicates that final effluents Ortho-Phosphates, COD,  $NH_3$  and *E. coli* did not comply with the effluent discharge standards throughout the reporting period. High  $PO_4$  and nitrates may contribute to nutrients which could result in eutrophication and the water not being fit for use. High *E. coli* is a threat for crop production, especially those crops eaten raw, and may also lead to waterborne diseases for those communities who use water directly from the resource. It must also be mentioned that oxidation ponds are not designed to discharge, so the release of effluent into the receiving water resources is regarded as an overflow and is therefore unlawful. It is not surprising that the quality of the overflow is not compliant. The treatment system is not effective enough to treat effluent to the level acceptable for discharge into the water resource.

## Thulamahashe WWTW

- The type of process technology applied by the WWTW is an activated sludge and oxidation pond.
- The WWTW has a design capacity of 1.56 ML/day.
- The average daily flow (operational) capacity is unknown because the plant does not have flow measuring devices.
- The plant has been classified as a Class B (28/01/2004) in terms of regulation 2834.
- All process controllers and supervisors are classified but the classification certificates were not available on site.
- The WWTW does not have a water use authorisation for the discharge of effluent into the Mutlumuvi River.
- The WWTW does not have an emergency dam.
- The monthly effluent discharge qualities are shown in Tables 11 (a) & (b) below.

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Substance Parameter	Limits	Thulamahashe WWTW								
		Apr	Jul	Aug	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan		
рН	5.5-9.5	7.2	7.6	7.7	6.8	7.3	7.6	6.8		
EC (mS/m)	75	44.7	47.8	59.2	42.0	37.3	58.1	39.0		
NO <sub>3</sub> (mg/l)	No limit	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2		
Ortho-Phosphate (mg/l)	1	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.6	1.4	2.4	1.3		
COD (mg/l)	75	117	112	169	141	124	272	92		
<i>E. coli</i> (per 100 ml)	0	170 000	580 000	14 000	1 100	4 700	6500	4200		
NH <sub>3</sub> (mg/l)	1	18	20	16	14	11	19	10		

Substance Parameter	Limit	Thulam	mahashe WWTW											
		Feb	Mar	April	Мау	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
рН	5.5- 9.5	7,6	6,7	7,7	7,5	6,5	7,3	7,2	7,4	7,35	8,02	7,7	7,43	6,74
EC (mS/m)	75	11	13,3	13,1	13,3	14,1	14,5	17,3	15,3	14,9	14,4	13,2	17,9	23,6
NO3 (mg/l)	No limit	0,2	0,2	0,2	0,2	0,2	0,2	0,2	0,2					
Ortho-Phosphate (mg/l)	1	0,05	0,05	0,05	0,05	0,05	0,05	0,05	0,05	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2
COD (mg/l)	75	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	NM	<10	10	<10	<10
E. coli (counts per 100 ml)	0	820	6000	5500	5800	2400	2900	230	210	4700	720	720000	16000	2800
NH3 (mg/l)	1	0,2	0,2	0,2	0,2	0,2	0,2	0,2	0,2	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1

#### Table 11 (b): Thulamahashe WWTW - Final effluent quality from February 2014 to March 2015

The above table indicates that Ortho-Phosphates, COD,  $NH_3$  and *E. coli* did not comply with the effluent discharge standards for most of the variables and throughout the reporting period. High  $PO_4$  and nitrates may contribute to nutrients which could result in eutrophication and the water not being fit for use. High *E. coli* is a threat for crop production, especially those crops eaten raw, and may also lead to waterborne diseases for those people who use water directly from the resource. It must also be mentioned that oxidation ponds are not designed to discharge, so the release of effluent into the receiving water resources is regarded as an overflow and is therefore illegal. It is not surprising that the quality of the overflow is not compliant. The treatment system is not effective enough to treat effluent to the level acceptable for discharge into the water resource.

## Mkhuhlu WWTW

- The type of process technology applied by the WWTW is oxidation ponds and bio-filter.
- The WWTW has a design capacity of 1.56 ML/day.
- The average daily flow (operational) capacity is unknown because the plant does not have flow measuring devices.
- The plant has been classified as a Class B (28/01/2004) in terms of regulation 2834.
- The copies of the process controllers' and supervisor's classification certificates were not available at the WWTW and therefore could not be verified.
- The WWTW does not have a water use authorisation for the discharge of effluent into the unnamed stream.
- The monthly effluent discharge qualities are shown in Tables 12 (a) & (b) below.

The WWTW is equipped with an emergency dam/pond, but the emergency pond is not operated properly. The purpose of an emergency pond is to divert wastewater into it temporarily during breakdown periods, which should be no more than 72 hours, after which the waste is then channelled back into the treatment process. Once the wastewater is held in the emergency dam longer than it ought to be, it no longer serves the purpose of an emergency and becomes a normal operational process facility.

Substance Parameter	General	Mkhuhlu WWTW									
	Linne	Jun	Jul	Aug	Oct	Nov	Dec				
рН	5.5-9.5	7.4	7.3	7.4	6.8	7.5	7.6				
EC (mS/m)	75	35.8	32.8	44.1	32.7	39.6	34.8				
N (mg/l)	No limit	4.5	17	6.3	19	6.2	7.5				
Ortho-Phosphate (mg/l)	1	1.6	2.1	2.8	2.5	2.1	1.4				
COD (mg/l)	75	72	20	90	20	60	56				
<i>E. coli</i> (per 100 ml)	0 count/	5 800	17 00	24	580	17	20				
	100 ml		ŏ								
NH₃ (mg/l)	1	6.9	2.1	13	0.5	5.3	2.1				

#### Table 12 (a): Mkhuhlu WWTW - Final effluent quality from April 2013 to January 2014

Substance	Limit	Mkhuh	lu WWTV	V						
Faranieter		Feb	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
рН	5.5- 9.5	7,3	7,4	7,5	7,19	7,76	7,45	8,22	8,11	9,12
EC (mS/m)	75	29,3	36,7	33,6	36,5	31,7	36,5	29,2	47,7	27,5
N (mg/l)	No limit	12	7,4	2,8						
Ortho- Phosphate (mg/l)	1	2,6	4,9	1,9	1,8	1,8	2,1	0,61	0,22	1,8
COD (mg/l)	75	20	60	52	70	46	64	19	48	41
E. coli (counts per 100 ml)	0	180	1200	880	1	13000	0	0	3100	0
NH3 (mg/l)	1	0,3	5,2	4,1	6,1	2,6	11	1,3	<0.1	<0.1

 Table 12 (b): Mkhuhlu WWTW - Final effluent quality from February 2014 to March 2015

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 Limit

The above table indicates that Ortho-Phosphates, COD,  $NH_3$  and *E. coli* did not comply with the effluent discharge standards for most of the variables and throughout the reporting period. High  $PO_4$  and nitrates may contribute to nutrients which could result in eutrophication and the water not being fit for use. High *E. coli* is a threat for crop production, especially those crops eaten raw, and may also lead to waterborne diseases for those people who use water directly from the resource. It must also be mentioned that oxidation ponds are not designed to discharge, so the release of effluent into the receiving water resources is regarded as an overflow and is therefore illegal. It is not surprising that the quality of the overflow is not compliant. The treatment system is not effective enough to treat effluent to the level acceptable for discharge into the water resource.

## Hoxani WWTW

- The type of process technology applied by the WWTW is oxidation ponds and currently a septic tank system is in use.
- The WWTW has a design capacity of 0.69 ML/day.
- The average daily flow (operational) capacity is unknown because the plant does not have flow measuring devices.
- The WWTW has not been registered in terms of the requirements of regulation 2834 and therefore the class of the plant is not known.
- There was no process controller at the plant.
- The WWTW does not have a water use authorisation for the discharge of effluent into the Sabie River.
- The Municipality is in the process of decommissioning the oxidation ponds.

## Manghwazi WWTW

- The type of process technology applied by the WWTW is a bio-disc system.
- The WWTW has a design capacity of 0.06 ML/day.
- The WWTW does not have a water use authorisation.
- The WWTW has not been registered in terms of the requirements of regulation 2834 and therefore the class of the plant is not known.
- There is no process controller at the WWTW.
- The plant is not in operation and it is not receiving sewage.

## Acornhoek SAPS WWTW

- The type of treatment technology used is oxidation ponds.
- The WWTW's design capacity is not known.
- The average daily flow (operational) capacity is unknown because the plant does not have flow measuring devices.
- The plant does not have a water use authorisation.
- The WWTW has not been registered in terms of the requirements of regulation 2834 and therefore the class of the plant is not known.
- The copies of the process controllers' and supervisor's classification certificates were not available at the WWTW and therefore could not be verified.
- There is a chlorination station in place; however, no chlorination equipment is installed.
- The WWTW is not discharging its final effluent; however, the ponds are full and there is a strong chance of overflow taking place.
- The ponds have overgrown with reeds.

## Tintswalo WWTW

- The type of treatment technology used is activated sludge.
- The WWTW's design capacity is not known.
- The average daily flow (operational) capacity is unknown because the plant does not have flow measuring devices.
- The WWTW has not been registered in terms of the requirements of regulation 2834 and therefore the class of the plant is not known.
- The copies of the process controllers' and supervisor's classification certificates were not available at the WWTW and therefore could not be verified.
- The WWTW has been refurbished and functioned well for a few months but currently the plant is not in a good state of repair.
- The humus tanks are not functional due to the failure of the recycling pumps.
- There is chlorination taking place.
- The plant is not authorised in terms of the provisions of the National Water Act.
- The plant does not have an emergency dam.
- The ICMA started monitoring the final effluent in January 2014.
- The monthly effluent discharge qualities are shown in Table 13 below.

Substance Parameter	Limit	Tintswalo	Tintswalo Hospital WWTW										
rarameter		Feb	April	May	Jun	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
рН	5.5-9.5	7,6	7,9	7,6	7,2	7,4	7,9	7,1	8,15	6,96	7,18	7,34	7,54
EC (mS/m)	75	32,7	88,6	41,7	13,3	50,2	53,2	16,5	37,1	31,3	33,5	13,5	36
N (mg/l)	No limit	12	0,2	0,9	0,2	2,6	0,2						
Ortho- Phosphate (mg/l)	1	1,5	4,1	1,6	0,05	2,6	0,2	0,62	1,8	1,7	1,4	<0.2	2
COD (mg/l)	75	46	304	36	20	60	76	130	94	171	36	53	72
E. coli (counts per 100 ml)	0	10000	12000	10000		3100	6100	12	152000	30000	27000	28	184
NH3 (mg/l)	1	0,2	32	11	0,2	17	30	0,94	18	13	8,7	<0.1	11

Table 13 Tintswalo Hospital WWTW - Final effluent quality from January 2014 to March 2015

The above table indicates that Ortho-Phosphates, COD,  $NH_3$  and *E. coli* did not comply with the effluent discharge standards for most of the variables and throughout the reporting period. High  $PO_4$  and nitrates may contribute to nutrients which could result in eutrophication and the water not being fit for use. High *E. coli* is a threat for crop production, especially those crops eaten raw, and may also lead to waterborne diseases for those people who use water directly from the resource.

#### Dwarsloop WWTW

- The type of treatment technology used is a biological filtration system.
- The plant has a design capacity of 1.6 ML/day.
- The plant has an average inflow of 0.9 ML/day.
- The WWTW has not been registered in terms of the requirements of regulation 2834 and therefore the class of the plant is not known.
- The copies of the process controllers' and supervisor's classification certificates were not available at the WWTW and therefore could not be verified.
- The humus tanks and bio-filters are not functional.
- There is chlorination taking place; however, it is not effective.
- The treatment plant discharges poor effluent quality (see Table ) due to the bypass.
- The plant is currently undergoing refurbishment and upgrade. The refurbishment and upgrade is going to have a positive impact on the treatment process which will result in the production of good quality effluent.
- The upgrade includes the following:
  - Two more bio-filters.
  - Two digesters.
  - Sets of drying beds.
  - Two more humus tanks.
- The plant is not authorised; however, there has been an initiative by the Municipality to get the treatment plant authorised for water uses in terms of section 21 (g) and (f) of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act 36 of 1998).
- The monthly effluent discharge qualities are shown in Tables 14 (a) & (b) below.

## Table: 14 (a): Final effluent quality from April 2013 to December 2013

Substance	Limit	Dwarsloop	p WWTW					
Falameter		Apr	Jun	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
рН	5.5-9.5	7.3	7.0	7.4	7.3	7.3	7.2	7.7
EC (mS/m)	40	35.7	40.5	45.9	48.7	42.0	37.9	34.3
N (mg/l)	0-6	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.2
Ortho- Phosphate (mg/I)	0.005-0.025	0.8	0.2	1	1.1	1.6	1.8	1.4
COD (mg/l)	0-10	92	164	209	189	125	88	56
<i>E. coli</i> (per 100 ml)	0	330 000	170 000	870 000	1 000 000	2 000 000	170 000	370 000
NH3 (mg/l)	0-1	13	15	16	17	12	11	8.8

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Substance	Limit	Dwarslo	op WWT	W											
rarameter		Feb	Mar	April	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
рН	5.5-9.5	7.7	7.2	7.6	7.3	6.6	7.3	7.1	7.7	7,1	8,15	6,96	7,18	7,24	7,54
EC (mS/m)	75	27.0	27.4	34.7	18.5	32.5	42.3	36.3	42.6	16,5	37,1	31,3	33,5	30,4	36
N (mg/l)	No limit	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Ortho- Phosphate (mg/l)	1	1	0.9	0.05	0.06	0.2	1.7	1.2	2.3	0.62	1.8	1.7	1.4	0.2	2
COD (mg/l)	75	53	32	28	36	159	92	111	152	130	94	171	36	53	72
E. coli (counts per 100 ml)	0	490	490	18000	2200	1700	26000	5500	4100	12	152000	30000	27000	5100	184
NH3 (mg/l)	1	7.9	7.2	14	3.0	8.0	19	13	19	0.94	18	13	8.7	8.6	11

## Table 14 (b): Final effluent quality from February 2014 to March 2015

The above table indicates that Ortho-Phosphates, COD,  $NH_3$  and *E. coli* did not comply with the effluent discharge standards for most of the variables and throughout the reporting period. High  $PO_4$  and nitrates may contribute to nutrients which could result in eutrophication and the water not being fit for use. High *E. coli* is a threat for crop production, especially those crops eaten raw, and may also lead to waterborne diseases for those people who use water directly from the resource.

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## Hazyview WWTW

- The type of process technology applied by the WWTW is activated sludge.
- The WWTW has a design capacity of 0.7 ML/day.
- The plant has been classified as a Class C (11/06/2013) in terms of regulation 2834.
- The WWTW is authorised (Licence No. 24009902) to discharge treated effluent into the Sabie River.
- All process controllers are classified as Class 0.
- Inflow and outflow meters are working.
- The plant has two mixers and they were not functional.
- There was built-up scum at the clarifier.
- The WWTW does not have an emergency dam.
- The monthly effluent discharge quality is shown in Tables 15 (a) & (b) below.

Substance	Licence	Hazyvie	w WWT\	N					
Parameter	LIIIIIL	Apr	Jun	Jul	Aug	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
рН	5.5-9.5	6.6	6.8	7.0	4.8	6.7	7.9	7.0	4.1
Electrical Conductivity (mS/m)	70 mS/m	23.2	30.5	39.4	43.2	30.6	10.0	32.9	28.6
Nitrate/ Nitrite as Nitrogen (mg/l)	15 mg/l	3.8	14	16	18	16	0.2	20	13
Ortho-Phosphate (mg/I)	5.0 mg/l	0.4	2.4	3.7	4.0	2.8	<0.05	2.6	2.8
Chemical Oxygen Demand (mg/l)	65 mg/l after removal of algae	<10	<10	48	24	36	12	32	12
<i>E. coli</i> (per 100 ml)	0 per 100ml	0	0	0	5	220	8	16	13
Ammonia (free and saline) (mg/l)	3.0 mg/l	<0.2	<0.2	0.4	<0.2	0.9	<0.2	0.5	<0.2

## Table 15 (a): Final effluent quality from April 2013 to January 2014

Substance Parameter	Licence Limit	Hazyvi	ew WWT	W											
raidificter		Feb	Mar	April	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
рН	5.5-9.5	7.4	6	7.6	7.4	6.9	7.2	7.5	7.9	7,17	7,93	7,44	7,48	7,78	7,79
EC (mS/m)	70 mS/m	29,4	8.3	30.1	10.7	37.7	61	12	12.3						
										39,5	40,2	42,8	40,1	14,3	7,21
N (mg/l)	15 mg/l	12	0.4	16	0.3	0.1	4.3	0.5	0.4					<0.1	<0.1
										3,5	1,9	0,38	10		
Ortho-Phosphate	5.0 mg/l	2.6													
(mg/i)			0.05	2.9	0.05	0.8	4.3	0.05	0.05	3,6	2,6	0,86	3,6	<0.2	<0.2
COD (mg/l)	65 mg/l after								-						
	Terrioval of algae	32	10	10	92	24	12	48		36	-	37	-	-	-
E. coli (counts per	0 per 100ml	180													
100 mij			580	330	<b>460</b>	200	120	82	110	0	39000	0	0	153	14
NH3 (mg/l)	3.0 mg/l	0,3	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.2	15	0.2	0.2						
										0,69	1,5	2,3	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
SS (mg/l)	25 mg/l	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<3	4	9	<3	5	35

#### Table 15 (b): Final effluent quality from February 2014 to March 2015

The above table indicates that nitrate/Nitrite and *E. coli* did not comply with the effluent discharge standards for most of the time during the reporting period. Nitrates may contribute to nutrients which could result in eutrophication and the water not being fit for use. High *E. coli* is a threat for crop production, especially those crops eaten raw, and may also lead to waterborne diseases for those people who use water directly from the resource.

## White River WWTW

- The type of process technology applied by the WWTW is activated sludge.
- The WWTW has a design capacity of 6 ML/day.
- The average daily flow (operational) capacity is unknown because the plant does not have flow measuring devices.
- The plant has been classified as a Class B (02/07/2012) in terms of regulation 2834.
- The WWTW is authorised (Licence No. 24089442) to discharge treated effluent into the White River.
- Process controllers are all classified.
- The inflow meter was not working.
- The WWTW has an emergency dam.
- The monthly effluent discharge qualities are shown in Tables 16 (a) & (b) below.

## Table 16 (a): Final effluent quality from April 2013 to January 2014

Substance	Licence	White	River W	WTW							
Parameter	Limit	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
рН	5.5-9.5	7.7	7.1	7.1	8	7.6	7.2	7.7	7.5	7.8	7.6
EC (mS/m)	75 mS/m	39.4	143	43.2	84	76.6	42.8	198	39.1	48.8	45.5
Nitrate/Nitr ite as Nitrogen (mg/I)	15	5.7	7.7	7.8	4.5	0.2	2.8	6.8	4.1	5.7	3.2
Ortho- Phosphate (mg/l)	1	1	2.8	0.1	0.1	21	0.05	0.6	0.2	1.6	3
COD (mg/l)	75	20	12	12	20	96	68	36	28	88	36
<i>E. coli</i> (per 100 ml)	0 count/ 100 ml	6 500	120	76	150	180	2 000	75	80	72	2
Ammonia (free and saline) (mg/l)	1	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.2	23	0.2	0.4	0.2	5.5	0.2

Substance	License	White R	liver WW	TW											
Parameter		Feb	Mar	April	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	No v	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
рН	5.5-9.5	7.8	8	7.2	6.4	5.5	7.2	7.6	7.2	6,68	7,8	7,31	7,54	7,26	7,98
EC (mS/m)	75 mS/m	60.7	41.9	29.8	38.3	52.8	55.8	43.1	42.8	42,8	43,1	60	54,7	8,84	62,6
N (mg/l)	15	4.4	3.7	7.1	5.5	11	5.9	3.5	2.90	15	13	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2
Ortho- Phosphate (mg/l)	1	29	2	3.6	0.8	0.3	17	0.2	0.05	2.2	<0.2	17	0.57	<0.2	<0.2
(8/.//		2.0	-										0,07		
COD (mg/l)	75	16	32	10	151	10	20	20	68	102	51	102	64	93	55
E. coli (counts per 100 ml)	0 count/														
	100 ml	0	32	2000	4	0	1600	0	2000	3850	8	0	4	350	112000
NH3 (mg/l)	1	<0.2	3.8	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	1,1	0,16	29	20	<0.1	26
SS	25					1	1	14.4		11	15	41	14	19	10

## Table 16 (b): White River WWTW - Final effluent quality from February 2014 to March 2015

The above table indicates that Ortho-Phosphates, COD and *E. coli* did not comply with the effluent discharge standards for most of the time during the reporting period. High  $PO_4$  and nitrates may contribute to nutrients which could result in eutrophication and the water not being fit for use. High *E. coli* is a threat for crop production, especially those crops eaten raw, and may also lead to waterborne diseases for those people who use water directly from the resource.

## Rocky's Drift WWTW

- The type of process technology applied by the WWTW is activated sludge.
- The WWTW has a design capacity of 2 ML/day.
- The average daily flow (operational) capacity is unknown because the plant does not have flow measuring devices.
- The plant has been classified as a Class C (11/06/2012) in terms of regulation 2834.
- The WWTW is authorised (Licence No. 24009662) to discharge treated effluent into the Sand River.
- The process controllers are classified.
- The WWTW does not have an emergency dam.
- The monthly effluent discharge qualities are shown in Tables 17 (a) & (b) below.

## Table 17 (a): Final effluent quality from April 2013 to January 2014

Parameter	Licence	Rocky	s Drift V	WTW						
		Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Nov	Dec	Jan
рН	5.5-9.5	7.9	7.9	7.5	8.1	7.8	7.6	7.7	7.7	7.4
Electrical Conductivity (mS/m)	75 mS/m	29.2	33.3	35.1	35.6	62.1	38.3	34.3	37.9	32.1
Nitrate/ Nitrite as Nitrogen (mg/l)	15	0.2	0.4	0.7	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Ortho- Phosphate (mg/l)	1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.2
Chemical Oxygen Demand (mg/l)	75	44	12	10	10	16	20	12	28	83
<i>E. coli</i> (per 100 ml)	0 count/ 100 ml	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	17	260
Ammonia (free and saline) (mg/l)	1	0.3	4.6	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3

Substance	Licence	Rocky's	Drift WW	/TW											
Tarameter	Linne	Feb	Mar	April	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
рН	5.5-9.5	8	7.8	7.2	6.9	6.3	7.3	6.7	8	6,64	8,11	7,31	7,24	7,08	7,34
EC (mS/m)	75 mS/m														
		26.3	25.8	85.6	92.7	102	138	155	247	75	44,2	122	214	17,9	176
N (mg/l)	15	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	0.6	<0.2	<0.2	0.3	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	0,53	2,4	<0.2
Ortho- Phosphate	1	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	0.2	<0.05	<0.05	0.05	0.91	0.87	<0.2	<0.2	0.81	<0.2
	75	10.05	10.05	<0.05	<0.05	0.2	10.05	10.05	0.05	0,51	0,07	<b>\0.2</b>	<b>\0.2</b>	0,01	<b>\0.2</b>
(mg/l)	75	16	16	20	12	10	20	20	48		81	62	30	76	58
E. coli (counts per 100 ml)	0 count/ 100 ml	0	1400	1300	0	0	100	0	0	10	0	13	0	1600	0
NH3 (mg/l)	1	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.2	<0.1	<0.1	0,13	<0.1	1,5	<0.1
SS (mg/l)	25					2.8	3.2	14.8	10.4	41	NR	18	18	21	6

## Table 17 (b): Final effluent quality from February 2014 to March 2015

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The above table indicates that EC, COD and *E. coli* did not comply with the effluent discharge standards for most of the time during the reporting period. High *E. coli* is a threat for crop production, especially those crops eaten raw, and may also lead to waterborne diseases for those people who use water directly from the resource.

## Kingstonvale WWTW

- The technology being used is a bio-filter and activated sludge system.
- The WWTW was commissioned in 1980 (first phase) and 1996 (second phase).
- The design capacity is 26 ML/day.
- The design capacity of the bio-filter system is 15 ML/day and that of the activated sludge system is 11 ML/day
- The WWTW has been classified as a Class B in terms of the requirements of regulation 2834.
- There are four process controllers and all of them are Class III.
- The plant discharges its effluent into the Crocodile River and the effluent discharge quality is shown in Table
- The plant has a water use authorisation issued in 2009.
- The monthly effluent discharge qualities are shown in Tables 18 (a) & (b) below.

Parameter	Licence	Kingsto	onvale \	WWTW							
		Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
рН	5.5-9.5	7.8	7.3	7.4	8.0	8.1	7.9	8.1	7.6	7.8	7.8
Electrical Conductivity (mS/m)	70–150 mS/m	70.9	85.4	81.2	85.6	83.8	74.1	68.7	81.4	62.6	70. 9
Nitrate/ Nitrite as Nitrogen (mg/l)	15	0.9	2.6	0.3	8.6	0.9	9.9	13	15	15	0.9
Ortho- Phosphate (mg/l)	1	5.5	1.8	4.1	2.9	0.3	4.2	2.8	4.4	2.5	5.5
COD (mg/l)	75	393	44	265	104	68	24	64	32	28	393
<i>E. coli</i> (per 100 ml)	0 count/ 100 ml	160 000	120 000	178 000	58 000	0	2 000	1 600	610	8 700	160 000
NH3 (free and saline) (mg/l)	1	16	14	15	7.3	7.6	1.7	<0.2	2.3	<0.2	16

Table 18 (a): Final effluent quality from April 2013 to January 2014

Substance	Licence	Kingst	onvale V	WWTW											
Farameter		Feb	Mar	April	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
рН	5.5-9.5	7.6	7.7	7.3	7.1	7.2	7.3	7.5	7.9	7,29	7,8	7,56	7,58	7,8	8,07
EC (mS/m)	70–150 mS/m														
		62.8	65.7	67.2	72.7	78	76.2	80.2	75	70,8	68,9	67,4	55,9	15,7	68,4
N (mg/l)	15	8.9	15	22	21	20	22	21	15	18	18	17	5,6	<0.2	4,8
Ortho- Phosphate (mg/l)	1	2.5	0.8	3.5	3.8	0.5	2	2.0	3.20	1,5	1,7	2,6	1,7	<0.2	0,59
COD (mg/l)	75	36	24	16	28	16	12	12	32		28	45	24	89	29
E. coli (counts per 100 ml)	0 count/ 100 ml	6500	5	1	16	910	0	28	23	1	2	4100	0	1700	0
NH3 (mg/l)	1	1.6	0.2	1.9	0.2	3.2	1.3	0.2	0.30	0,17	<0.1	<0.1	2,9	<0.1	3,9
SS (mg/l)	25					10.4	3.6	9.6	8.4	3	3	31	4	67	5

## Table 18 (b): Final effluent quality from February 2014 to March 2015

The above table indicates that Ortho-Phosphates, Nitrate/Nitrite, Amonia and *E. coli* did not comply with the effluent discharge standards for most of the time during the reporting period. High  $PO_4$  and nitrates may contribute to nutrients which could result in eutrophication and the water not being fit for use. High *E. coli* is a threat for crop production, especially those crops eaten raw, and may also lead to waterborne diseases for those people who use water directly from the resource.

### Kanyamazane WWTW

- The technology being used is a parallel petro pond system.
- The WWTW was commissioned during 1972.
- The design capacity is 12 ML/day.
- The current operational capacity of the plant is 5 ML/day.
- The WWTW has been classified as a Class D in terms of the requirements of regulation 2834.
- The supervisor is a Cass IV.
- There are two permanent process controllers classified as Class I.
- The WWTW has a water use authorisation issued in 2009.
- The monthly effluent discharge qualities are shown in Tables 19 (a) and (b).

#### Table 19 (a): Final effluent quality from April 2013 to January 2014

Parameter	Licence	Kanyaı	mazane	WWTW							
		Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
рН	5.5-9.5	7.9	7.7	7.1	8.0	8.0	7.4	7.9	7.4	7.8	7.5
Electrical Conductivity (mS/m)	75	48.5	58.9	57.2	59.1	62.8	59.8	55.0	53.3	55.0	51.9
Nitrate/ Nitrite as Nitrogen (mg/l)	15	16	11	13	4.5	17	21	19	17	18	14
Ortho- Phosphate (mg/l)	1	1.1	0.2	0.3	<0.2	1.9	0.5	1.8	1.5	<0.05	1.0
COD (mg/l)	75	20	32	67	32	48	32	20	16	16	28
<i>E. coli</i> (per 100 ml)	0	4	0	12	11	0	0	0	0	0	4
NH3 (free and saline) (mg/l)	6	2.7	11	9.1	9.6	7.8	2.7	0.5	0.5	0.7	1.8

Substance	Licence	Kanyam	azane W\	NTW											
rarameter	Linit	Feb	Mar	April	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
рН	5.5-9.5	7.7	7.9	7.4	5.7	7.3	7	7.6	8	7,14	7,98	7,52	6,83	8,22	7,07
EC (mS/m)	75	41	44.9	44.2	58.9	77.4	60.4	59.1	55.80	62,4	56,9	62	43,8	15,1	53,1
N (mg/l)	15	17	16	21	0.1	19	13	20	16.90	13	16	0,67	19	0,49	20
Ortho- Phosphate (mg/l)	1	4	2.7	3.3	0.05	0.2	0.6	0.2	0.30	0,73	0,5	3,3	0,74	<0.2	0,26
COD (mg/l)	75	20	24	10	10	10	32	12	20	69	40	86	11	45	21
E. coli (counts per 100 ml)	0	980	330	1800	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4000	10000	0
NH3 (mg/l)	6	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.8	28	9.5	3	1.30	7,6	3,4	16	<0.1	<0.1	0,3
SS (mg/l)	25	-	-	-	-	1.6	2.8	11.2	10	10	7	16	7	9	11

## Table 19 (b): Final effluent quality from February 2014 to March 2015

The above table indicates that EC, Ortho-Phosphates, Nitrates, Amonia and *E. coli* did not comply with the effluent discharge standards for most of the time during the reporting period. High  $PO_4$  and nitrates may contribute to nutrients which could result in eutrophication and the water not being fit for use. High *E. coli* is a threat for crop production, especially those crops eaten raw, and may also lead to waterborne diseases for those people who use water directly from the resource.

### Kabokweni WWTW

- The technology being used is activated sludge.
- The WWTW was commissioned in 2010.
- The design capacity is 3.4 ML/day.
- The current operational capacity of the plant is 2 ML/day.
- The plant is classified as Class E.
- The process controllers are classified as Classes IV and I.
- This WWTW water use authorisation was issued on the 3 June 2015.
- The effluent discharge qualities are shown in Tables 20 (a) & (b).

## Table 20 (a): Final effluent quality from April 2013 to January 2014

Parameter	Licence	Kabokweni WWTW									
	Linne	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
рН	5.5-7.5	8.0	8.3	7.3	8.4	8.1	7.7	7.9	7.8	8.0	7.5
Electrical Conductivity (mS/m)	75 mS/m	42.2	48.5	56.7	55.4	71.9	65.3	56.8	55.9	48.8	44.9
Nitrate/ Nitrite as Nitrogen (mg/l)	1.5	0.6	1.4	0.8	0.3	<0.2	0.2	5.5	0.4	1.1	0.8
Ortho- Phosphate (mg/l)	1	0.4	0.3	<0.2	<0.2	1.3	3.1	11	<0.2	<0.0 5	<0.05
COD (mg/l)	75	16	12	24	24	36	36	48	32	28	28
<i>E. coli</i> (per 100 ml)	0	26 000		55 000	б	10	0	110	0	6 900	13 000
NH3 (free and saline) (mg/l)	1	0.4	2.4	6.2	0.3	18	2.8	1.2	0.3	<0.2	1.3

Substance Parameter Limit		Kabokweni WWTW													
		Feb	Mar	April	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
рН	5.5-9.5	7.7	8.0	7.7	7.4	8.0	7.7	7.9	8.2	7.59	8.4	7.27	7.57	7.89	8.1
EC (mS/m)	75	42.7	46.1	53.8	52.9	65.9	68.2	83.0	87.2	22.5	56.6	59.9	51.3	39.9	53.7
Nitrate (mg/l)	1.5	0.9	3.7	0.5	<0.2	<0.2	0.5	0.2	<0.2	<0.2	0.68	<0.2	0.56	<0.2	<0.2
Ortho-Phosphate (mg/l)	1	0.9	9.3	<0.05	<0.0 5	0.6	0.4	<0.0 5	2.7	<0.2	<0.2	23	3	<0.2	0.33
COD (mg/l)	75	40	36	32	20	36	20	28	76		43	67	16	25	22
E. coli (counts per 100 ml)	0	16000	27	1900	0	160	1500	34	20	5460	0	3600	52000	0	1
NH3 (mg/l)	1	9.5	6.6	14	0.5	11	19	23	41	0.14	0.3	3	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1

#### Table 20 (b): Final effluent quality from February 2014 to March 2015

The above table indicates that Ortho-Phosphates, COD,  $NH_3$  and *E. coli* did not comply with the effluent discharge standards for most of the variables and throughout the reporting period. High  $PO_4$  and nitrates may contribute to nutrients which could result in eutrophication and the water not being fit for use. High *E. coli* is a threat for crop production, especially those crops eaten raw, and may also lead to waterborne diseases for those people who use water directly from the resource.



### Matsulu WWTW

- The plant uses an activated sludge process.
- The plant was commissioned in 2001.
- The WWTW is authorised to discharge effluent into the Crocodile River.
- The authorisation was issued in 2009 and the effluent discharge quality is shown in Table
- The WWTW has been classified as a Class C in terms of the requirements of regulation 2834.
- The supervisor has been classified as a Class IV.
- The plant has a design capacity of 6 ML/ day and operates at a capacity of 3 ML/day.
- General housekeeping at the plant is satisfactory
- Discharged effluent is clear of debris and suspended solids.
- The WWTW does not have an emergency dam.
- The monthly effluent discharge qualities are shown in Tables 21 (a) & (b) below.

## Table 21 (a): Final effluent quality from Jan 2014 to March 2015

Parameter	Licence	2013								
	Linne	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
рН	5.5-9.5	8.3	8.3	7.9	8.3	8.2	8.2	8.3	7.5	7.8
Electrical Conductivity (mS/m)	70 mS/m	56.0	56.2	55.5	57.6	62.6	59.4	54.0	56.6	49.4
Nitrate/ Nitrite as Nitrogen (mg/l)	15	8.1	10	12	11	9.7	8.3	5.9	6.8	7.2
Ortho-Phosphate (mg/l)	1	2.3	2.3	3.2	2.9	1.9	1.1	1.0	1.2	3.1
Chemical Oxygen Demand (mg/l)	75	12	<10	<10	20	12	16	12	<10	20
<i>E. coli</i> (per 100 ml)	0 count/10 0ml	0	0	0	0	44	3	0	0	0
Ammonia (free and saline) (mg/l)	3	<0.2	<0.2	15	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	<0.2


# Table 21 (b): Final effluent quality from Jan 2014 to March 2015

Parameter	Licence	2014	2014												
	LITTIL	Jan	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
рН	5.5-9.5	7.0	63	54.4	63	63.5	60.3	64.2	7.14	7.48	7.25	79.2	6.96	7.16	7.1
Electrical Conductivit y (mS/m)	70 mS/m	54.7	89	6	22	0	10	0	67	62.5	74	227	81.6	79.4	58.6
Nitrate/ Nitrite as Nitrogen (mg/l)	15	6.7	7.8	7.57	7.4	7.26	7.52	8	1.0	0.40	0.30	7.10	0.50	0.20	0.8
Ortho- Phosphate (mg/l)	1		3	1	0.9	1.50	4.80	3.0	4.2	4.7	3.3	1.40	8.20	6.5	3.9
Chemical Oxygen Demand (mg/l)	75		4.9	4.4	3.9	2.80	3	3.6	117	21	102	7.0	248	307	13
<i>E. coli</i> (per 100 ml)	0 count/1 00ml	1	29.	36	26	5	10	5.00	0	3	0	446	0	0	0
Ammonia (free and saline) (mg/l)	3	0.2	58.9	50.3	42.8	23.3	0.70	0.70	21.4	0.70	0.4	2.10	1.70	11.9	0.20

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The above table indicates that although the WWTW is compliant most of the time, there are times when Ortho-Phosphates,  $NH_3$  and *E. coli* are not complying with the effluent discharge standards. Ortho-Phosphate did not comply for almost the whole duration of the reporting period. The plant had also been non complaint with the Electrical Conductivity and Chemical Oxygen Demand limits. Accumulation of sludge resulted in high elevation of the parameters mentioned. High  $PO_4$  may contribute to nutrients which could result in eutrophication and the water not being fit for use. High *E. coli* is a threat for crop production, especially those crops eaten raw, and may also lead to waterborne diseases for those people who use water directly from the resource.

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### Komatipoort WWTW

- The type of process technology applied by the WWTW is oxidation ponds.
- The WWTW has a design capacity of 1.2 ML/day.
- The average daily flow (operational) capacity is unknown because the plant does not have flow measuring devices.
- The WWTW has not been registered in terms of the requirements of regulation 2834 and therefore the class of the plant is not known.
- There were no process controllers on site. Currently the Municipality employed two process controllers.
- The WWTW does not have a water use authorisation for the discharge of effluent into the Crocodile River.
- The monthly effluent discharge qualities are shown in Tables 22 (a) & (b) below.

#### Table 22 (a): Final effluent quality from April 2013 to January 2014

Substance	General Limit	Komat	ipoort V	WTW							
Farameter	LIIIIL	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
рН	5.5-9.5	8.4	7	7.7	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.1	7.8	8	7.8
Electrical Conductivity (mS/m)	75 mS/m	85.6	81.3	84.0	86.5	100	110	116	115	108	94.2
Nitrate/ Nitrite as Nitrogen (mg/l)	No limit	0.1	0.2	0.2	05	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.1
Ortho- Phosphate (mg/l)	1	3.8	3.4	3.2	3.7	3.4	2.4	4.6	3.9	2.8	2.9
Chemical Oxygen Demand (mg/l)	75	32	12	24	36	24	28	36	52	48	67
<i>E. coli</i> (per 100 ml)	0 count/ 100 ml	140	270	17 000	490	290	580	410	160	610	0
Ammonia (free and saline) (mg/l)	1	15	14	16	18	18	16	16	14	16	9.8

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Substance Parameter	Limit	Kom	atipoort	WWTW	/										
rarameter		Feb	Mar	April	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
рН	5.5- 9.5	8			7.7	7.7									
EC (mS/m)	75	74. 3			83.6	89. 9									
N (mg/l)	No limit	0.2			0.2	0.2									
Ortho- Phosphate (mg/l)	1	2.5			2.6	2.7									
COD (mg/l)	75	28			44	16									
E. coli (counts per 100 ml)	0	170 0	itored	itored	310	40	arge								
NH3 (mg/l)	1	11	Not Mon	Not Mon	6	12	No Disch								

## Table 22 (b): Final effluent quality from February 2014 to March 2015

The above table indicates that Ortho-Phosphates, COD,  $NH_3$  and *E. coli* did not comply with the effluent discharge standards for most of the variables and throughout the reporting period. High  $PO_4$  and nitrates may contribute to nutrients which could result in eutrophication and the water not being fit for use. High *E. coli* is a threat for crop production, especially those crops eaten raw, and may also lead to waterborne diseases for those people who use water directly from the resource. It must also be mentioned that oxidation ponds are not designed to discharge, so the release of effluent into the receiving water resources is regarded as an overflow and is therefore illegal. It is not surprising that the quality of the overflow is not compliant. The treatment system is not effective enough to treat effluent to the level acceptable for discharge into the water resource.

#### Hectospruit WWTW

- The type of process technology applied by the WWTW is oxidation ponds.
- The WWTW has a design capacity of 0.265 ML/day.
- The average daily flow (operational) capacity is unknown because the plant does not have flow measuring devices.
- The WWTW has not been registered in terms of the requirements of regulation 2834 and therefore the class of the plant is not known.
- The WWTW does not have a water use authorisation for the discharge of effluent into the Crocodile River.
- The monthly effluent discharge qualities are shown in Tables 23 (a) & (b) below

Substance Parameter	General	Hector	spruit W\	NTW						
Parameter	LIIIIIL	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Nov	Dec	Jan
рН	5.5-9.5	8.2	8.4	8.1	8.3	7.9	7.9	8.1	7.9	7.9
Electrical Conductivity (mS/m)	75 mS/m	72	75.7	66.5	71.3	85.5	86.7	80.3	78.4	72.8
Nitrate/ Nitrite as Nitrogen (mg/l)	No limit	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2	02	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.1
Ortho- Phosphate (mg/I)	1	3.6	3.5	3.5	4.5	4.8	4.4	4	4.4	9.4
Chemical Oxygen Demand (mg/l)	75	36	28	32	52	52	68	60	44	47
<i>E. coli</i> (per 100 ml)	0 count/ 100ml	2	0	0	3	0	0	14	170	14
Ammonia (free and saline) (mg/l)	1	0.2	0.2	0.4	3.7	13	9.9	1.1	1.5	1.7

# Table 23 (a): Final effluent quality from April 2013 to January 2014

Substance	Limit	Hectospruit WWTW													
Farameter		Feb	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar		
рН	5.5-9.5	8.6	8	7.6	8.1	8.3	7.90	7,67	7,83	8,63	7,58	7,99	8,19		
EC (mS/m)	75 -250 mSm	71.4	64.6	60.1	80.9	76	84.40	85,4	86,8	82,5	67,7	214	72,7		
N (mg/l)	No limit	<0.2	0.2	0.9	3.3	2.9	1.80	4,7	1,7	4,4	<0.2				
Ortho- Phosphate (mg/l)	1	7.3	2.8	2.4	8.5	5.4	6	5,1	4,4	4,2	3,7	2,2	1,8		
COD (mg/l)	75	40	40	32	44	175	68	91	67	75	47	205	137		
E. coli (counts per 100 ml)	0	4	49	36	150	93	80	0	0	0	300	360	0		
NH3 (mg/l)	1	2.1	0.2	0.2	0.9	0.2	1.40	1	1,9	<0.1	0,5	<0.1	<0.1		
SS (mg/l)	90			22	9.6	47	24	4	20	24	20	96	61		

# Table 23 (b): Final effluent quality from February 2014 to March 2015

The above table indicates that Ortho-Phosphates, COD,  $NH_3$  and *E. coli* did not comply with the effluent discharge standards for most of the variables and throughout the reporting period. High  $PO_4$  and nitrates may contribute to nutrients which could result in eutrophication and the water not being fit for use. High *E. coli* is a threat for crop production, especially those crops eaten raw, and may also lead to waterborne diseases for those people who use water directly from the resource. It must also be mentioned that oxidation ponds are not designed to discharge, so the release of effluent into the receiving water resources is regarded as an overflow and is therefore unlawfull. It is not surprising that the quality of the overflow is not compliant. The treatment system is not effective enough to treat effluent to the level acceptable for discharge into the water resource.

#### Mhlathi Plaas WWTW

- The type of process technology applied by the WWTW is oxidation ponds.
- The WWTW has a design capacity of 0.75 ML/day.
- The average daily flow (operational) capacity is unknown because the plant does not have flow measuring devices.
- The WWTW has not been registered in terms of the requirements of regulation 2834 and therefore the class of the plant is not known.
- The WWTW does not have a water use authorisation for the discharge of effluent into the Crocodile River.
- The monthly effluent discharge qualities are shown in Tables 24 (a) & (b).
- The copies of the process controllers' and supervisor's classification certificates were not available at the WWTW and therefore could not be verified.

Substance	Gener	Mhlatl	ni Plaas '	WWTW							
Faranieter	Limit	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
рН	5.5-9.5	8	7.9	8.1	7.8	8.2	8.4	8.3	8.1	8	7.4
Electrical Conductivity (mS/m)	75 mS/m	64.9	65.7	72.7	81.8	86.9	89.2	80.6	82.7	76.9	67.8
Nitrate/ Nitrite as Nitrogen (mg/l)	No limit	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.4	0.7	0.2	0.2	0.2
Ortho- Phosphate (mg/l)	1	2.5	1.9	1.5	2.8	1.8	3.9	3.1	3.7	3.3	3.2
Chemical Oxygen Demand (mg/l)	75	65	68	44	104	112	56	104	87	104	166
<i>E. coli</i> (per 100 ml)	0 count/ 100 ml	31	3	5	2 400	0	0	0	2	0	46
Ammonia (free and saline) (mg/l)	1	14	13	16	21	16	16	12	13	13	11

# Table 24 (a): Final effluent quality from April 2013 to January 2014

Substance	Limit	Mhlatip	Ahlatiplaas WWTW													
Farameter		Mar	April	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar		
рН	5.5-9.5	8.2	7.7	7.3	7.6	7.9	7.5	8.30	7,71	7,72	8,46	8,23	7,81	8,39		
EC (mS/m)	75	50.7	65.8	65.6	72.7	81.7	91.7	91.90	94,4	92,7	96,7	70,9	45,2	74,4		
N (mg/l)	No limit	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.7	0.30	8,3	0,25	<0.2	<0.2	1,6	<0.2		
Ortho- Phosphate (mg/l)	1	1.9	2.3	1.6	2.5	22	2.6	3.10	3,6	3,1	4,3	3,6	2,7	3,4		
COD (mg/l)	75	104	71	123	73	84	60	100	158	146	107	131	210	138		
E. coli (counts per 100 ml)	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	100	0	0	0		
NH3 (mg/l)	1	6.5	11	7.9	13	15	13	12	17	17	19	6,2	<0.1	8,7		
SS (mg/l)	90				17.6	17.2	17.5	32	NR	39	13	36	43	28		

# Table 24 (b): Final effluent quality from February 2014 to March 2015

The above table indicates that EC, Ortho-Phosphates, COD,  $NH_3$  and *E. coli* did not comply with the effluent discharge standards for most of the variables and throughout the reporting period. High  $PO_4$  and nitrates may contribute to nutrients which could result in eutrophication and the water not being fit for use. High *E. coli* is a threat for crop production, especially those crops eaten raw, and may also lead to waterborne diseases for those people who use water directly from the resource.

#### Mhlathi Kop WWTW

- The type of process technology applied by the WWTW is activated sludge.
- The WWTW has a design capacity of 1 ML/day.
- The average daily flow (operational) capacity is unknown because the plant does not have flow measuring devices.
- The WWTW has not been registered in terms of the requirements of regulation 2834 and therefore the class of the plant is not known.
- The copies of the process controllers' and supervisor's classification certificates were not available at the WWTW and therefore could not be verified.
- The WWTW does not have a water use authorisation for the discharge of effluent into the Crocodile River.
- An emergency dam is not available.
- The plant discharges partially treated effluent to the tributary of the Crocodile River.
- The plant is being refurbished.
- The monthly effluent discharge qualities are shown in Tables 25 (a) & (b) below.

## Table 25 (a): Final effluent quality from April 2013 to September 2013

Substance Parameter	General Limit	Mhlathi K	op WWTW				
		Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
рН	5.5-9.5	8	7.7	7.6	8.2	7.7	7.9
Electrical Conductivity (mS/m)	75 mS/m	54	68.7	68.6	75	82.5	77.2
Nitrate/ Nitrite as Nitrogen (mg/l)	No limit	0.1	0.2	0.4	1.1	0.8	0.7
Ortho-Phosphate (mg/l)	1	0.7	3.3	1.9	1.9	4.1	0.9
Chemical Oxygen Demand (mg/l)	75	52	72	87	144	176	68
<i>E. coli</i> (counts per 100 ml)	0 count/ 100ml	30	93	0	0	0	0
Ammonia (free and saline) (mg/l)	1	12	22	19	22	21	20

Substance	Limit	Mhlati	Kop WW	/TW													
rarameter		Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
рН	5.5- 9.5	8	7.4	7.8	7.5	8.50	8.40	7.9	8	7.4	7.40	7,39	6,18	8,32	7,24	8,07	8,2
EC (mS/m)	75	72.1	70	64.3	72.9	68.60	74.10	67.9	86.1	71.3	64.70	66,7	56,8	70,7	67,4	26,5	60,6
N (mg/l)	No limit	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0,80	0.90	0.3	3.3	9.8	6.60	2,1	0,7	3,3	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2
Ortho- Phosphate (mg/l)	1	0.9	3.3	0.9	4.1	2.20	1.70	2	3	4.1	1.70	2,1	0,69	1,6	2,6	<0.2	1,9
COD (mg/l)	75	100	206	152	107	173	72	77	64	56	64	130	46	98	178	62	98
E. coli (counts per 100 ml)	0	12 0000	17 000	25 000	160 000	0	2400	0	61	61	56	0	0	0	1100000	304	0
NH3 (mg/l)	1	24	17	21	21	19.00	12	18	18	11	5.20	7,1	<0.1	16	20	<0.1	7,3
SS (mg/)	90	-	-	-	-	-	-	30	15.6	145	10.8	4	15	27	57	24	36

# Table 25 (b): Final effluent quality from September 2013 to March 2015

The above table indicates that EC, Ortho-Phosphates, *E. coli*, NH3 and SS did not comply with the effluent discharge standards for most of the time during the reporting period. High  $PO_4$  and nitrates may contribute to nutrients which could result in eutrophication and the water not being fit for use. High *E. coli* is a threat for crop production, especially those crops eaten raw, and may also lead to waterborne diseases for those people who use water directly from the resource.

### Tonga Ponds WWTW

- The type of process technology applied by the WWTW is oxidation ponds.
- The WWTW has a design capacity of 1.25 ML/day.
- The average daily flow (operational) capacity is unknown because the plant does not have flow measuring devices and it is still under refurbishment.
- The WWTW is a Class D in terms of the requirements of regulation 2834.
- The process controller on site is a Class V.
- The WWTW does not have a water use authorisation for the discharge of effluent into the Komati River.
- The plant has been refurbished.
- The monthly effluent discharge qualities are shown in the Tables 26 (a) & (b) below.

Substance	General Tonga Ponds WWTW										
Parameter	Limit	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
рН	5.5-9.5	8.4	7.9	7.7	8.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.8	7.8
Electrical Conductivity (mS/m)	75 mS/m	85.6	63.6	78	84.2	111	63.2	69.6	69.6	38.6	94.2
Nitrate/ Nitrite as Nitrogen (mg/l)	No limit	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.9	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Ortho-Phosphate (mg/l)	1	2.4	1.5	1.8	1.0	2.7	1.4	0.97	0.97	0.5	2.9
Chemical Oxygen Demand (mg/l)	75	30	12	36	55	183	24	36	36	39	67
<i>E. coli</i> (per 100 ml)	0 count/ 100ml	140 000	170 000	20 000	0	170000	4 000	61 000	61 000	0	20 000
Ammonia (free and saline) (mg/l)	1	11	9.2	14	7.6	22	9.0	10	10	3.8	9.8

#### Table 26 (a): Final overflow quality from April 2013 to January 2014

Substance Parameter	General Limit	Tonga Pone	ds WWTW							
		Apr	May	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
рН	5.5-9.5	8.4	8.2	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.03	8.09	8.26	8.15
Electrical Conductivity (mS/m)	75 mS/m	37.8	45.7	52.5	50.2	45.6	37.5	33.1	24.6	42
Nitrate/ Nitrite as Nitrogen (mg/l)	No limit	0.6	0.5	0.1	0.4	0.4	0.22	0.32	0.2	0.2
Ortho-Phosphate (mg/l)	1	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Chemical Oxygen Demand (mg/l)	75	20	10	-	-	-	96	64	72	20
<i>E. coli</i> (per 100 ml)	0 count/									
	100ml	180	160	140	140	290	14950	0	21000	5280
Ammonia (free and saline) (mg/l)	1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	24	13	25	7

The above table indicates that final effluents Ortho-Phosphates, COD, NH<sub>3</sub> and *E. coli* did not comply with the effluent discharge standards throughout the reporting period. High PO<sub>4</sub> and nitrates may contribute to nutrients which could result in eutrophication and the water not being fit for use. High E. coli is a threat for crop production, especially those crops eaten raw, and may also lead to waterborne diseases for those communities who use water directly from the resource. It must also be mentioned that oxidation ponds are not designed to discharge, so the release of effluent into the receiving water resources is regarded as an overflow and is therefore unlawful. It is not surprising that the quality of the overflow is not compliant. The treatment system is not effective enough effluent level acceptable discharge to treat to the for into the water resource.

# Emakhazeni Local Municipality

## Waterval Boven WWTW

- The type of process technology applied by the WWTW is activated sludge and bio-filters.
- The WWTW has a design capacity of 2.4 ML/day.
- The average daily flow (operational) capacity is unknown because the plant does not have flow measuring devices.
- The plant has been classified as a Class B (26/09/2012) in terms of regulation 2834.
- The WWTW is authorised (Licence No. 05/X21G/FG/1421) to discharge treated effluent into the Elands River.
- The copies of the process controllers' and supervisor's classification certificates were not available at the WWTW and therefore could not be verified.
- The mechanical screen has been fixed and was functional.
- All the mixers were functional.
- The drying beds are not used and they were covered with grass/weeds.
- The trickling filter was not working.
- The humus tank was also not working.
- Housekeeping was poor, grass was overgrown and access to the whole plant was difficult.
- There was no disinfection of the final effluent taking place.
- The plant discharges untreated sewage into the Elands River and the monthly effluent discharge qualities are shown in Tables 27 (a) & (b).

Substance	Licence Limits	Water	val Bove	n WWT	W			
Parameter	in mg/i	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct
рН	5.5 – 7.5	8.2	8.2	7.9	7.8	7.9	7.8	8.3
Electrical Conductivity	50 mS/m above intake to a maximum of 100 mS/m	32.4	29.3	31.0	34.0	30.5	30.4	30.7
Nitrate	1.5 mg/l	3.4	4.8	3.6	0.1	0.1	<0.2	<0.1
Free and saline ammonia (as N)	2 mg/l	<0.2	0.3	0.2	4.6	<0.2	0.3	<0.2
Chemical Oxygen Demand	30 mg/l	<10	<10	<10	20	16	<10	16
Ortho-Phosphate	(1 median and 2.5 max) mg/l	0.5	0.8	0.4	2.5	0.5	0.5	0.2
<i>E. coli</i> (counts per 100 ml)	0 mg/l	6 200	9 800	8 700		6 200	17 000	006 9

## Table 27 (a): Final effluent quality from April 2013 to January 2014

Substance	Licence	Water	val Bov	en WW	/TW											
Parameter	mg/l	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Мау	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
рН	5.5 – 7.5	7.9	8.0	6.9	7.8	6.9	7.0	7.4	7.2	7.70	7,2	7,54	8,33	7,58	7,92	7,73
EC (mS/m)	50 mS/m above intake to a maximu m of 100 mS/m	31.9	33.1	32.5	27	33.9	35.4	29.9	29.9	32.80	37,5	35,9	36,2	36,9	16,5	35,3
N (mg/l)	1.5 mg/l	0.1	<0.1	0.5	1.9	9.2	0.6	0.3	3	7	13	2,2	3,4	3,3	<0.2	5
Ortho- Phosphate (mg/l)	(1 median and 2.5 max) mg/l	0.2	0.4	1,7	0.2	0.3	1.7	0.05	0.05	0.50	1,6	2,3	<0.2	1,2	<0.2	<0.2
COD (mg/l)	30 mg/l	<10	30	32	10	10	173	10	10	44	26	26	<10	13	29	92
E. coli (counts per 100 ml)	0	3 900	13 000	16 00	20000	17000	5300	6000	12 000	16000	25200	119000	174	2960	96	60300
NH3 (mg/l)	2 mg/l	<0.2	<0.2	2.4	0.2	0.2	7.7	0.6	0.5		3,7	7,5	<0.1	6,2	<0.1	<0.1
SS (mg/l)							180	1	4	42	13	5	4	<3	3	102

# Table 27 (b): Final effluent quality from February 2014 to March 2015

The above table indicates that Ortho-Phosphates, Nitrates, NH3 and *E. coli* did not comply with the effluent discharge standards for most of the time during the reporting period. High  $PO_4$  and nitrates may contribute to nutrients which could result in eutrophication and the water not being fit for use. High *E. coli* is a threat for crop production, especially those crops eaten raw, and may also lead to waterborne diseases for those people who use water directly from the resource.

## Emthonjeni WWTW

- The type of process technology applied by the WWTW is activated sludge and oxidation ponds.
- The WWTW has a design capacity of 1.5 ML/day.
- The average daily flow (operational) capacity is unknown because the plant does not have flow measuring devices.
- The WWTW has a water use authorisation and the monthly effluent discharge qualities are shown in Tables 28 (a) & (b).
- The plant has been classified as a Class C (26/09/2012) in terms of regulation 2834.
- The WWTW discharges untreated treated sewage into the Leeuwspruit.
- Process controllers are all classified.
- The plant has an emergency dam.

## Table 28 (a): Final effluent quality from April 2013 to January 2014

Substance	Licence Limits	Emtho	njeni W	WTW						
Parameter	in mg/i	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Nov	Dec	Jan
рН	5.5 – 9.5	7.4	7.3	6.9	8.3	7.2	7.5	7.6	7.7	7.9
Electrical Conductivity	70 mS/m above intake to maximum of 150 mS/m	58.7	67.1	59.9	68.5	76.7	72.3	58.6	50.4	51.8
Nitrate	1 mg/l	0.1	<0.1	0.9	0.1	<0.1	0.2	<0.1	<0.1	0.3
Free & saline ammonia (as N)	1 mg/l	23	31	16	31	35	30	21	15	20
Chemical Oxygen Demand	30 mg/l	129	173	873	72	192	199	119	96	111
Ortho- Phosphate	1 mg/l	3.1	3.7	8.8	0.8	4.3	4.2	2.8	1.9	2.4
E. coli	0 mg/l		220	000 86				110 000	1 700	1 300

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Substance	Licence Limits in	Emthonje	ni WWTW										
Falameter	111g/1	Feb	Mar	April	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Dec	Feb	Mar
рН	5.5 – 9.5	7.6	7.9	7.3	5.5	7.5	7.2	7.4	7.90	8,01	8,17	7,75	7,37
EC (mS/m)	70 mS/m above intake to maximum of 150 mS/m	37.4	52.9	109	97.4	65.5	71	76.5	80.30	73,8	53,5	62,1	65,7
N (mg/l)	1 mg/l	1.3	0.2	1.9	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.30	4,9	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2
Ortho- Phosphate (mg/l)	1 mg/l	2.8	2.1	11	11	3.4	3.5	3.8	4	4	1,7	0,4	3,4
COD (mg/l)	30 mg/l	56	161	55	71	231	167	270	280	250	124	NR	197
E. coli (counts per 100 ml)	0 mg/l	490	390	10	470	6	310	110	77	0	50	0	540000
NH3 (mg/l)	1mg/l	14	19	47	14	30	32	39	38	27	17	18	28
	1	1	1	1	1	1							1

#### Table 28 (b): Final effluent quality from February 2014 to March 2015

The above table indicates that Nitrates, Ortho-Phosphates, COD, NH3 and *E. coli* did not comply with the effluent discharge standards for most of the time during the reporting period. High  $PO_4$  and nitrates may contribute to nutrients which could result in eutrophication and the water not being fit for use. High *E. coli* is a threat for crop production, especially those crops eaten raw, and may also lead to waterborne diseases for those people who use water directly from the resource.

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## Ekulindeni WWTW

- The type of process technology applied by the WWTW is oxidation ponds.
- The WWTW design capacity is estimated to be around 2.5-3 ML/day.
- The average daily flow (operational) capacity is unknown as the plant does not have flow measuring devices.
- The WWTW has not been registered in terms of the requirements of regulation 2834 and therefore the class of the plant is not known.
- The WWTW does not have a water use authorisation for the use of their treatment system.
- The WWTW does not have process controller on site; only security personnel are on site.
- The plant has a total of 9 oxidation ponds, with only 4 currently in use.
- The plant has 2 screens in series.
- The first screen is poorly maintained and located in a residential area.
- The WWTW is not discharging.

#### Carolina WWTW

- The type of process technology applied by the WWTW is activated sludge.
- The WWTW has a design capacity of 2.5 ML/day.
- The average daily flow (operational) capacity is unknown.
- The plant has been classified as a Class E (9/10/2012) in terms of regulation 2834.
- Screenings are not properly disposed of.
- The WWTW does not have a water use authorisation for the discharge of effluent into the tributary of the Boesmanspruit River.
- The monthly effluent discharge qualities are shown in Tables 29 (a) & (b).
- The copies of the process controllers' and supervisor's classification certificates were not available at the WWTW and therefore could not be verified.
- An emergency dam is not available on site.

#### Table 29 (a): Final effluent quality from April 2013 to January 2014

Substance Parameter	Limits in	Carolir	na WWT	W						
	1116/1	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
рН	5.5–9.5	8.2	7.2	7.9	7.5	7.4	6.9	7.1	6.7	7.9
Electrical Conductivity	75 mS/m	57.9	54.2	48.8	50.6	71.2	44.3	58.3	37.5	49.9
Nitrate	No limit	0.7	19	7.9	1.0	<0.2	6.3	1.4	10	15
Ortho-Phosphate	1 mg/l	2.2	0.8	0.9	0.6	4.0	1.6	15	0.2	1.1
Chemical Oxygen Demand	75 mg/l	75	51	44	67	267	56	48	67	28
E. coli	0 mg/l	580	0	22	130 000	200 000	160 000	130 000	42	23
Free and saline ammonia (as N)	1 mg/l	20	9.3	8.2	12	31	4.9	12	0.2	<0.2

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Substance	Limit	Carolina	a WWTW											
Farameter		Feb	Mar	April	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Mar
рН	5.5-9.5	7	7	7	7,7	7,1	7,4	7	6,8	7,14	7,5	6,62	7,16	7,34
EC (mS/m)	75 mS/m	52,9	52,9	49,6	59,4	51,8	74,9	55,9	59,4	57,1	53,4	46,1	50,8	68,7
N (mg/l)	No limit													
Ortho- Phosphate (mg/l)	1	4,3	0,4	4	3	0,3	2,5	1,9	2,3	0,58	<0.2	0,67	2,5	2,1
COD (mg/l)	75	57	28	48	56	44	60	24	36	118	32	NR	52	88
E. coli (counts per 100 ml)	0	1	2000	1600	490	410	980	1000	240	1150	330	26600	273000	28200
NH3 (mg/l)	1	0,1	0,2		15	0,2	28	0,2	0,2	3,5	3,1	<0.1	15	26

 Table 29 (b): Final effluent quality from February 2014 to March 2015

The above table indicates that Ortho-Phosphates, COD,  $NH_3$  and *E. coli* did not comply with the effluent discharge standards for most of the variables and throughout the reporting period. High  $PO_4$  and nitrates may contribute to nutrients which could result in eutrophication and the water not being fit for use. High *E. coli* is a threat for crop production, especially those crops eaten raw, and may also lead to waterborne diseases for those people who use water directly from the resource.

## Badplaas Ponds WWTW

- The type of process technology applied by the WWTW is oxidation ponds.
- The WWTW's design capacity is 2.4 ML/day.
- The average daily flow (operational) capacity is unknown because the plant does not have flow measuring devices.
- The WWTW has not been registered in terms of the requirements of regulation 2834 and therefore the class of the plant is not known.
- The copies of the process controllers' and supervisor's classification certificates were not available at the WWTW and therefore could not be verified.
- The WWTW has a general authorisation.
- Pond 1 is full of scum. The WWTW is not fenced which allows livestock (cows) to access the WWTW and drink from the ponds.
- There is currently no discharge and the last 4 ponds are still empty.

#### Elukwatini WWTW

- The type of process technology applied by the WWTW is oxidation ponds.
- The WWTW's design capacity is 2.5 ML/day.
- The average daily flow (operational) capacity is unknown because the plant does not have flow measuring devices.
- The WWTW has not been registered in terms of the requirements of regulation 2834 and therefore the class of the plant is not known.
- Inlet screens were full of screenings.
- The copies of the process controllers' and supervisor's classification certificates were not available at the WWTW and therefore could not be verified.
- The WWTW does not have a water use authorisation for the discharge of effluent into the Tee River.
- The discharge point is not accessible due to the overgrown grass and weeds.
- The monthly effluent discharge qualities are shown in Table 30 below.

Substance	Limit	Elukwa	tini WWT	W											
Farameter		Feb	Mar	April	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
рН	5.5-9.5	7,4	7	7,1	7,5	7,1	7,2	7,1	6,8	7,22	7,44	6,84	7,18	8,17	8,01
EC (mS/m)	75	45,2	43,1	42,8	45,6	38,9	39,96	40,1	36,3	50,3	51,6	45	41	33,1	19,4
N (mg/l)	No limit														
Ortho- Phosphate (mg/l)	1	2,2	1,6	1,8	1,3	1,2	1,4	2,3	1,9	3,1	3,8	3,8	2,4	<0.2	<0.2
COD (mg/l)	75	243	761	52	760	52	468	40	52	69	31	NR	NR	852	11
E. coli (counts per 100 ml)	0	43	140	170	490	140	500	13	1200	128	80	1	2340	96	16000
NH3 (mg/l)	1	7,1	0,9	0,2	3,9	2,9	1	4	2,2	13	13	<0.1	5,4	<0.1	1,9

# Table 30: Final effluent quality from February 2014 to March 2015

The above table indicates that final effluents Ortho-Phosphates, COD,  $NH_3$  and *E. coli* did not comply with the effluent discharge standards throughout the reporting period. High  $PO_4$  and nitrates may contribute to nutrients which could result in eutrophication and the water not being fit for use. High *E. coli* is a threat for crop production, especially those crops eaten raw, and may also lead to waterborne diseases for those communities who use water directly from the resource. It must also be mentioned that oxidation ponds are not designed to discharge, so the release of effluent into the receiving water resources is regarded as an overflow and is therefore unlawful. It is not surprising that the quality of the overflow is not compliant. The treatment system is not effective enough to treat effluent to the level acceptable for discharge into the water resource.

# UMJINDI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

# Umjindi WWTW

- The type of process technology applied by the WWTW is activated sludge.
- The WWTW's design capacity is 8.4 ML/day.
- The average daily flow (operational) capacity is unknown because the plant does not have flow measuring devices.
- The plant has been classified as a Class B (27/08/2012) in terms of regulation 2834.
- The WWTW has a water use authorisation for the discharge of effluent into an unknown stream.
- The WWTW does not have an emergency dam.
- All process controllers are classified.
- The plant uses one manual screen and the mechanical screen has been broken since January 2013.
- The plant also uses 2 aerators instead of 12, and 1 clarifier instead of 4.
- The WWTW discharges partially treated sewage with floating sludge into the environment.
- The WWTW is in the processes of refurbishment.
- The WWTW has no emergency dam.
- The monthly effluent discharge qualities are shown in Tables 31 (a) & (b) below.

Substance	WUL Limits	Umjind	i WWTW								
Parameter		Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
рН	5.5-9.5	7.6	7.6	7.3	7.7	7.6	7.8	8.4	7.6	7.7	7.5
Electrical Conductivity	70 mSm	70.1	78.4	85.6	81.5	88	80.8	58.7	84.2	68.9	77.9
Nitrate	No limit	<0.1	0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	0.3	0.8	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
Free and saline ammonia (asN)	15 mg/l	37	38	52	47	48	45	15	36	25	44
Chemical Oxygen Demand	75 mg/l	56	96	135	176	104	116	32	135	112	91
Ortho-Phosphate	6 mg/l	0.9	4.9	5.3	5.1	5.8	4.6	0.3	7.3	2.9	4.2
E. coli	0 mg/l	2 000 000	260	>1 000 000	300	>2 000 000	086	0	1 600	150	120 000

# Table 31 (a): Final effluent quality from April 2013 to January 2014

Substance	Limit	Um	jindi \	WWTW	/																	
Parameter		Feb		Mar		April		May		Jun		Jul		Sept	00	t	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	
рН	5.5- 9.5	8,3		7,4		7,4		7,7		7,5		7,8		8,3	7,8	32	6,52	8,24	7,24	8,07	8,25	
EC (mS/m)	70	67		83,8		77,7		85		88		88,4		74,1	45	,5	6,3	65,7	66,9	42,5	81,4	ł
N (mg/l)	No limits																					
Ortho-Phosphate (mg/l)	6 mg/l	4,1		5,1		4,5		4,7		5,7		5,9		3,8	0,2	27	5,1	4,8	<0.2	<0.2	14	
COD (mg/l)	75	97		120		67		87		157		80		104	92		59	56	39	23	39	
E. coli (counts per 100 ml)	0		170000		1000000		1400000		2400000		530000		1000000			0	0	0	0	200		245000
Free and saline ammonia (asN)	15 mg/l	35		41		46		47		56		53		44	1,8	8	2	8,5	17	<0.1	39	

#### Table 31 (b): Final effluent quality from February 2014 to March 2015

The above table indicates that EC, COD,  $NH_3$  and *E. coli* did not comply with the effluent discharge standards for most of the variables and throughout the reporting period. High  $PO_4$  and nitrates may contribute to nutrients which could result in eutrophication and the water not being fit for use. High *E. coli* is a threat for crop production, especially those crops eaten raw, and may also lead to waterborne diseases for those people who use water directly from the resource.



# THABA CHWEU LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

#### Sabie WWTW

- The type of process technology applied by the WWTW is activated sludge.
- The WWTW's design capacity is 2.0 ML/day.
- The average daily flow (operational) capacity is unknown because the plant does not have flow measuring devices.
- The WWTW has not been registered in terms of the requirements of regulation 2834 and therefore the class of the plant is not known.
- The copies of the process controllers' and supervisor's classification certificates were not available at the WWTW and therefore could not be verified.
- The WWTW does not have a water use authorisation for the discharge of effluent into the Sabie River.
- The monthly effluent discharge qualities are shown in Tables 32 (a) & (b).
- An emergency dam is not available.

## Table 32 (a): Final effluent quality from April 2013 to January 2014

Substance	General Limit	Sabie \	WWTW						
Parameter		Apr	Jun	Jul	Aug	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
рН	5.5-9.5	7.8	7.4	8.0	7.2	7.1	7.2	7.2	7.1
Electrical Conductivity (mS/m)	75 mS/m	36.4	43.1	35.4	44.7	32.5	35.0	20.8	20.0
Nitrate/Nitrite as Nitrogen (mg/l)	No limit	<0.2	0.2	<0.2	<0.2	5.3	4.2	3.9	4.5
Ortho-Phosphate (mg/I)	1	1.6	1.7	1.4	1.8	1.7	1.7	0.5	0.9
Chemical Oxygen Demand (mg/l)	75	48	60	64	90	40	147	32	<10
<i>E. coli</i> (per 100 ml)	0 count/ 100 ml	6 000 000	330 000	36 000	15 000	7 700	17 300	120	110
Ammonia (free and saline) (mg/l)	1	15	14	12	15	2.3	2.8	0.6	1.3

Substance	Limit	Sabie W	WTW												
Farameter		Feb	Mar	April	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
рН	5.5-9.5	7,3	7,7	8,1	7	7,1	7,3	7,3	7,7	7,21	8,22	7,62	6,95	7,22	7,29
EC (mS/m)	75	30,5	26,2	10,5	36,5	40	47,2	41,6	44,6	38,5	62,4	45,7	36,6	45,9	43,9
N (mg/l)	No limit														
Ortho- Phosphate (mg/l)	1	2	0,8	0,05	1,8	2,3	2,9	1,8	1,6	0,71	1,8	2,6	1,2	3	2,5
COD (mg/l)	75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NS
E. coli (counts per 100 ml)	0	4900	200000	170000	14000	42000	180	24000	40000	2	46800	50000	0	0	2430
NH3 (mg/l)	1	8,9	6,6	0,2	4,1	8,2	12	7,8	14	6,3	11	9,2	4,3	17	10

#### Table 32 (b): Final effluent quality from February 2014 to March 2015

The above table indicates that Ortho-Phosphates, NH<sub>3</sub> and *E. coli* did not comply with the effluent discharge standards for most of the variables and throughout the reporting period. High PO<sub>4</sub> and nitrates may contribute to nutrients which could result in eutrophication and the water not being fit for use. High *E. coli* is a threat for crop production, especially those crops eaten raw, and may also lead to waterborne diseases for those people who use water directly from the resource.

## Graskop WWTW

- The type of process technology applied by the WWTW is activated sludge.
- The WWTW has a design capacity of 1 ML/day.
- The average daily flow (operational) capacity is 1.2 ML/day.
- The WWTW has not been registered in terms of the requirements of regulation 2834 and therefore the class of the plant is not known.
- The copies of the process controllers' and supervisor's classification certificates were not available at the WWTW and therefore could not be verified.
- The monthly effluent discharge qualities are shown in Table 33 (a) & (b).
- The WWTW does not have a water use authorisation.
- The treatment plant has a crack on the walls of the aeration tank which results in partially treated sewage leaking out of the aeration tank.
- The overflow is contained in an emergency pond.

#### Table 33 (a): Final effluent quality from April 2013 to December 2014

Substance	General Limit	Graskop	WWTW					
rarameter		Apr	Jun	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
рН	5.5-9.5	8.2	7.4	7.1	7.3	7.2	7.4	7.4
Electrical Conductivity (mS/m)	40 mS/m	40.3	42.3	40.8	49.5	42.6	36.3	26.3
Nitrate/ Nitrite as Nitrogen (mg/l)	0-6	<0.2	0.2	<0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Ortho-Phosphate (mg/l)	0.005-0.025	2.8	2.9	2.6	3.0	2.8	2.2	1.2
Chemical Oxygen Demand (mg/l)	0-10	414	148	177	185	117	52	84
<i>E. coli</i> (per 100 ml)	0 count/ 100 ml	770	190	460	580	920	69	160
Ammonia (free and saline) (mg/l)	0-1	21	22	19	24	21	14	7.7

Substance	Limit	Graskop WWTW													
Parameter		Feb	Mar	April	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
рН	5.5-9.5	8.0	7.8	7.2	7.2	7.6	7.2	6.8	8.2	7.22	8.05	7.73	7.08	7.22	7.21
EC (mS/m)	75	22	32.9	34.9	3.5	40.7	45.1	38.4	19.9	8.92	44.3	39.4	37.3	45.9	43.5
N (mg/l)	No limit	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Ortho- Phosphate (mg/I)	1	1.5	2.3	2.4	1.8	2.7	3.1	0.7	0.4	0.2	1.7	1.3	1.1	3	3.3
COD (mg/l)	75	32	73	66	40	60	112	151	24	0.2	1.7	1.3	1.1	0.2	
E. coli (counts per 100 ml)	0	1600	0	5	3	1	12	1200	19000	180	0	16800	0	0	0
NH3 (mg/l)	1	9.9	15	18	15	22	25	2.8	31	0.33	20	23	12	17	20

#### Table 33 (b): Final effluent quality from February 2014 to March 2015

The above table indicates that Ortho-Phosphates,  $NH_3$  and *E. coli* did not comply with the effluent discharge standards for most of the variables and throughout the reporting period. High  $PO_4$  and nitrates may contribute to nutrients which could result in eutrophication and the water not being fit for use. High *E. coli* is a threat for crop production, especially those crops eaten raw, and may also lead to waterborne diseases for those people who use water directly from the resource. It must also be mentioned that the activated sludge treatment system have ability to produce final effluent which is within discharge standards if operated accordingly. The treatment system is not effective enough to treat effluent to the level acceptable for discharge into the water resource.



# MSUKALIGWA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

## Breyten WWTW

- The type of process technology applied by the WWTW is oxidation ponds.
- The WWTW has a design capacity of 0.65 ML/day.
- The average daily flow (operational) capacity is unknown because the plant does not have flow measuring devices.
- The WWTW has not been registered in terms of the requirements of regulation 2834 and therefore the class of the plant is not known.
- The copies of the process controllers' and supervisor's classification certificates were not available at the WWTW and therefore could not be verified.
- The WWTW does not have a water use authorisation for the discharge of effluent into the unnamed stream.

# **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

## Oshoek Border Gate WWTW

- The type of process technology applied by the WWTW is activated sludge.
- The WWTW's design capacity is not known.
- The average daily flow (operational) capacity is unknown because the plant does not have flow measuring devices.
- The WWTW has not been registered in terms of the requirements of regulation 2834 and therefore the class of the plant is not known.
- The copies of the process controllers' and supervisor's classification certificates were not available at the WWTW and therefore could not be verified.
- The WWTW does not have a water use authorisation for the discharge of effluent into an unknown stream.
- The monthly effluent discharge qualities are shown in Table 34 below.
- An emergency dam is not available.

Substance	Limit	Oshoek WWTW											
Parameter		Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar						
рН	5.5-9.5	7	7,78	6,6	7,55	7,94	7,8						
EC (mS/m)	75	53	37,3	34,7	31,1	20,8	53						
N (mg/l)	No												
	limit	NR	0,98	<0.2	0,69	NR	<0.2						
Ortho-	1												
Phosphate													
(mg/l)		5,5	<0.2	<0.2	4,9	NR	1,5						
COD	75												
(mg/l)		55	25	107	17	39	71						
E. coli	0												
(counts													
per 100													
ml)		60	380	26100	5600	NR	16000						
NH3	1												
(mg/l)		<0.1	1,3	<0.1	0,11	NR	16						
SS (mg/l)	90	4	4	100	8	7	23						

#### Table 34: Final effluent quality from October 2014 to March 2015

The above table indicates that Ortho-Phosphates and *E. coli* did not comply with the effluent discharge standards for most of the time during the reporting period. High  $PO_4$  and nitrates may contribute to nutrients which could result in eutrophication and the water not being fit for use. High *E. coli* is a threat for crop production, especially those crops eaten raw, and may also lead to waterborne diseases for those people who use water directly from the resource.

#### Lebombo Border Gate WWTW

- The type of process technology applied by the WWTW is activated sludge.
- The WWTW's design capacity is not known.
- The average daily flow (operational) capacity is unknown because the plant does not have flow measuring devices.
- The WWTW has not been registered in terms of the requirements of regulation 2834/17 and therefore the class of the plant is not known.
- The copies of the process controllers' and supervisor's classification certificates were not available at the WWTW and therefore could not be verified.
- The WWTW does not have a water use authorisation for the discharge of effluent into an unknown stream.
- The monthly effluent discharge qualities are shown in Table 35 below.
- The Department of Public Works has appointed Mamli Projects to operate the plant.
- An emergency dam is not available.

Substance	Limit	Lebombo WWTW										
Parameter		Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar					
рН	5.5-											
	9.5	7,32		7,53		7,55	7,38					
EC (mS/m)	75	119		128		40,4	95,3					
N (mg/l)	No											
	limit	56		17		1,8	27					
Ortho-	1											
Phosphate												
(mg/l)		12		9,8		<0.2	7,4					
COD	75											
(mg/l)		NM		32		28	39					
E. coli	0											
(counts												
per 100												
ml)		0	large	0	large	0	32					
NH3	1		isch		lisch							
(mg/l)		16	No D	43	No D	<0.1	13					

# Table 35: Final effluent quality from October 2014 to March 2015

The above table indicates that Ortho-Phosphates and *E. coli* did not comply with the effluent discharge standards for most of the time during the reporting period. High  $PO_4$  and nitrates may contribute to nutrients which could result in eutrophication and the water not being fit for use. High *E. coli* is a threat for crop production, especially those crops eaten raw, and may also lead to waterborne diseases for those people who use water directly from the resource.

#### Loiueville WWTW

- The type of process technology applied by the WWTW is a bio-filtration system.
- The WWTW's design capacity is not known.
- The average daily flow (operational) capacity is unknown because the plant does not have flow measuring devices.
- The WWTW has not been registered in terms of the requirements of regulation 2834 and therefore the class of the plant is not known.
- The copies of the process controllers' and supervisor's classification certificates were not available at the WWTW and therefore could not be verified.
- The WWTW does not have a water use authorisation for the discharge of effluent into an unknown stream.
- The monthly effluent discharge qualities are shown in Table 36 below.
- The plant is operated by Repinga Consulting and only operates a day shift.
- An emergency dam is not available.

Substance Parameter	Limit	Louieville WWTW						
		Oct	Jan	Feb				
рН	5.5-9.5	8,36	7,59	7.88				
EC (mS/m)	75	155	80,8	99.00				
N (mg/l)	No limit	<0.2	0,2	0.02				
Ortho-Phosphate (mg/l)	1	6,9	<0.2	2,10				
COD (mg/l)	75	82	28	38				
E. coli (counts per 100 ml)	0	0	840000	320000				
NH3 (mg/l)	1	85	19	18				

 Table 36: Final effluent quality from October 2014 to March 2015

The above table indicates that Ortho-Phosphates and *E. coli* did not comply with the effluent discharge standards for most of the time during the reporting period. High  $PO_4$  and nitrates may contribute to nutrients which could result in eutrophication and the water not being fit for use. High *E. coli* is a threat for crop production, especially those crops eaten raw, and may also lead to waterborne diseases for those people who use water directly from the resource.

## Tonga Hospital WWTW

- The type of process technology applied by the WWTW is activated sludge.
- The WWTW's design capacity is not known.
- The average daily flow (operational) capacity is unknown because the plant does not have flow measuring devices.
- The WWTW has not been registered in terms of the requirements of regulation 2834 and therefore the class of the plant is not known.
- The copies of the process controllers' and supervisor's classification certificates were not available at the WWTW and therefore could not be verified.
- The WWTW does not have a water use authorisation for the discharge of effluent into an unknown stream.
- The monthly effluent discharge qualities are shown in Table 37 (a) & (b) below.

#### Table 37 (a): Final effluent quality from April 2013 to January 2014

Substance	Limits in	Limits in Tonga Hospital WWTW											
Parameter	mg/l	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan		
рН	5.5-9.5	7.9	7.5	7.7	8.2	7.7	7.7	7.4	7.6	7.8	7.6		
Electrical	75 mS/m	38.4	52.0	58.9	75.4	73.4	50.3	49.0	41.3	69.3	38.5		
Conductivity													
Nitrate	No limit	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	0.4	<0.2		
Ortho-	1 mg/l	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.51	0.6	1.1	0.6		
Phosphate													
Chemical	75 mg/l	28	<10	93	47	78	36	24	36	55	39		
Oxygen													
Demand													
E. coli	0 mg/l	2 0	20 (	20 (	1 7	200	200	160	83	2 7(	10 (		
		8	8	8	8	8	8	8		8	00		
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Free and saline	1 mg/l	6.0	5.8	4.1	7.1	7.4	5.6	4.8	4.6	7.6	6.2		
ammonia (as													
N)													

Substance	e Limit Tonga Hospital WWTW														
Farameter		Feb	Mar	April	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
рН	5.5-9.5	7,7	7.5	7.6	7.4	6.5	7.7	7.5	8.1	7,23	6,59	8,44	7,44	8,23	7,72
EC (mS/m)	75	48,3	36.6	36.7	56.2	35.6	63.7	71.7	60.3	57,4	62,5	69,9	60,5	43,5	61,7
N (mg/l)	No limit	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	9,4	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2
Ortho- Phosphate (mg/I)	1	0,5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.7	0.7	0.84	1,2	0,9	0,57	1	0,36	1,3
COD (mg/l)	75	28	28	24	24	28	28	52	32	90	136	43	30	34	45
E. coli (counts per 100 ml)	0	120000	20000	1700	570	310	550	380	290	100000	387000	26400	1800	105	72000
NH3 (mg/l)	1	5.4	5.4	7.2	5.3	3.8	7.9	6.6	7.9	14	11	<0.1	4,9	<0.1	9,4

## Table 37 (b): Final effluent quality from February 2014 to March 2015
The above table indicates that Ortho-Phosphates, COD, NH3 and *E. coli* did not comply with the effluent discharge standards for most of the time during the reporting period. High  $PO_4$  and nitrates may contribute to nutrients which could result in eutrophication and the water not being fit for use. High *E. coli* is a threat for crop production, especially those crops eaten raw, and may also lead to waterborne diseases for those people who use water directly from the resource.

# Bongani Hospital WWTW

- The type of process technology applied by the WWTW bio-filtration system.
- The WWTW's design capacity is not known.
- The average daily flow (operational) capacity is unknown because the plant does not have flow measuring devices.
- The WWTW has not been registered in terms of the requirements of regulation 2834 and therefore the class of the plant is not known.
- The copies of the process controllers' and supervisor's classification certificates were not available at the WWTW and therefore could not be verified.
- The WWTW does not have a water use authorisation for the discharge of effluent into an unknown stream.
- The plant is operated by New Business Networks.

#### Barberton Prison WWTW

- The type of system used is a bio-filter system.
- The WWTW has a design capacity of 3 ML/day and it is mostly operated at 2.6 ML/day.
- There is no authorisation for the operation of this WWTW.
- The WWTW has not been registered in terms of the requirements of regulation 2834 and therefore the class of the plant is not known.
- The copies of the process controllers' and supervisor's classification certificates were not available at the WWTW and therefore could not be verified.
- There is no monitoring at the WWTW which is undertaken by the IUCMA.
- An emergency dam is not available.

#### Shongwe Hospital WWTW

- The type of process technology applied by the WWTW is a septic tanks and bio-filtration system.
- The WWTW's design capacity is not known.
- The average daily flow (operational) capacity is unknown because the plant does not have flow measuring devices.
- The WWTW has not been registered in terms of the requirements of regulation 2834 and therefore the class of the plant is not known.
- The copies of the process controllers' and supervisor's classification certificates were not available at the WWTW and therefore could not be verified.
- The WWTW does not have a water use authorisation for the discharge of effluent into an unknown stream.
- The monthly effluent discharge qualities are shown in Tables 38 (a) & (b).
- The plant is operated by New Business Networks.
- An emergency dam is not available.

Substance	Limits in	Shongw	ongwe Hospital WWTW									
Parameter	mg/i	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	
рН	5.5-9.5	7.3	7.4	7.5	7.8	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.7	7.7	7.1	
Electrical Conductivity	75 mSm	27.3	26.7	29.8	30.6	31.4	30.1	19.9	24.5	23.6	26.3	
Nitrate	No limit	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	
Ortho-Phosphate	1 mg/l	0.5	1.0	0.7	0.7	1.3	1.2	0.37	0.6	0.5	1.7	
Chemical Oxygen Demand	75 mg/l	83	56	56	134	149	56	48	44	71	173	
E. coli	0 mg/l	16 000	5 200	4 400	7 300	20 000	20 000	20 000	3 600	61 000	160 000	
Free and saline ammonia (as N)	1 mg/l	6.3	9.0	7.4	8.8	11	9.7	4.4	5.5	4.4	11	

# Table 38 (a): Final effluent quality from April 2013 to January 2014

# Table 38 (b): Final effluent quality from February 2014 to March 2015

Substance Parameter	Limit	Shongwe H	ongwe Hospital WWTW										
		Feb	Mar	April	May	Jun	Jul	Nov	Dec	Jan	Mar		
рН	5.5-9.5	7,6	7.7	7.8	7.6	7.3	7.7						
								6,89	8,59	7,03	7,94		
EC (mS/m)	75	25,9	31.3	30.5	27	22.2	35.7						
								25,7	31,2	28,9	42		
N (mg/l)	No limit	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	1,3	<0.2		
Ortho-Phosphate (mg/l)	1	1	0.8	1	0.4	0.6	1.2						
								1,6	1,1	0,89	2		
COD (mg/l)	75	64	48	60	137	36	44						
								78	76	55	95		
E. coli (counts per 100 ml)	0	4400	3600	1200	530	350	1200						
								153000	45000	35000	560000		
NH3 (mg/l)	1	8.2	6.5	9.7	6.5	5.4	13	12	12	0,44	9,8		

The above table indicates that Ortho-Phosphates, COD, NH3 and *E. coli* did not comply with the effluent discharge standards for most of the time during the reporting period. High  $PO_4$  and nitrates may contribute to nutrients which could result in eutrophication and the water not being fit for use. High *E. coli* is a threat for crop production, especially those crops eaten raw, and may also lead to waterborne diseases for those people who use water directly from the resource.

# PRIVATELY-OWNED WWTW

### Badplaas Aventura Ponds WWTW

- The type of process technology applied by the WWTW is oxidation ponds.
- The WWTW's design capacity is not known.
- The average daily flow (operational) capacity is unknown because the plant does not have flow measuring devices.
- The WWTW has not been registered in terms of the requirements of regulation 2834 and therefore the class of the plant is not known.
- The copies of the process controllers' and supervisor's classification certificates were not available at the WWTW and therefore could not be verified.
- The WWTW does not have a water use authorisation for the discharge of effluent into the Buffelspruit.

# Naas Plaza WWTW

- The type of process technology applied by the WWTW is the Lilliput system.
- The WWTW's design capacity is not known.
- The average daily flow (operational) capacity is unknown because the plant does not have flow measuring devices.
- The WWTW has not been registered in terms of the requirements of regulation 2834 and therefore the class of the plant is not known.
- The copies of the process controllers' and supervisor's classification certificates were not available at the WWTW and therefore could not be verified.
- The WWTW does not have a water use authorisation for the discharge of effluent into an unknown stream.

#### Acornhoek Plaza WWTW

- The type of process technology applied by the WWTW is oxidation ponds.
- The WWTW's design capacity is not known.
- The average daily flow (operational) capacity is unknown because the plant does not have flow measuring devices.
- The WWTW has not been registered in terms of the requirements of regulation 2834 and therefore the class of the plant is not known.
- The copies of the process controllers' and supervisor's classification certificates were not available at the WWTW and therefore could not be verified.
- The WWTW does not have a water use authorisation for the discharge of effluent into an unknown stream.
- The monthly effluent discharge qualities are shown in Table 39 below.

Substance	Limit	Acornho	oek Plaza	WWTW											
rarameter		Feb	Mar	April	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
рН	5.5-9.5	7,6	7,7	7,6	7,4	7,3	7,5	7,1	7,9	7,45	8,2	7,15	7,08	7,83	7,45
EC (mS/m)	75	54,7	64,4	31,6	76,3	81,8	105	80,7	76,4	88	88,5	100	180	89,8	88
N (mg/l)	No limit														
Ortho- Phosphate (mg/l)	1										4,7	4,4	5,5	5	<0.2
COD (mg/l)	75	168	919	266	16	247	363	480	393	393					
E. coli (counts per 100 ml)	0	130000	1000000	510000	1400000	1700000	1000000	2000000	2400000	0	504000	477000	16000	200	0
NH3 (mg/l)	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	27	32	44	25	<0.1	27

# Table 39: Final effluent quality from February 2014 to March 2015

The above table indicates that Ortho-Phosphates, COD,  $NH_3$  and *E. coli* did not comply with the effluent discharge standards for most of the variables and throughout the reporting period. High  $PO_4$  and nitrates may contribute to nutrients which could result in eutrophication and the water not being fit for use. High *E. coli* is a threat for crop production, especially those crops eaten raw, and may also lead to waterborne diseases for those people who use water directly from the resource. It must also be mentioned that oxidation ponds are not designed to discharge, so the release of effluent into the receiving water resources is regarded as an overflow and is therefore illegal. It is not surprising that the quality of the overflow is not compliant. The treatment system is not effective enough to treat effluent to the level acceptable for discharge into the water resource.

#### **Millys WWTW**

- The type of process technology applied by the WWTW is rotating biological contactors.
- The WWTW's design capacity is not known.
- The average daily flow (operational) capacity is unknown because the plant does not have flow measuring devices.
- The WWTW has not been registered in terms of the requirements of regulation 2834 and therefore the class of the plant is not known.
- The copies of the process controllers' and supervisor's classification certificates were not available at the WWTW and therefore could not be verified.
- The WWTW does not have a water use authorisation for the discharge of effluent into the Elands River.
- The monthly effluent discharge qualities are shown in Tables 40 (a) & (b) below.
- An emergency dam is not available.

Substance	General	Milly's V	VWTW							
Parameter	Limit	Apr	May	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
рН	5.5-7.5	5.1	7.4	7.8	7.5	8	7.4	6.7	7	6.8
Electrical Conductivity (mS/m)	50 mS/m	76.8	111	122	117	120	86.5	75.7	69.6	90.3
Nitrate/Nitrite as Nitrogen (mg/l)	1.5	53	56	3.6	55	38	48	43	44	35
Ortho-Phosphate (mg/l)	1	8.7	9.4	12	13	9.3	9.8	7.4	5.9	11
Chemical Oxygen Demand (mg/l)	30	52	149	72	96	84	96	79	68	67
<i>E. coli</i> (per 100 ml)	0 count/100 ml	2 400	20 000	9 200	0	0	2 000	1 700	1 300	1 700
Ammonia (free and saline) (mg/l)	2	12	45	51	40	30	23	20	16	15

# Table 40 (a): Final effluent quality from April 2013 to January 2014

Substance Limit Milly's WWTW Parameter															
Farameter		Feb	Mar	April	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
рН	5.5-9.5	7,20	6,50	7,30	5,50	6,30	6,90	6,90	7,90	7,78	7,82	7,34	6,48	6,79	7,31
EC (mS/m)	75	95,60	75,80	110,00	97,40	123,00	123,00	110,00	111,00	180	119	79,7	66	83,8	97,2
N (mg/l)	No limit														
Ortho- Phosphate (mg/l)	1	11,00	9,10	10,00	11,00	16,00	14,00	13,00	12,00	46	13	8,3	9,1	9,2	9,4
COD (mg/l)	75	69	60	51	71	77	56	71	72	274	136	79	70	61	69
E. coli (counts per 100 ml)	0	2000	1100	1300	470	220	440	1600	530	0	0	0	0	0	0
NH3 (mg/l)	1	9,90	9,70	47,00	14,00	44,00	47,00	36,00	44,00	133	54	22	17	13	31

# Table 40 (b): Final effluent quality from February 2014 to March 2015

The above table indicates that EC, Ortho-Phosphates, COD,  $NH_3$  and *E. coli* did not comply with the effluent discharge standards for most of the variables and throughout the reporting period. High  $PO_4$  and nitrates may contribute to nutrients which could result in eutrophication and the water not being fit for use. High *E. coli* is a threat for crop production, especially those crops eaten raw, and may also lead to waterborne diseases for those people who use water directly from the resource.

# Kruger Park Lodge WWTW

- The type of process technology applied by the WWTW is oxidation ponds.
- The WWTW's design capacity is not known.
- The average daily flow (operational) capacity is unknown however the lodge has initiated means to ensure that the inflow is known by installing the flow meter device.
- The WWTW has not been registered in terms of the requirements of regulation 2834/17 and therefore the class of the plant is not known.
- The copies of the process controllers' and supervisor's classification certificates were not available at the WWTW and there are no process controllers or operators employed by the lodge.
- The WWTW does not have a water use authorisation; however, steps to become authorised are being taken by the lodge.

# Protea Hotel Kruger Gate WWTW

- The type of process technology applied by the WWTW is septic tank with biological disc.
- The WWTW's design capacity is not known.
- The average daily flow (operational) capacity is unknown because the plant does not have flow measuring devices.
- The WWTW has not been registered in terms of the requirements of regulation 2834 and therefore the class of the plant is not known.
- The copies of the process controllers' and supervisor's classification certificates were not available at the WWTW and therefore could not be verified.
- The WWTW does not have a water use authorisation for the discharge of effluent into the Sabie River.

# **Kruger National Park**

#### Lower Sabie Rest Camp WWTW

- The type of process technology applied by the WWTW is oxidation ponds.
- The WWTW design capacity is unknown.
- The WWTW has been registered in terms of the requirements of regulation 2834 and therefore the class of the plant is Class E.
- The WWTW is authorised through General Authorisation.

# Skukuza Rest Camp WWTW

- The type of process technology applied by the WWTW is oxidation ponds.
- The WWTW design capacity is unknown.
- The WWTW has a general authorisation (01 April 2009) for the discharge of water containing waste into a water resource.
- The WWTW has been registered in terms of the requirements of regulation 2834/17 and therefore the class of the plant is Class D.
- The WWTW is authorised through General Authorisation.

# Berg-en-dal Rest Camp WWTW

- The type of process technology applied by the WWTW is oxidation ponds.
- The WWTW design capacity is unknown.
- The WWTW has been registered in terms of the requirements of regulation 2834 and therefore the class of the plant is Class E.
- The WWTW is authorised through General Authorisation.

#### Crocodile Rest Camp WWTW

- The type of process technology applied by the WWTW is septic tanks and reed beds.
- The WWTW design capacity is unknown.
- The WWTW has been registered in terms of the requirements of regulation 2834 and therefore the class of the plant is Class E.
- The WWTW is authorised through General Authorisation.

#### Talamati Rest Camp WWTW

- The type of process technology applied by the WWTW is reed beds.
- The WWTW design capacity is unknown.
- The WWTW has been registered in terms of the requirements of regulation 2834 and therefore the class of the plant is Class E.
- The WWTW is authorised through General Authorisation.

# Biyamiti Rest Camp WWTW

- The type of process technology applied by the WWTW is reed beds.
- The WWTW design capacity is unknown.
- The WWTW has been registered in terms of the requirements of regulation 2834 and therefore the class of the plant is Class E.
- The WWTW is authorised through General Authorisation.

#### Pretorius Kop Rest Camp WWTW

- The type of process technology applied by the WWTW is oxidation ponds and reed beds.
- The WWTW design capacity is unknown.

- The WWTW has been registered in terms of the requirements of regulation 2834 and therefore the class of the plant is Class E.
- The WWTW is authorised through General Authorisation.

# Orpen Rest Camp WWTW

- The type of process technology applied by the WWTW is reed beds.
- The WWTW design capacity is unknown.
- The WWTW has been registered in terms of the requirements of regulation 2834 and therefore the class of the plant is Class E.
- The WWTW is authorised through General Authorisation.

# CHAPTER 6: WHAT IS BEING DONE ABOUT THE SITUATION?

The IUCMA is a responsible authority within the jurisdiction of the Inkomati Usuthu Water Management Area. As an authority, the IUCMA is responsible for managing, controlling, protecting and monitoring water resources in its area of responsibility. To achieve these broad goals, the IUCMA performs a number of activities or functions, such as:

- Monitoring the chemical and microbial quality of water resources.
- Monitoring the discharge qualities of all facilities discharging effluent into the water resources.
- Conducting river health monitoring.
- Attending to pollution incidents to ensure the proper clean-up of affected areas and minimisation of impact on both ground and surface water resources.
- Preventing pollution by ensuring that appropriate measures are put in place during construction, commissioning and operation of various developments through the water use authorisation, as well as co-authorisation through the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Environmental Management Programme (EMP) processes.
- Conducting regular inspections of land-based activities that have potential to impact on water resources such as mines, Waste Water Treatment Works, industries and other facilities.
- Conducting compliance, monitoring and enforcement through notices and directives. Depending on the response or non-response of the water user, the laying of criminal charges may also be considered.

To expatiate on the process of enforcing compliance, it must be mentioned that the ICMA as a public body is subject to various pieces of legislations. Particularly relevant and important for this chapter of the report is the Promotion of Administrative Justice Act. Equally important is the Inter-Governmental Relations Framework Act, which promotes co-operative governance between government institutions. To comply with the provisions of both pieces of legislation, the following working procedure is currently being utilised by the ICMA and is shown below, step-by-step:

# 6.1 Pollution Prevention and Remedying the Effects of Pollution in terms of Section 19 of the National Water Act No 36 of 1998 (NWA)

Step 1: During a site inspection an activity or a process is observed which causes, has caused or is likely to cause pollution.

Step 2: A notice of intention to issue a directive is then issued in terms of section 19(3) of the NWA. The notice must contain the following:

- The logo of the organisation and the address.
- A heading indicating the contravention.
- The delegated authority for issuing the notice.
- A clear indication of the section of the NWA against which the intended directive is to be issued.
- A clear indication of the sections of the NWA that have been contravened.
- The reasonable grounds for believing that the NWA has been contravened.
- Details of the inspection conducted and the findings of such inspection.
- Laboratory results, if any.
- Provision for the person issued with the notice to make representation in terms of section 3 of the Promotion of Administrative Justice Act, Act No 3 of 2000 (PAJA) within a certain time frame (not less than two days).

- A clear indication of what the intended directive will require the person to do, thus allowing the person issued with the notice to take necessary action even before the directive is issued. If issues are addressed adequately during this step, there may be no need for a directive to be issued.
- An alert to the person issued with the notice that failure to make representation will leave the IUCMA with no other option but to issue the directive.
- An indication that failure to comply with a directive constitutes an offence in terms of section 151(1) and that in terms of section 151(2) anyone who is found guilty of an offence is liable to a fine and/or imprisonment.
- The contact person and the address where the reports and any other correspondence must be submitted.

Step 3: Once the person issued with the notice makes representation, the representation is then assessed to determine if it is addressing the issues raised in the notice satisfactorily. If the representation addresses the issues satisfactorily, then the directive is not issued; however, if the representation is not addressing the issues raised adequately, the next step is followed.

Step 4: Before a directive is issued, a letter is issued to indicate to the person that the IUCMA is rejecting the representation because the representation is not adequately addressing the issues that were raised in the notice and thus the IUCMA will proceed to issue a directive.

Step 5: A directive will be issued which must be in the following format:

- The logo of the organisation and the address.
- A heading indicating the contravention.
- Reasons for issuing the directive, which must include:
  - $\circ$   $\;$  The section of the NWA against which the directive is issued
  - The section of the NWA which has been contravened
  - $\circ$   $\;$  Details of the pre-directive or notice of intention to issue a directive that was issued
  - Details of the representation that was received
  - Reasons provided by the IUCMA as to why the representation could not be accepted, and any other correspondence.
- The directive:
  - The delegated authority.
  - $\circ$   $\;$  The section of the NWA against which the person is directed.
  - A clear description of what the person is directed to do and the time frames.
  - The contact person and the address where the reports and any other correspondence must be submitted.
- The implication of not complying with the directive, which may include:
  - Legal action that may be taken against the person.
  - The necessary steps taken by the IUCMA in terms of section 19(4) of the NWA.
  - $\circ$  The cost that may be recovered from the person in terms of section 19(5).
  - An indication that failing to comply with a directive constitutes an offence in terms of section 151(1) and that in terms of section 151(2) anyone who is found guilty of an offence is liable for a fine and/or imprisonment.
- The appeal process:
  - An indication to the person that in the absence of a constituted Water Tribunal, they may in terms of section 150 of the NWA make a request to the Minister of Water and Sanitation that this dispute be settled through a process of mediation and negotiation. Furthermore, in terms of section 148(2) of the NWA, the mediation process does not suspend the directive pending the outcome of such mediation.
  - $\circ$   $\;$  The contact details of the person to engage with on the mediation process.

# 6.2 Control of Emergency Incidents in terms of Section 20 of the NWA

A pre-directive or a notice of intention to issue a directive is not required because one is dealing with an emergency, and the delay may cause irreversible damage to the water resource. This directive is issued to confirm a verbal directive already issued on site.

Step 1: A pollution incident is reported or identified during an inspection.

Step 2: A site investigation is conducted to determine the extent of the incident. While on site, a verbal directive is issued in terms of section 20(4)(d) of the NWA and the verbal directive must be confirmed in writing within 14 days in terms of section 20(5), failing which it will be deemed to have been withdrawn. The format and structure of section 20 of the NWA Directive is as follows:

- The logo of the organisation and the address.
- A heading indicating the contravention.
- Reasons for issuing the directive.
  - The section of the NWA against which the directive is issued.
  - Details of the pollution incident (date, time, area, river/stream, catchment, and the substance that has spilled).
  - Details of the verbal directive that was issued.
  - $\circ$   $\;$  Details of the site visit conducted after the incident was reported.
- The directive:
  - The delegated authority.
  - $\circ$   $\;$  The section of the NWA against which the person is directed.
  - $\circ~$  A clear description of what the person is directed to do and the time frames.
  - $\circ$   $\,$  The contact person and the address where the reports and any other correspondence must be submitted.
- The implication of not complying with the directive, which may include:
  - Legal action that may be taken against the person.
  - The necessary steps taken by the Department in terms of section 20(6) of the NWA.
  - $\circ~$  The cost that may be recovered from the person in terms of section 20(7) read with section 20(2).
  - An indication that failing to comply with a directive constitutes an offence in terms of section 151(1) and that in terms of section 151(2) anyone who is found guilty of an offence is liable to a fine and/or imprisonment.
  - The appeal process:
    - An indication to the person that in the absence of a constituted Water Tribunal, they may in terms of section 150 of the NWA may make a request to the Minister of Water and Sanitation that this dispute be settled through a process of mediation and negotiation. Furthermore, in terms of section 148(2) of the NWA, the mediation process does not suspend the directive pending the outcome of such mediation.
    - $\circ$   $\;$  The contact details of the person to engage with on the mediation process.

# 6.3 Criminal Charges against a Polluter

Section 151 of the NWA provides a list of offences, and states that:

(1) No person may -

(d) fail to comply with a directive issued under section 19, 20, 53 or 118;

(i) unlawfully and intentionally or negligently commit any act or omission that pollutes or is likely to pollute a water resource;

(j) unlawfully and intentionally or negligently commit any act or omission that detrimentally affects or is likely to affect a water resource;

Any person who contravenes any provision of subsection (1) is guilty of an offence and is liable, on the first conviction, to a fine or imprisonment for a period not exceeding five years, or to both a fine and such imprisonment and, in the case of a second or subsequent conviction, to a fine or imprisonment for a period not exceeding ten years, or to both a fine and such imprisonment.

The laying of criminal charges is regarded as the last resort. All options must be exhausted before criminal charges against a particular polluter are considered. This includes the possibility of the ICMA taking corrective measures and claiming compensation from the polluter through an appropriate court in terms of section 19(5) and 20(7) of the NWA. This option is often not feasible because the ICMA does not budget to undertake the operation and maintenance of other institutions like mines and municipalities. The ICMA will therefore be obliged to consider the last option due to the other options being unfeasible and unable to yield positive results.

The table below shows the efforts exerted by the ICMA to address the water quality challenges that have been identified in the earlier chapters of this report. The efforts were made in pursuit of protecting water resources in order to achieve fitness for use by all in the Water Management Area and to meet international obligations entered into with neighbouring countries.

No	Activity	Notices	Directives	Feedback to	Case open	Comments	Resolved/ not resolved	Name of Official
				Directive				responsible
Mbo	mbela Local Municipality							
1	For discharging partially	26	24 June	18 March		A follow-up inspection was	Not Resolved	Fairbridge
	treated wastewater at	September	2014	2015		conducted on the 14 May		Mnisi /
	White River WWTW.	2013				2014 at White River WWTW		Manty
						and it was observed that the		Mashaba
						WWTW was discharging		
						partially treated sewage with		
						foam into the White River.		
						A directive dated 24 June		
						2014 was issued and a		
						representation dated 14 July		
						2014 was received.		
						A foodback latter dated 17		
						A leeuback letter dated 17		
						stating that the IIICMA		
						accents the Municipality's		
						representation and that		
						follow-up inspections would		
						be conducted quarterly to		
						ascertain whether the		
						municipality is adhering to		

# Table 41: The status of notices and directives to remedy pollution and rectify contraventions



			the measures stated in their	
			representation.	
			A follow-up inspection was	
			conducted on the 06 March	
			2015 and it was observed	
			that the drying heds were	
			not in used due to the woods	
			not in used due to the weeds	
			overgrown and they are	
			using emergency dam for	
			desludging.	
			A courtesy letter dated 18	
			Mach 2015 was issued to the	
			MLM stating that the IUCMA	
			will proceed to open a	
			criminal case against the	
			MM of MIM	
			A follow-up inspection was	
			conducted on the 13 May	
			2015 and it was observed	
			that the WWTW was	
			discharging partially treated	
			sewage.	

				The IUCMA will proceed to open a criminal case against the MM of MLM.		
2	For failing to prevent pollution due to partially treated wastewater being discharged at Tekwane North WWTW	30 June 2014		An inspection was conducted on the 12 June 2014 and it was observed that the WWTW discharges partially treated sewage and there are no monitoring taking place. Representation was received and accessed and a letter	Not Resolved	Bongiwe Sambo
				sent on the 14 October 2014. Sembcorp Silulumanzi was given 14 working days to respond to the concerns raised by the IUCMA.		
				Representation was received on the 07 November 2014. Sembcorp Silulumanzi was given 14 working days to submit an action plan with timeframes for implementation. Letter was sent on the 21 January 2015.		

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					Representation was received on the 12 February 2015 and it addressed all the issues raised. IUCMA will conduct quarterly inspections. Action plan was submitted and commitment made to implement the action plan. Follow up inspections will be conducted to ascertain if the action plan is being implemented accordingly.		
3	For failing to prevent pollution due to partially treated wastewater being discharged at Rocky's Drift WWTW	26 June 2014	17 March 2015		An inspection was conducted on the 12 June 2014 and it was observed that the WWTW discharges partially treated sewage into the unnamed stream which is a tributary of Sand River. Representations dated 14 July 2014was received.	Not Resolved	Fairbridge Mnisi
					October 2014 was received		

		and still under consideration.	
		A foodback latter dated 17	
		A leedback letter dated 17	
		stating that the ICMA accort	
		their representations and	
		their representations and	
		will be conducted guarterly	
		to accertain whether they	
		to ascertain whether they	
		are adhering to the	
		measures stated.	
		A feedback letter deted 17	
		A leedback letter dated 17	
		stating that the UICMA	
		acconts the Municipality's	
		representation and that	
		follow-up inspections would	
		be conducted quarterly to	
		ascertain whether the	
		municipality is adhering to	
		the measures stated in their	
		representation	
		representation	
		A follow-up inspection was	
		conducted on the 06 March	
		2015 and it was observed	
		that the WWTW discharges	
		that the wwwiw uscharges	



				partially treated sewage into the stream. A directive dated 17 March 2015 was issued to the MLM.		
				A follow up inspection was conducted in June and the feedback letter dated 30 June 2015 issued.		
4	For failing to prevent pollution due to pump station overflow at Kabokweni Ridge and Bhejukufa Pump Stations	16 September 2014	20 January 2015	An inspection was conducted on the 03 September 2014 and the verbal directive was issued onsite.	Not Resolved	Fairbridge Mnisi / Thabo Rasiuba
				A follow-up inspection was conducted on the 29 October 2014 and it was observed that the Pump Stations was not fixed.		
				A follow-up inspection was conducted on the 29 November 2014.		

				A courtesy letter dated 20 January 2015 was issued notifying the Municipal Manager that the IUCMA will proceed to open a criminal case. According to the municipality a contractor has been appointed to fix the broken sewer line.		
				A follow up inspection will		
				be conducted in the second		
				progress on the repairs to		
				the sewer line.		
5	For failing to prevent	3 December		An inspection was conducted	Not Resolved	Fairbridge
	pollution due to partially	2014		on the 29 October 2014 and		Mnisi /
	discharged at Kingston vale			It was observed that the WWTW discharges partially		Rofniwa Ramunenyi
	WWTW			treated sewage into the		wa
				Crocodile River.		
				A notice of intention to issue		
				a directive dated 3		
				December 2014 was issued		





			to Sembcorp Silulumanzi.	
			A representations was dated	
			19 December 2015 was	
			received from the Sembcorp	
			Silulumnzi.	
			A feedback letter was dated	
			26 January 2015 was issued	
			to the Semborp Silulumanzi	
			stating that the	
			representations is	
			unsatisfactory pending the	
			additional information	
			requested and that the	
			IUCMA will conduct follow-	
			up inspections.	
			A follow-up inspection was	
			conducted on the 13 May	
			2015 and during the	
			inspection it was observed	
			that the outflow meter was	
			not working.	
			A compliance audit was	

r							
					conducted on the 23 June		
					2015, to ascertain whether		
					the MLM is complying with		
					the license conditions.		
					During the audit it was		
					observed that the MLM is		
					not complying with the		
					discharge variables.		
					Following a compliance audit		
					a notice of intention in terms		
					of section 53 (1)(c) of the		
					NWA was issued dated 30		
					June 2015.		
6	For failing to prevent	31 March	03		An inspection was conducted	Not Resolved	Bongiwe
	pollution due to partially	2014	September		on the 19 March 2014 and it		Sambo
	treated wastewater being		2014		was observed that the		
	discharged at Hazyview				WWTW discharges partially		
	WWTW				treated sewage into the		
					Sabie River.		
					A follow-up inspection was		
					conducted on the 29 August		
					2014 and the wwtw was still		
					discharging partially treated		
					sewage into the Sable River.		
					sewage into the Sable River.		

			Another follow up inspection was conducted on the 17 October 2014. There was no electricity and the wwtw does not have a standby generator.		
			Another inspection was conducted on the 21 November 2014 and the WWTW was still discharging partially treated sewage into the Sabie River.		
			A feedback letter was sent to the municipality dated 21 January 2015. There are a few improvements on the plant. The fissure on red bed 2 has been repaired and the water quality results for the final effluent has improved significantly. The only outstanding issue was the		
			disposal of sludge from the drying beds. The MLM has been given 30 working days		

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7	For failing to prevent pollution due to manhole overflow 500 m above the Telkom Pump Station, Hazyview	10 December 2014			to submit an action plan regarding the disposal of sludge. Plan has been submitted and sludge is classified. This matter is considered resolved pending the follow up inspection which will be conducted in the first month of the second quarter. An inspection was conducted on the 04 December 2014 and it was observed that raw sewage was overflowing on the street and into the tributary of the Sabie River and a notice dated 10 December 2014 was issued. Follow up inspection was conducted on 20 February 2015. The manhole has been repaired.	Resolved	Bongiwe Sambo
					repaired.		
Thah	a Chweu Local Municipality						
map	a chweu Local Wunicipality						
1	For failing to prevent	19 June 2013	11		A follow-up inspection was	Resolved	Golden
	pollution due to partially		December		conducted on the 13 June		

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	treated wastewater being		2014		2014 and it was observed		Mthemhi
	discharged at Crackon		2014		that the source discharge		WITTELLD
					into the emergency dom was		
	VV VV I VV.				Into the emergency dam was		
					not resolve and the		
					inspection letter will be		
					drafted and forwarded to		
					the municipality.		
					Another follow up		
					inspection was conducted on		
					the 25 November 2014 and a		
					directive dated 11 December		
					2014 was issued		
					2014 Was issued.		
					Another follow up inspection		
					was conducted on the 12		
					June 2015 and it was		
					observed that the crack		
					between the mixer and		
					aeration basin has been		
					fixed. An inspection report		
					was issued.		
					Quarterly routine		
					inspections will be		
					conducted.		
2	For failing to provent	05 July 2012	21 Octobor	10 March	A follow up increation was	Not recolved	Fairbridge
2	rol lating to prevent	05 JUIY 2013	SI OCIODER		A follow up inspection was	Not resolved	
	poliution due to partially		2013	2014	conducted on the U4 April		ivinisi /
	treated wastewater at				2014.During the inspection it		Adolph



Sable WWTW			was observed that electricity	Mbetse /	
			has been restored,	Golden	
			housekeeping has improved.	Mthembi	
			Anothor follow we increation		
			Another follow-up inspection		
			was conducted on the 17		
			June 2014, and it was		
			observed that the motor		
			from the clarifier was		
			removed for repairs and the		
			clarifier was covered with		
			cludgo		
			sludge.		
			Another follow-up inspection		
			was conducted on the 04		
			July 2014 it was observed		
			that the clarifier was not		
			functioning		
			Tunctioning.		
			Another follow up inspection		
			was conducted on the 17		
			July 2014 it was observed		
			that the clarifier was		
			functional however was still		
			Tunctional, nowever was still		
			covered with sludge.		

			Another follow-up inspection was conducted on the 28 August 2014.	
			Another follow-up inspection was conducted on the 17	
			October 2014 and it was observed that the clarifier	
			was covered with sludge.	
			A letter dated 17 November 2014 was issued to Municipal Manager regarding the cleaning of the	
			sludge.	
			Another follow-up inspection was conducted on the 6 March 2015 and the clarifier was still not functioning.	
			The IUCMA will proceed to open a criminal case against the TCLM.	

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							A follow inspection was conducted on the 11 June 2015, and it was observed that the WWTW mechanical screen was not working and the clarifier was covered with sludge.		
							A feedback letter dated 29 June 2015 was issued to the Acting MM to apply for the water use authorization.		
Bush	buckridge Local Municipality								
1	For failing to prevent pollution due to partially treated wastewater discharged at Maviljane WWTW	24 May 2013	13 January 2014	14 Aş 2014	pril	127/08/2014	A notice dated 24 May 2013 was issued for the discharge of partially treated sewage into the Injaka dam. A follow-up inspection was conducted on the 27 November 2013 and a directive dated 13 January 2014 was issued for the discharge of partially treated sewage into the Injaka dam.	Not Resolved	Fairbridge Mnisi

			A follow-up inspection was conducted on the 18 March 2014 a courtesy letter dated 14 April 2014 was issued notifying to the Municipality that the IUCMA will proceed to open a criminal case.	
			Criminal case was opened A criminal case was opened on the 13 August 2014.	
			A follow-up inspection was conducted on the 28 August 2014 with SAPS official and the contractor was onsite. A temporary wall was	
			discharge of partially treated sewage into the Injaka Dam. A follow-up inspection was conducted on the 10 October 2014 and it was	



					observed that the there was no discharge of partially treated sewage into the Injaka Dam. A follow-up inspection was conducted on the 29 May 2015 and it was observed that the ponds were full of water hyacinth and weeds and HTH is used to disinfect the final overflow into the Injaka Dam. The IUCMA will arrange a meeting between SAPS and NPA to ensure that the case is placed on the roll for prosecution.		
2	For failing to prevent pollution due to overflowing septic tanks in Hoxani.	26 September 2013	24 June 2014	16 September 2014	An inspection was conducted on the 27 August 2013 and a notice dated was issued to the Municipality for the overflow of septic tank into the environment.	Not resolved	Fairbridge Mnisi

		A follow-up inspection was conducted on the 06 May 2014 at Hoxani WWTW and it was observed that the gate was lock and the official from BLM did not have the key.
		The WWTW was not visible due to grass that has overgrown in the WWTW and a directive dated 24 June 2014 was issued.
		A follow-up inspection was conducted on the 29 August 2014 and there was sewage overflow from septic tank into the environment.
		A courtesy letter dated 16 September 2014 was issued to the Administrator of BLM stating that the IUCMA will proceed to open criminal



					case.		
					A follow-up inspection was		
					conducted on the 25		
					November 2014 and the		
					BLM has done nothing to fix		
					the situation.		
					A statement will be drafted		
					to open a criminal case		
					against the MM of BLM.		
3	For failing to prevent	26	09	89/02/2014	An inspection was conducted	Not Resolved	Fairbridge
	pollution due to non-	September	December		at Thulamahashe WWTW on		Mnisi
	functional Thulamahashe	2013	2013		the 15 August 2013 and it		
	WWTW				was observed that WWTW		
					discharges partially treated		
					sewage into the Mutlumuvi		
					River and a notice was		
					issued.		
					A follow-up inspection was		
					conducted on the 20		
					November 2013 and a		
					directive was issued to the		
					Municipality for continuous		
					discharge of partially treated		

			sewage.	
			A follow-up inspection was	
			conducted on the 15 January	
			2014 and the situation was	
			not resolved. Following the	
			follow-up inspection a	
			criminal case was opened	
			with Thulamahashe Police	
			Station on the 24 February	
			2014.	
			A follow-up inspection was	
			conducted on the 19 August	
			2014 and nothing has been	
			done since criminal case has	
			been opened.	
			A letter dated 17 November	
			2014 was issued to the	
			Administrator to determine	
			what their plans to rectify	
			the situation are	
			Another follow-up inspection	
			was conducted on the 03	

		March 2015 and the					
		situation was not rectify					
		instead the situation become					
		instead the situation become					
		worsened.					
		The IUCMA will arrange for a					
		meeting with the					
		Investigating Officer and the					
		investigating Officer and the					
		Prosecutor to ascertain the					
		progress of the pending					
		criminal case opened against					
		BLM.					
		A follow-up inspection was					
		conducted on the 11 June					
		2015 and it was observed					
		that the WWTW bypasses					
		the sewage inflow into the					
		first pond. The first pond was					
		mst pond. The mst pond was					
		covered with scum.					
		The final pond and the					
		chlorination house was not					
		inspected due to the					
		maccessibility of the area.					
			March 2015 and the situation was not rectify instead the situation become worsened. The IUCMA will arrange for a meeting with the Investigating Officer and the Prosecutor to ascertain the progress of the pending criminal case opened against BLM. A follow-up inspection was conducted on the 11 June 2015 and it was observed that the WWTW bypasses the sewage inflow into the first pond. The first pond was covered with scum. The final pond and the chlorination house was not inspected due to the inaccessibility of the area.	March 2015 and the situation was not rectify instead the situation become worsened. The IUCMA will arrange for a meeting with the Investigating Officer and the Prosecutor to ascertain the progress of the pending criminal case opened against BLM. A follow-up inspection was conducted on the 11 June 2015 and it was observed that the WWTW bypasses the sewage inflow into the first pond. The first pond was covered with scum. The final pond and the chlorination house was not inspected due to the inaccessibility of the area.			
					The IUCMA will draft a letter to the Thulamahashe Police Station to requesting progress of the criminal case opened.		
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4	For failing to prevent pollution due to partially treated water discharged at Mkhuhlu WWTW	30 September 2013	15 January 2014	06 March 2014	A notice was issued for the discharge of partially treated sewage into the Mapaleni Stream which is a tributary of Sabie River. A follow-up inspection was conducted on the 25 November 2013 and it and a directive was issued for the discharge of partially treated sewage into the Mapaleni Stream which is a tributary of Sabie River.	Resolved	Bongiwe Sambo
					A follow-up inspection was conducted on the 3 February 2014 and a courtesy letter was issued notifying the Municipality that the IUMCA will proceed to open a criminal case.		

			Representation was received on the 30 April 2014 from the BLM stating that they have appointed service provided to fix the pumps and the contract is for the period of 3 months.	
			A follow-up inspection was conducted on the 22 August 2014 and it was observed that the pumps are working and the emergency dams was empty but the WWTW was discharging partially treated effluent to the stream.	
			A letter dated 08 October 2014 was sent to the Municipality. BLM must submit plans to rectify the situation.	
			conducted on the 03 March	

					2015. The wwtw was not functional. Inflow from the inlet was bypassed to the Emergency pond then		
					A courtesy letter dated 06 March 2014 was issued to the Municipality informing them that a criminal case will		
					be opened. Another follow up inspection was conducted on the 09 June 2015. It was observed that the plant has been fixed and was functional.		
					A feedback letter was sent to the BLM acknowledging the work done in fixing the wwtw. Quarterly inspections will be conducted.		
5	For failing to prevent pollution at Manghwazi	25 October 2013	06 March 2014		A notice was issued. The WWTW was not functional,	Not Resolved	Bongiwe Sambo



Bio_disc Wastowator	no inflow no outflow
Treatment Works	no innow, no outnow.
Treatment works	
	A follow-up inspection was
	conducted on the 3 February
	2014 and a directive was
	issued.
	A follow-up inspection was
	conducted on the 22 August
	2014 and the W/WTW was
	not functionally
	not functionally.
	A courtesy letter dated 17
	September 2014 has been
	sent to the administrator of
	BLM. Awaiting response
	from the BLM.
	A follow up inspection was
	conducted on the 03 March
	2015 and another on 20 June
	2015. The WWTW is still not
	functional. A criminal case
	will be opened against the
	Municipal Manager and a



					was sent dated 30 June		
					2015		
6	For failing to prevent	26 June 2014	02	26 January	An inspection was conducted	Not Resolved	Fairbridge
	pollution due to partially		September	2014	on the 23 May 2014, and it		Mnisi /
	treated wastewater		2014		was observed that the		Adolph
	discharged at Tintswalo				WWTW discharges partially		Mbetse /
	WWTW				treated sewage into the		Golden
					environment with sludge		Mthembi
					floating and that the humus		
					tank was covered with		
					sludge.		
					A follow-up inspection was		
					conducted on the 07 August		
					2014 and the WWTW was		
					discharging partially treated		
					sewage into the		
					environment and the		
					directive dated 02		
					September 2014 was issued.		
					A follow-up inspection was		
					conducted on the 14		
					November 2014		
					A courtesy letter dated 26		
					lanuary 2015 was issued to		
					Junuary 2013 Was 1550EU 10		

					the MM notifying him that		
					the IUCMA will proceed to		
					open a criminal case.		
					A follow-up inspection was		
					conducted on the 20 May		
					2015. and it was observed		
					that the division box was full		
					of sludge, desludging pumps		
					were not working.		
					A feedback letter was issued		
					to the MM stating that they		
					must apply for the water use		
					authorization		
7	For failing to prevent	04 March	27	30 June	A notice was issued for the	Not Resolved	Bongiwe
	pollution due to partially	2014	February	2015	discharge of partially treated		Sambo
	treated wastewater		2015		sewage into the Nwarele		
	discharged at Dwarsloop				Stream.		
	WWTW						
					A follow-up inspection was		
					conducted on the 04		
					February 2015 and a		
					, directive was issued for the		
					discharge of partially treated		
					sewage into the Nwarele		

					Stream A follow-up inspection was conducted on the 26 June		
					2015 and a courtesy letter was issued notifying the Municipality that the IUMCA will proceed to open a criminal case.		
Umji	ndi Local Municipality						
1	For failing to prevent pollution due to partially treated wastewater at Umjindi WWTW.	05 July 2013	23 Ju 2014	une	A representation was received from the municipality and was accepted by the IUCMA. A follow up inspection was	Not Resolved	Fairbridge Mnisi / Manty Mashaba
					December 2013 and the Municipality has failed to adhere with the timeframes as stated in their representation.		
					February 2014 was issued to the Municipality notifying		

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			the Municipal Manager that		
			a directive will be issued.		
			A follow-up inspection was		
			conducted on the 04 lune		
			2014 and during the		
			inspection it was observed		
			that the WWTW was		
			discharging partially treated		
			cowage with cludge fleating		
			sewage with sludge hoating		
			and a directive was issued.		
			A Follow-up inspection was		
			conducted on the 24		
			October 2014, and it was		
			observed that both sides of		
			the plant were working and		
			the first clarifier was covered		
			with sludge.		
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			The IUCMA will continue to		
			monitor progress of the		
			work being done to improve		
			the plant on a quarterly		
			hasis		
			A follow-up inspection was		
			conducted on the 04 lune		
			conducted on the 04 June		



					2015 and it was observed		
					that one screen was not		
					working, sludge pump was		
					not working and that there		
					were traces of sewage		
					overflow in the aeration		
					wall.		
					A courtesy letter date 30		
					June 2015 was issued		
					notifying the MM that the		
					IUCMA will proceed to open		
					a criminal case.		
Nkor	nazi Local Municipality						
1	For failing to prevent	24 July 2013	25 October	7 February	An inspection was conducted	Resolved	Fairbridge
	pollution due to neglected		2013	2014	on the 13 June 2013, and it		Mnisi
	Komatipoort WWTW.				was observed that the		
					WWTW discharges partially		
					treated sewage into the		
					Crocodile River and a notice		
					was issued.		
					A follow-up inspection was		
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					conducted on the 07		
					conducted on the 07 October 2013 and the		
					Conducted on the 07 October 2013 and the Municipality did not do		

			and a directive was issued.		
			A follow-up inspection was conducted on the 12 February 2014 and a courtesy letter notifying the Municipality that the IUCMA will proceed to open a criminal case.		
			Representation was received from the Municipality and response letter was issued to the Municipality stating that the IUCMA will conduct follow-up inspection.		
			A follow inspection conducted on the 02 April 2014. The Municipality was busy with refurbishment of the plant. A chlorine house was erected and a security house.		
			There was inflow into the		

				WWTW but there was no		
				discharge.		
				A follow-up inspection was		
				conducted on the 12		
				Contacted on the 12		
				September 2014 and pond 1		
				was in use and there was no		
				discharge from the ponds		
				into the Crocodile River,		
				however there was still		
				sewage overflow on the		
				ground. The municipality		
				was advised to clean the		
				ground covered with traces		
				of sewage.		
				A routine inspection was		
				conducted on the 11 May		
				2015 and a feedback letter		
				was issued to the		
				municipality with		
				recommendations.		
				Routine inspections will be		
				conducted on a quarterly		
				basis.		
2	For failing to prevent	26		A follow-up inspection was	Partially	Bongiwe
۲	nollution due to partially	Sentember		conducted on the 02 April	Perclued	Sambo
	treated water discharged	Schreinnei		2014 at the WWTW and it	NESUIVEU	Sailino
	treated water discharged			2014 at the wwwiw and it		



at Hectorspruit WWTW.	2013	was observed that there was	
		no inflow and outflow into	
		the WWTW and another	
	25 April 2014	notice was issued.	
		A follow-up inspection was	
		conducted on the 21 August	
		2014 and it was observed	
		that there are improvements	
		at the M/M/T/M/ A new	
		at the www.w, A new	
		chiorine gas system was	
		Installed.	
		A feedback letter was sent	
		on the 10 October 2014	
		requesting the Municipality	
		to submit proof of water	
		quality monitoring results	
		and to apply for a water use	
		license.	
		A routing inspection was	
		A routine inspection Was	
		2015 and a feedback bitter	
		2015 and a reedback letter	
		was issued to the	
		municipality with	
		recommendations.	
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					Routine inspections will be conducted on a quarterly basis.		
3	For failing to prevent pollution due to partially treated water discharged at Mhlathiplaas WWTW	26 September 2013	30 June 2014	2	A follow-up inspection was conducted on the 7 February 2014.	Not Resolved	Bongiwe Sambo / Rofhiwa Ramunenyi wa
					A follow-up inspection was conducted on the 3 June 2014 and it was observed that the ponds were still covered with algae and the ponds were discharging partially treated effluent into the Crocodile River and a directive was issued dated 30 June 2014.		
					A follow up inspection will be conducted to ascertain whether the municipality has done anything to rectify the situation. A follow-up inspection was		

					conducted on the 22 June		
					2015 and it was observed		
					that the ponds were clean		
					from algae. A feedback letter		
					was issued to the		
					Municipality with		
					recommendations.		
4	For failing to prevent	27	-		The Municipality was busy	Not Resolved	Bongiwe
	pollution due to partially	September			with the refurbishment of		Sambo
	treated water discharged	2013			the plant. A feedback letter		
	at Mhlatikon WWTW	_0_0			was sent dated 19 March		
					2014		
					2011		
					A follow-up inspection was		
					conducted on the 21 August		
					2014 and it was observed		
					that the contractor has		
					completed phase 1		
					refurbishment the WWTW		
					A feedback letter was sent to		
					the Municipality		
					Routine inspections will be		
					conducted on a guarterly		
					basis.		

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					A follow-up inspection was conducted on the 14 May 2015 and it was observed that the inflow meter was not working and the clarifier still had some suspended solids. A feedback letter was issued to the municipality with recommendations.		
5	For failing to prevent pollution due to overflow of sewage into the unnamed stream (Transnet Offices)	30 June 2015			An inspection was conducted on the 30 April 2015 at the Transnet Offices next to the Orlando Pump Station and it was observed that there was an overflow of sewage into the unnamed stream. A notice of intention to issue a directive dated 30 June was issued to the Municipality.	Not Resolved	Manty Mashaba
6	For failing to prevent pollution due to partially treated water discharged at Tonga ponds WWTW	30 June 2015			An inspection was conducted on the 25 June 2015, and it was observed that the bar screens were not in place and the works is overloaded and overflowing into the		Golden Mthembi



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						Komati River.		
						A notice of Intention to issue		
						a directive dated 30 June		
						2015 was issued to the		
						Municipality.		
Emal	khazeni Local Municipality							
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1	For failing to prevent	03 June 2013	26	June		An inspection was conducted	Not Resolved	Fairbridge
	pollution due to partially		2014			on the 13 April 2013 at		Mnisi /
	treated wastewater					Emthonjeni WWTW and it		Manty
	discharged at Emthonjeni					was observed that the		Mashaba
	WWTW.					WWTW discharges partially		
						treated sewage into the		
						Leeuwspruit.		
						A follow-up inspection was		
						conducted on the 02 June		
						2014 and it was observed		
						that the WWTW discharges		
						partially treated sewage into		
						the Leeuwspruit and a		
						directive dated 26 June 2014		
						was issued		
						A follow up increation was		
						A lonow-up inspection Was		
						Conducted on the 27		
						October 2014 and it was		
						observed that the WWTW		



					discharges partially treated sewage into the Leeuwspruit.			
					A courtesy letter dated 10 December 2014 was issued to the Municipality stating that the IUCMA will proceed to open criminal case against the Municipal Manager.			
					A follow up was conducted on the 22 May 2015 and it was observed that the WWTW was not functional due to the fact that there was no electricity from the 18 March 2015.			
					The WWTW discharges raw sewage into the Leeuwspruit. The IUCMA will proceed to open a criminal case against the MM of ELM.			
2	For failing to prevent pollution due to partially treated sewage at	15 August 2013	12 March 2014		Representation was received from the Municipality requesting extension due to	Not Resolved	Bongiwe Sambo Manty	/



Waterval Boven WWTW		the strike.	Mashaba
		A follow-up inspection was conducted on the 10 July 2014 and it was observed that there was evidence of workings however the	
		contract was not onsite.	
		A courtesy letter dated 03 September 2014 was issued notifying the Municipal Manager that the IUCMA will proceed with the opening of criminal case.	
		An inspection was conducted on the 27 October 2014 however there was no access to the WWTW.	
		A follow up inspection was conducted on the 06 March 2015. A criminal case will be opened against the Municipal Manager.	

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					Another follow-up inspection was conducted on the 22 May 2015 and it was observed that the some sewage does not reach the WWTW due to the manhole overflow. A criminal case will be opened against the Municipal Manager.		
Chie	Albert Luthuli Local Municip	ality			•		
1	For failing to prevent pollution due to partially treated wastewater discharged at Carolina WWTW.	06 June 2013	09 September 2013	03 December 2014	An inspection was conducted on the 14 May 2013, and it was observed that the WWTW discharges partially treated sewage into the environment and notice was issued. A follow-up inspection was conducted on the 04 September 2013 and it was observed that the municipality did not do anything to fix the situation and a directive was issued.	Not Resolved	Fairbridge Mnisi





			A follow-up inspection was		
			conducted on the 16 May		
			2014, and it was observed		
			that the WWTW discharges		
			partially treated sewage and		
			a courtesy letter dated 26		
			June 2014 and was		
			acknowledged on the 06		
			August 2014 was issued		
			informing the Municipal		
			manager that the IUCMA will		
			proceed with the opening of		
			a criminal case.		
			A follow-up inspection was		
			conducted on the 21		
			October 2014 and it was		
			observed that the		
			Municipality did not done		
			anything to rectify the		
			situation		
			A latter dated 02 December		
			A letter dated 03 December		
			2014 was written to the		
			determining what place the		
			determining what plans the		
			municipality has to rectify		
			the situation.		
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						Another follow-up inspection will be conduct to ascertain if the municipality has done something to rectify the situation and statement will be drafted to open a criminal case against the MM if the situation is not rectified. A follow-up inspection was conducted on the 12 June 2015 and the was no disinfection of the final effluent taking place		
2	For failing to prevent	06 March	26 Jun	2		The WWTW was discharging partially treated sewage with some floating sludge into the unnamed stream which is a tributary of Boesmanspruit. The IUCMA will proceed to open a criminal case against the MM of CALLM. An inspection was conducted	Not Resolved	Bongiwe
-	pollution due to partially treated wastewater discharged at Elukwatini	2014	2014			at the Elukwatini WWTW and it was observed that the WWTW discharges partially		Sambo



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	WWTW.				treated sewage into the Tee River.		
					A follow-up inspection was conducted on the 4 June 2014 and it was observed that the WWTW discharges partially treated sewage into the Tee River and disinfection of the final effluent is not taking place and a directive dated 26 June 2014 was issued.		
					A follow-up inspection was conducted on the 25 November 2014.		
					A courtesy letter has been sent dated 21 January 2015 informing the Municipal Manager that a criminal case will be opened against him		
3	For failing to prevent pollution due to pump station sewage spillage at the Silobela Township	26 June 2014	02 September 2014		An inspection was conducted on the 06 May 2014 and it was observed that the pump station was overflowing,	Not Resolved.	Golden Mthembi

	(Guduza) wastewater			debris blocked the inlet		
	pump station.			screen.		
				A follow up inspection was		
				conducted on the 04 August		
				2014 and again on the 28		
				August 2014 and it was		
				observed that the pump		
				station was overflowing and		
				debris blocked the inlet		
				screen.		
				A directive dated 02		
				September 2014 was issued		
				to the Municipality and		
				follow up inspection will be		
				conducted on 08 January		
				2015.		
4	For failing to prevent	15 August	04	An inspection was conducted	Resolved	Golden
	pollution due to pump	2014	November	at Rooival Pump Station.		Mthembi
	station overflow Rooival at		2014			
	R36 Road					
				Notice dated 15 August 2014		
				was issued.		
				Another follow-up inspection		
				was conducted on the 20		



					August 2014 and the Pur Station was not rectified. Directive dated November 2014 was issued A follow up inspection w conducted on 13 May 20 and it was found that t pump station has been fixe	p 4 as 5 e 1.	
5	For failing to prevent pollution due to sewage manhole overflow at Julius Mkhonto RDP's settlement	15 201	5 April 15		An investigation w conducted on the 14 Ap 2015, and it was observ that there were continu- sewage manholes overflow A verbal directive was issu to the CALLM official immediately stop t manholes overflow, whi was confirmed with t written directive dated April 2015.	as Resolved il d es h e 6	Mnisi Fairbridge

					A follow-up inspection was conducted on the 08 May 2015 and it was observed that the manholes were fixed. An acknowledgement letter dated 29 June 2015 was issued to the CALLM.		
Msul	aligwa Local Municipality						
1	For failing to prevent pollution due to partially treated wastewater discharged at Breyten Oxidation Ponds	15 January 2014	17 September 2014		An inspection was conducted on the 11 November 2013 and it was observed that the WWTW discharges partially treated sewage into the environment.	Not Resolved	Fairbridge Mnisi
					A Follow-up was conducted on the 04 September 2014 and the WWTW was discharging partially treated into the neighboring farm and directive date 17 September 2014 was issued.		

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				was conducted on the 27	
				November 2014.	
				A courtocu latter has been	
				sent dated 20 January 2015	
				informing the Municipal	
				Manager that a criminal case	
				will be opened against him.	
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				A follow-up inspection was	
				conducted on the 14 April	
				2015 and it was observed	
				that the ponds were cleaned	
l				except pond 4.	
				A follow-up inspection will	
				be conducted to ascertain	
				progress regarding the	
l				cleaning of ponds.	
Depa	artment of Public Works				
1	For failing to prevent	25 July 2012	14 January	Pepresentation was received Not Resolved	Rongiwo
Ŧ	nollution due to prevent	20 JULY 2010	2014 January	from the Department of	Sambo
	treated wastewater		2017	Public Works dated 25	Samoo
	discharged at Shongwe			March 2014.	
	Hospital WWTW.				
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			A meeting was held with the	
			Department of Public Works,	
			Roads and Transport on the	
			20 June 2014.	
			A follow up inspection was	
			A follow up inspection was	
			2014 It was showned that	
			2014. It was observed that	
			there was an overflow of	
			partially treated sewage	
			from pond 1. A section 20	
			directive was issued (see	
			number 6 below).	
			A follow-up inspection was	
			conducted on the 14 August	
			2014 and it was observed	
			that there was no overflow	
			from the first pond into the	
			environment but there	
			sewage was diverted. From	
			the humus tank, partially	
			treated effluent was	
			bypassed by a pipe and	
			discharged into a stream	
			A courtory latter has been	
			A courtesy letter has been	
			sent dated us October 2014	

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					informing the Head of Public Works that a criminal case will be opened against him. A routine inspection was conducted on the 25 May 2015 and it was observed that the plant was not functional. A courtesy letter dated 30 June 2015 was issued to the Municipality informing them that the IUCMA will proceed to open a criminal case against the			
2 For pollut treate discha Hospi	failing to prevent tion due to partially ed wastewater arged at Tonga ital WWTW.	28 October 2013 and 06 March 2014	11 December 2014		MM. Representation was received from the Department of public works and the IUCMA rejected it because it did not address the issues raised in the notice. A follow up inspection was conducted on the 3 June 2014, and it was observed that the WWTW discharges partially treated sewage with floating sludge	Not Resolved	Bongiwe Sambo Golden Mthembi	/



		A meeting was held with the Department of Public Works, Roads and Transport on the 20 June 2014.	
		A feedback letter was sent to the Department of Public Works dated 30 June 2014.	
		A follow up inspection was conducted on the 08 July 2014 and currently waiting for a response from Public Works as per agreement in the meeting that was conducted	
		No response has been received from Public Works.	
		A follow up inspection was conducted on the 27 November 2014 and a directive dated 11 December	



					2014 was issued.		
					Another follow-up inspection was conducted on the 25 May 2015 it was observed that only one aeration disk was working.		
					Following the inspection conducted on the 25 May 2015, the IUCMA issued a second courtesy letter notifying the HoD that the IUCMA will proceed with the opening of the criminal case.		
3	For failing to prevent pollution due to partially treated wastewater discharged at Louiville WWTW.	24 October 2013	12 March 2014	19 March 2015	No representation was received from the Department of Public Works. A follow-up inspection was conducted on the 15 May 2014 and it was observed that the WWTW discharges partially treated sewage into the Low's creek.	Not Resolved	Fairbridge Mnisi / Rofhiwa Ramunenyi wa





			A meeting was held with the	
			Department of Public Works,	
			Roads and Transport on the	
			20 June 2014	
			A feedback letter was sent to	
			the Department of Public	
			Works dated 25 June 2014.	
			A follow up inspection was	
			conducted on the OS July	
			2014. Currently waiting for a	
			response from Public Works	
			as per agreement in the	
			meeting that was conducted.	
			A follow-up inspection was	
			conducted on the 11	
			Conducted on the II	
			February 2015.	
			A courtesy letter dated 19	
			March 2015 was issued to	
			the HoD notifying him that	
			the IUCMA will proceed to	
			open criminal case	
			open chininal case.	

				A follow-up was conducted on the 3 June 2015 and it was observed that the WWTW inflow meter was not working and that the WWTW discharges partially treated sewage into the Low's Creek. The IUCMA will proceed to open a criminal case against		
				the HoD of Public Works.		
4	For failing to prevent pollution due to partially treated wastewater discharged at Lebombo WWTW.	27 September 2013		Representation was received from National Department of Public Works still under consideration.	Not Resolved	Fairbridge Mnisi
				A follow up inspection was conducted on the 08 August 2014.		
				A feedback letter date 23 October 2014 was issued stating that the representation was		

					unsatisfactory pending the additional information requested.		
					Meeting was held on the 19 November 2014 between the IUCMA and the NDPW and a joint inspection will be conducted.		
					Attempts to arrange a joint meeting with the officials of the NDPW did not yield any results.		
					A follow up inspection will be conducted and a directive issued if the concerns have not been resolved.		
5	For failing to prevent pollution due to partially treated wastewater discharged at Oshoek WWTW.	27 September 2013	17 September 2014		Representation was received from National Department of Public Works however it was not sufficient and did not address the issues raised in the notice.	Not Resolved	Fairbridge Mnisi



			A follow-up inspection was		
			conducted on the 05		
			September 2014 and it was		
			observed that the WWTW		
			discharges partially treated		
			sewage into the		
			environment and directive		
			dated 17 September was		
			issued.		
			Representation was received		
			on the 31 October 2014		
			on the 51 October 2014.		
			Masting was hold on the 10		
			Neverther 2014 hetween		
			November 2014 between		
			the IUCIVIA and the INDPW		
			and a joint inspection will be		
			conducted.		
			A follow up inspection was		
			conducted on 30 June 2015.		
			A courtesy letter informing		
			the Regional manager of the		
			IUCMA's intention to open a		
			criminal case has been sent		

				d	dated 3-0 June 2015.		
6	For failing to prevent pollution due to partially treated wastewater discharged at Bongani Hospital WWTW.	05 December 2014 30 June 2015		A C N O d S A 2 A Y N	A follow-up inspection was conducted on the 12 November 2014 and it was observed that the WWTW discharges partially treated sewage into the Sand River. A notice dated 05 December 2014 was issued. Another follow up inspection was conducted on the 09	Not Resolved	Bongiwe Sambo
				Ji t V t N a s	June 2015 it was observed that the electricity at the WWTW was restored and the wwtw was functional. No proof of water use authorisation was submitted.		
				A a ti v C	A notice of intention to issue a directive in terms 53 (1) of the NWA dated 30 June 2015 was issued to the Department of Public Works.		
7	For failing to prevent pollution due to partially	05 December		Д С	A follow-up inspection was conducted on the 12	Not Resolved	Bongiwe

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	treated wastewater	2014			November 2014 and it was		Sambo
	discharged at Barberton				observed that there was no		
	Prison WWTW				inflow going into WWTW		
					A notice dated 05 December		
					2014 was issued.		
					Representation was received		
					and accepted by the IUCMA.		
					. ,		
					A routing inspection was		
					A routile inspection was		
					conducted on the 3 June		
					2015 and a feedback letter		
					was issued to the		
					Department of Public Works		
					with recommendations.		
					Follow up inspections will be		
					conducted to ascertain		
					whether the department is		
					complying to the timeframes		
					committed to in the		
					roprocontation latter		
Priva	te owned WWTW						
1	Acornhoek Plaza Ponds For	26 April 2013	26 June		A follow-up inspection was	Not Resolved	Fairbridge
	failing to prevent pollution		2014	conducted on the 10 June		Mnisi /	
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	due to partially treated			2014. and it was observed		Golden ,	
	wastewater			that WWTW discharges raw		Mthembi -	
				sewage into the			
				environment and a directive			
				was issued.			
				Representation was received			
				still under consideration			
				The WILLA has been received			
				by the IIICMA			
				A follow-up inspection was			
				conducted on the 10 lune			
				2015 and it was observed			
				that the screenings are			
				disposed in a trench and that			
				the HTH is used to disinfect			
				the final effluent			
2	Forever Resorts (Aventura)	26		Representation was received	Partially	Bongiwe	
	Badplaas For failing to	September		from Forever Resort	Resolved	Sambo	
	prevent pollution due to	2013		(Aventura) Badplaas and was			
	partially treated			accepted by the IUCMA.			
	wastewater						
				A follow up inspection was			



				conducted in March 2014 to		
				ascertain whether measures		
				stated in the representation		
				have been implemented.		
				A foodback latter was cont		
				A recuback retter was sent		
				on the 26 June 2014. Forever		
				Resort (Aventura) Badplaas		
				is in the process of applying		
				of a WUL.		
				Forever resorts is submitting		
				their monthly monitoring		
				data and the results are		
				compliant.		
				Pouting inspections will be		
				conducted on a guarterly		
				basis		
				Dasis.		
3	Caltex/Millys For failing to	01 August		Representation was received	Partially	Bongiwe
	prevent pollution due to	2013		from Caltex/Milly's and was	Resolved	Sambo
	partially treated			accepted by the IUCMA. An		
	wastewater			action plan has been		
				submitted.		

			A progress report was submitted to the IUCMA dated 10 June 2014.	
			Caltex/Milly's requested extension on the submission of the WULA.	
			Extension of time has been granted to the 17 October 2014 to the submission on the WULA.	
			The WULA has been submitted to the IUCMA.	
			A routine inspection was conducted on the 20 May 2015 and a feedback letter was issued to the municipality with recommendations.	
			Routine inspections will be	

						conducted on a quarterly		
						basis.		
4	Sabie River Sun For failing	31 October	30	June		A follow up was conducted	Partially	Bongiwe
	to prevent pollution due to	2013	2014			on the 14 May 2014 and it	Resolved	Sambo
	partially treated					was observed that the		
	wastewater					WWTW discharges partially		
						treated sewage into the		
						Sabie River and the		
						discharge of wastewater		
						from the Hippo pond into		
						the Sable River and a		
						alfective was issued dated		
						50 Julie 2014.		
						Representation has been		
						received.		
						Representation was assesses		
						and it was unsatisfactory and		
						not responding to all the		
						issues raised in the directive.		
						A letter was sent to the		
						Hotel on the 17 October		
						2014 informing the Hotel the		

						IUCMA will proceed to open		
						a criminal case.		
						The WULA was submitted to		
						the IUCMA.		
						A GA has been granted to		
						A GA has been granted to		
						Sable River Sun		
						Follow up inspections will be		
						conducted to ascertain		
						compliance to the conditions		
						of the GA		
						of the GA.		
5	Nkomazi (Naas) Plaza For	26	23	June		No representation was	Not Resolved	Bongiwe
	failing to prevent pollution	September	2014			received from Naas Plaza.		Sambo
	due to partially treated	2013						
	wastewater							
						A follow-up inspection was		
						conducted on the 15 May		
						2014 A directive deted 22		
						2014. A directive dated 23		
						June 2014 was issued.		
						A follow up inspection will		
						be conducted and samples		
						from the final effluent will be		
						collected to monitor the		
		1	I			LONGLIEU LO MOMILO LIE		

				quality of discharge.		
				A follow up inspection was conducted on the 14 May 2015 and it was observed that the pump that was		
				previously non-functional		
				has been repaired.		
				A castion 52 Nation was		
				dated 30 June 2015 was		
				issued for the water uses		
				taking place without an		
				authorization.		
Indus	tries					
1	Safika Oosthuizen Breyten	9 September		Meeting was held in October	Not Resolved	Fairbridge
	operations – for the	2013		2013. In a process of		Mnisi
	discharge of wastewater			applying for a WULA.		
	into the wetland.					
				A follow-up inspection was		
				conducted on the 04		
				September 2014 and		
				representations was		

				A feedback letter dated 23 October 2014 was issued stating that the representation was unsatisfactory pending the additional information requested.		
				Representation dated 01 November 2014 was received and still under consideration and Water quality results was received from NviroTek labs. Feedback will be provided.		
				The representations will be assessed and a follow up inspection conducted to check the water use activities that are being exercised.		
2	Cape Fruits Malelane - For failing to prevent pollution due to partially treated wastewater	31 October 2013		Representation was received from Cape Fruit Malelane and was accepted by the IUCMA.	Partially resolved	Bongiwe Sambo / Manty Mashaba -

		Consultation meeting and follow-up inspection was conducted on the 24 April 2014.	
		Feedback letter was sent dated 26 June 2014.	
		Cape Fruits Malelane is liaising with water quality regarding their WUL application.	
		Routine inspections will be conducted on a quarterly basis.	
		A follow-up meeting was conducted on the 10 June 2015 regarding the Water use authorization application. It was concluded that the application will be submitted on the 07 July	

				2015.		
3	York Timber - For failing to prevent pollution due to partially treated wastewater and discharge of wastewater into a wetland.	31 January 2014		Representation was received from York Timber (Sabie Mill). A follow up inspection was conducted on the 20 November 2014 and a feedback letter issued on the 18 March 2015. Another follow up inspection was conducted in May 2015 and it was agreed that the license application will be withdrawn and an integrated water use license submitted covering all water uses. A commitment was also made in the representation letter that the WWTW will be phased out and the industry connected to the municipal sewer line.	Not Resolved	Bongiwe Sambo
4	Caltex (Milly's) – for disposal of wastewater into a pond without authorisation.	15 August 2013		Representation was received from milly's Factory however the representation was not fully accepted by the IUCMA because it didn't fully address all issues stated in		Bongiwe Sambo

				the Notice.
				A follow up inspection was conducted on the 27 October 2014.
				A meeting was held on the 02 December 2014.
				IWULA was submitted.
				Routine inspections will be conducted on a quarterly basis.
5.	Dayizenza Plaza - For failing to prevent pollution due to partially treated wastewater and discharge of wastewater into a wetland.	05 December 2014		An inspection was conducted on the 6 October 2014 and it was observed that the final effluent was discharged into a wetland on a land owned by Sifidza family.Not Resolved SamboA notice dated 5 December 2014 was issued.Sambo
				A follow up inspection was



				conducted on the 06		
				December 2014 and it was		
				observed that the wwtw was		
				still discharging its effluent		
				into a wetland on Sifundza's		
				family land and not		
				according to the license		
				conditions.		
				A follow up inspection and		
				Meeting was conducted on		
				the 20 February 2015.		
				· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
				The amended WILLA will be		
				sent to the ILICMA		
				sent to the locida.		
				This is a new activity and a		
				This is a new activity and a		
				discharge will be established		
				discharge will be established		
				to ascertain compliance to		
				the water use license		
				conditions.		
6	Sanibonani Resort	30 June 2015		An inspection was conducted	Not Resolved	Bongiwe
				on the 11 June 2015 and the		Sambo
				following was observed:		
				5		



			Housekeeping was good.	
			There were sludge drying	
			beds on site	
			The final effluent was stored	
			in a wastewater nond after	
			treatment. Some of	
			wastewater from the pond	
			was used for irrigation on	
			the surrounding of the lodge	
			and some of the wastewater	
			was overflowing into the	
			Sabie River.	
			No proof of water use	
			authorisation was	
			submitted.	
			A notice of intention to issue	
			a directive in terms 53 (1) of	
			the NWA dated 30 June 2015	
			Resort	
Mine	25			
1	Eastside Colliery – collapse	14 March	Representation was received Not resolved	Fairbridge
	of PCD	2014	from Eastside colliery.	Mnisi /
				Golden
				Mthembi
			A follow up inspection was	
			conducted on 11 March	

			2014. Another follow-up		
			inspection was conducted on		
			the 22 May 2014 and		
			feedback letter date 30 June		
			2014 was issued to the Mine		
			stating that they did not		
			comply with the directive		
			issued and more information		
			was requested from the		
			mine		
			A follow up increation will		
			A follow-up hispection will		
			be conducted on the 18 July		
			2014. Meeting with		
			regarding extension of time		
			to submit all required		
			reports and extension was		
			granted.		
			Representation was received		
			on the 19 September 2014		
			still under consideration.		
			Civil designs report is		
			forwarded to Marius Kolesky		
			for his inputs to the matter		

				Groundwater report is forwarded to the Department of Water and Sanitation for assessment and feedback letter will be written to EC after receiving the comments.		
				Report was received from Marius.		
				A meeting was held on 10 June 2015 between the IUCMA and Eastside Coal regarding the construction of the Stormwater berms and it was agreed that they can proceed with the construction		
2	Droogvallei Rail Siding – overflow of wastewater from the PCD	14 March 2014		Representation was received from Droogvallei Rail siding. A follow up inspection was conducted on 11 March 2014. Droogvallei Rail Siding	Not Resolved	Bongiwe Sambo

			requested for extension until	
			30 April 2014	
			507.pm 202 m	
			A follow-up inspection was	
			conducted on the 22 May	
			2014 and a facilities latter	
			2014 and a leedback letter	
			was issued dated 30 June	
			2014	
			A follow-up inspection was	
			conducted on the 18 July	
			2014	
			2011	
			An action plan was received	
			and accepted including the	
			submission of the designs for	
			the lining of the pollution	
			control dam.	
			the mine equipited to	
			the mine committed to	
			commence construction	
			during the dry season.	
			A follow up inspection will	
			be conducted to establish if	



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				construction has started		
				since we are now in the dry		
				season.		
3	Barbrook Mine for tailings	20		Representation was received	Not Resolved	Fairbridge
	spillage	September		from Barbrook Mine the		Mnisi /
		2013		mine requested for		Rofhiwa
				extension of time for		Ramunenyi
				conducting the GN704 audit		wa
				and submission of the		
				report.		
				GN 704 audit report was		
				received on the UI		
				September 2014. A feedback		
				dated 17 November 2014		
				was issued to the mine.		
				The mine requested		
				extension to submit the		
				additional information and		
				was granted until end of		
				February 2014.		
				Barbrook mine has		
				submitted the IWULA date		
				30 June 2015. The IUCMA		
				will assess the application		



				and give feedback to the mine. An assessment will be made of the documentation submitted to ascertain if there are any shortcomings and a determination made		
				to whether the concerns have been resolved.		
4	TGME Rietfontein wants to start with the re-mining operation and license is not issued as yet.	15 August 2013		Representation was received from TGME Rietfontein and more information was requested from TGME.	Resolved	Fairbridge Mnisi
				conducted on the 19 February 2014 and it was observed that there was no mining activities taking place.		
				Authorization was granted to the Mine dated 11 January 2015.		

				The IUCMA will conduct inspections on a quarterly basis to monitor compliance to the License conditions.		
5	Elandshoogte Gold Mine to start with the re-mining operation and license is not issued as yet.	27 November 2013		Representation was received from Elandshoogte Gold Mine. To draft feedback letter and conduct follow-up inspection.	Not Resolved	Fairbridge Mnisi / Rofhiwa Ramunenyi wa
				A follow up inspection was conducted in November 2014 and the mine submitted their water use license application.		
				A pre-consultation and site inspection was conducted with the WQ officials regarding the outstanding information in their license application.		

				submitted and is still under review.		
6	Sheba Gold Mine – Overflow /spillage of wastewater into the river.	16 January 2014		Representation was received from Sheba Gold Mine.	Not Resolved	Bongiwe Sambo
		27 March 2015 30 June 2015		A follow up inspection was conducted on the 26 February 2015 and another notice was issued dated 27 March 2015.		
				The mine produced proof that their application for S21(c & i) were omitted and they have embarked on an application for an amendment of their water use license in response to a Section 53 directive.		
				A routine inspection was conducted on the 17 June 2015 and a notice of intention to issue a directive dated 30 June 2015 was		

					issued to the mine for the illegal overflow of plant process water into the Snyman's Creek and the poor operation of the WWTW.		
7	Galaxy Gold Mine -	30 September 2013	23 June 2014		A follow-up inspection was conducted on the 13 May 2014. The dam next to the workshop was not lined; there were traces of previous spillages.	Not Resolved	Bongiwe Sambo
					WWTW was discharging partially treated effluent into the River.		
					A directive has been issued dated 23 June 2014.		
					Representation was received.		
					A courtesy letter was sent to the Mine on the 24 October 2014 informing the Mine the		



r			 	
			IUCMA will proceed to open a criminal case.	
			A site inspection was conducted on the 01 December 2014. The mine was directed to submit an action plan by the 12 December 2014.	
			Plan has been submitted. Feedback has been sent to the Mine.	
			The IUCMA will conduct follow up inspection to ensure that the time-frames have been adhered to.	
8	Galaxy Gold Mine – overflow from the PCD.	19 June 2013	RepresentationhasbeenNot Resolvedreceived and the monitoring schedule has been reduced.Not ResolvedThe action plan for the mine indicated under number 7.Not Resolved	
9	Pembani Coal Mine, Carolina - Overflow of wastewater from the	26 June 2014	An inspection was conducted on the 09 June 2014.Partially ResolvedBongiwe Sambo	



Make-up water Dam	
	A directive was issued for the overflow of wastewater from the Make-up Water Dam dated 24 June 2014.
	Meeting was held on the 25 August 2014.
	GN 704 audit report has been received.
	Comments regarding the design of the PCD were sent to PCC on the 21 January 2015.
	Amended of IWULA has been submitted to the IUCMA.
	The mine is making effort to comply with the directive but they have not finished



				with the action plan.		
10.	Pembani Coal Mine – Backfilling of mine void with discard.	23 June 2014	21 August 2014	An inspection was conducted on the 09 June 2014 and it was observed that the mine was using discard material to backfill the Groenvallei pit.	Not Resolved.	Bongiwe Sambo
				There was evidence previous run-off from the pits.		
				A notice was issued and directive was issued to the mine to temporarily store the discard material on an existing coal loading pad.		
				A directive was issued dated 21 August 2014.		
				Extension of time has been granted to Pembani to 10 December 2014.		
				A meeting was held on the		



			30 October 2014.		
			The mine requested for		
			further extension of time on		
			the directive.		
			Extension of time has been		
			granted to 28 February 2014.		
			Routine inspections will be		
			conducted on a quarterly		
			basis.		
			The mine is making effort to		
			comply with the directive		
			but they have not finished		
			with the action plan.		
11 TGME Elandsdrift M	Aine – 30 June 2014		An inspection was conducted	Not Resolved	Fairbridge
Control of erosion	from		on the 17 June 2014 and it		Mnisi
the leach pad			was observed that there the		
			operation as seized and the		
			Heap Leach Pad is under		
			care and maintenance.		
			Paprocentation dated 12		
			August 2014 was received		

				and a foodback lottor will be		
				written to the mine during		
				the fourth quarter.		
				A follow-up inspection was		
				conducted on the 19		
				Conducted on the 19		
				February 2015 and the mine		
				has started with the erosion		
1				control on the Heap Leach		
				Pad.		
				Feedback letter dated 20		
				March 2015 was issued		
				A follow up inspection will		
				be conducted to ascertain		
				the progress.		
12	NKK Colliery – Bulk	16		An inspection was conducted	Not Resolved	Fairbridge
	sampling without	September		on the 18 August 2014 and it		Mnisi
	authorisation	2014		was observed that the NKK		
				Colliery has started with coal		
				bulk sampling, NKK Collierv		
				abstract water from the nit		
				for dust suppression and has		
				mine through a wetland		
				mme through a wettand.		

				R N r C	Representations dated 3 November 2014 was received and still under consideration.	
				A	A follow-up inspection was conducted on the 19 June	
				2	2015, and it was observed	
				t	hat there was no mining	
				а	activities taking place.	
				Δ	A feedback letter dated 30	
				J	une 2015 was issued to the	
				n	mine manager stating that	
				t	the representations received	
				t	he IUCMA is still waiting for	
				t	the submission of the IWULA	
				а	application.	
13	Msobo Coal: Tselentis	26 June 2014		Α	An inspection was conducted	
	Colliery -			c	on the 21 May 2014 and the	
				f	ollowing was observed:	
				Т	Two Pollution Control Dams	
				(	PCD's) next to the mine	

			processing plant which were		
			not properly constructed		
			and managed, there was also		
			evidence of coal residue on		
			the ground.		
			C		
			The old discard dump has		
			been left unattended and		
			black wattle trees have		
			grown around the discard		
			dump.		
			A notice was issued to the		
			mine dated 26 June 2014.		
			Representations was		
			received and still under		
			consideration.		
			Groundwater report was		
			forwarded to the		
			Department of Water and		
			Sanitation for assessment		
			and feedback letter will be		
			written to Msobo Coal after		
			receiving the comments.		
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				Commente mana actual		
				comments were received		
				from the DWS and to finalize		
				the feedback letter to the		
				mine.		
				A follow up inspection will		
				be conducted to establish		
				progress in addressing the		
				concerns raised against the		
				mine		
				mine.		
14	Msobo Coal – Witrand	30 June 2015		An inspection was conducted	Not Resolved	Bongiwe
	Siding			on the 18 June 2015 and the		Sambo
				following was observed:		
				-		
				There were no activities		
				taking place at the siding		
				There were two (2) sumps		
				which collects storm water		
				and drains into the pollution		
				control dams.		
				There were two (2) pollution		
				control dams which were not		
				lined.		
				The pollution control dams		
				were overgrown with woods		
				were overgrown with weeds.		
				There was coal a stockpile		

				left on site. There was some remnant carbonaceous material. No proof of water use authorisation was submitted. A notice of intention to issue a directive in terms of section 19(3) and 53 (1) of the NWA dated 30 June 2015 was issued to Msobo Coal.		
FARM	ЛS					
1	Walkersons	29 June 2015		An inspection was conducted on the 22 May 2015 and it was observed that the farm abstract water from the Lunsklip River and has constructed a septic tank with authorization.	Not Resolved	Manty Mashaba
				The IUCMA has issued a notice of intention to issue a directive in terms of Section 19 and 53 notices dated 29 June 2015 to the farm Manager.		

2	Sukkel 113 JU Portion of	29 June 2015		An inspection was conducted	Not Resolved	Fairbridge
	Portion 1			on the 10 April 2015 and		Mnisi
				during the inspection it was		
				observed that there was		
				sand mining activities taking		
				place in unnamed stream.		
				A notice of intention to issue		
				a directive in terms of		
				section 53 of the NWA for		
				engaging in unlawful activity		
				dated 29 June 2015 was		
				issued farm owner.		



# **CHAPTER 7: THE STATUS OF WATER USE AUTHORISATION**

The National Water Act provides in terms of section 22 that "a person may only use water

a). without a license:

If the water use is permissible under schedule 1;

If the water use is permissible as a continuation of existing lawful water use; or

If the water use is permissible in terms of a general authorisation issued under section 39

b). if a water use is authorised by a license under the National Water Act; or

c). if the responsible authority has dispensed with a license requirement under section 22(3) of the National Water Act.

The IUCMA therefore keeps a database of all water users in its area of responsibility as well as the status of their water use authorisation. This will enable the IUCMA to achieve three objectives:

Focus its attention on unauthorised activities and thus ensuring that the authorisation process is initiated.

Initiate in advance those authorisation whose timeframes are due to expire.

Audit authorised users to ensure compliance with the conditions of their authorisations.

The tables below show the authorisation status of various water users per catchment. Also shown is the status of water use license applications lodged with the IUCMA with target dates for completion of the assessment.

## SABIE CATCHMENT

### TABLE 42: AUTHORISED WATER USE ACTIVITIES

No	Mines	Sector	OWNER	AREA	Status	Review	Expiry
							Date
1	Hazyview	WWTW	Mbombela	Hazyview	Issued	04/11/20	04/11/201
	WWTW		Local Municipalit		(04/11/200 a)	14	9
			y		5)		
2	TGME	Mining Gold	TGME/	Sahie	Issued (11	11/01/20	11 January
2	Glynslydebur		Stonewall	Sable	January	11/01/20	2027)
	g		Mining		2015)		
3	TGME:	Mining Gold	TGME/	Sabie	11 January	11/01/20	January
	Rietfontein		Stonewall		2015	16	2024
			Mining		(Issued)		
4	TGME	Mining Gold	TGME	Sabie			
	Elandsdrift						
5	Sabie River	Hotel	Tsogo Sun	Sabie	November	-	-
	Sun				2014 (GA)		
6	Satara	Sewage	KNP	Satara	GA		
		Works					
7	Orpen	Sewage	KNP	Orpen	GA		
		Works					
8	Skukuza	Sewage	KNP	Skukuza	GA		
		Works					
9	Lower Sabie	Sewage	KNP	Lower Sabie	GA		
		Works					
10	Pretoriuskop	Sewage	KNP	Pretoriuskop	GA		
		Works					
11	GPP	Sewage	KNP	GPP	GA		
		Works					
12	Tamboti	Sewage	KNP	Tamboti	GA		
		Works					
13	Talamati	Sewage	KNP	Talamati	GA		
		WORKS					
14	Satara	Sewage	KNP	Satara	GA		
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15	Tshokwane	Sewage Works	KNP	Tshokwana	GA		
16	Badplaas WWTW	Sewage Works	Chief Albert Luthuli LM	Badplaas	GA		
17	TGME Elandsdrift	Mining Gold	To locate the license				
18	Sabie River Sun	Hotel	Tsogo Sun	Sabie	November 2014 (GA)	-	-
19	Satara	Sewage Works	KNP	Satara	GA		
20	Orpen	Sewage Works	KNP	Orpen	GA		
21	Skukuza	Sewage Works	KNP	Skukuza	GA		
22	Lower Sabie	Sewage Works	KNP	Lower Sabie	GA		
23	Pretoriuskop	Sewage Works	KNP	Pretoriuskop	GA		

#### TABLE 43: APPLICATIONS FOR WATER USE AUTHORISATION

No	Applicant	Sector	Date Submitted	Water Uses	Status	Projected Date Of Completion
1	York Timber (pty) Itd – Sabie sawmill	Industry	September 2012	(a),(c),(f),(g)&(i)	Application was presented to WUAAAC, still waiting for information related to section 21(c and I) to be presented	November 2015
2	Sabi Sabi Bush Lodge	Housing Development	May 2015	(g)	Confirmation of a General Authorisation	October 2015
3	Blue-Haze Mall	Housing Development	February 2015	(b),(c),(i) and (f)	Awaiting Specialist inputs	
4	Acornhoek Plaza	Housing Development	October 2014	(a), (c),(i),(g) and (f)	Awaiting Additional Information from the Applicant	Referred back due to Insufficient information from the Applicant
5	Pinzari-Derust Estate	Housing Development	December 2011	(a),(b), (c),(i) and (f)	Awaiiting Additional Information from the Application and Civil Comments. Presented in WUAAAC and recommended for re- appearance	November 2015

## **CROCODILE CATCHMENT**

#### TABLE 44: AUTHORISED WATER USE ACTIVITIES

No.	Activity	Sector	Owner	Area	Date Issued	Review Period/Date	Expiry Date
1.	Assmang Chrome and Manganese Processing	Industry	Assmang Chrome Machadodorp Works	Machadodorp	15 October 2008	5 Years	14 October 2024
2.	SAPPI Paper Making	Industry	SAPPI (Pty) Ltd	Ngodwana	01 June 2007	5 Years	31 December 2020
3.	TSB Sugar Cane Refineries	Industry	TSB (Pty) Ltd	Malelane	24 November 1988	No review period	No review period
4.	Sonae Novobord	Industry	Sonae Novobord (Pty) Ltd	Rocky's Drift	17 July 2009	5 years	16 July 2019
5.	Cape Fruit Nelspruit	Industry	Cape Fruit (Pty) Ltd	Nelspruit	25 March 2011	2 years	24 March 2021
6.	Onderberg Verwerkings	Industry	Onderberg Verwerkings Ko- Operasie Beperk	Malelane	30 April 2015	3 Years	29 April 2040
7.	Fairview Gold Mining	Mining	Barberton Mines (Pty) Ltd	Barberton	08 July 2011	3 years	07 July 2021
8.	New Consort Gold Mining	Mining	Barberton Mines (Pty) Ltd	Barberton	17 May 2011	2 years	16 May 2021

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9.	Sheba Gold Minning	Mining	Barberton Mines (Pty) Ltd	Sheba	11 January 2015	2 years	10 January 2022
10.	Mbombela Municipality: Kabokweni WWTW	Sewage Works	Mbombela Municipality	Kabokweni	03 June 2015	5 years	02 June 2035
11.	Kingston Vale WWTW	Sewage Works	Mbombela Municipality	Nelspruit	02 June 2009	2 years	01 June 2019
12.	Kanyamazane WWTW	Sewage Works	Mbombela Municipality	Kanyamazane	25 August 2009	5 Years	24 August 2039
13.	Matsulu WWTW	Sewage Works	Mbombela Municipality	Matsulu	(to locate the license)		
14.	White River WWTW	Sewage Works	Mbombela Municipality	White River	21 October 2009	5 years	20 October 2039
15.	Rocky's Drift WWTW	Sewage Works	Mbombela Municipality	Rocky's Drift	20 May 2010	5 Years	19 May 2030
16.	Emthonjeni WWTW	Sewage Works	Emakhazeni Municipality	Emthonjeni	(to locate the license)		
17.	Waterval Boven WWTW	Sewage Works	Emakhazeni Municipality	Waterval Boven	21 November 2011	5 Years	20 November 2022
18.	Umjindi WWTW	Sewage Works	Umjindi Municipality	Barberton	(to locate the License)		
19.	Sappi WWTW	Sewage Works	SAPPI (Pty) Ltd	Ngodwana	01 June 2007	5 Years	31 December 2020

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20.	Dayizenza (Pty) Ltd WWTW	Sewage Works	Dayizenza (Pty) Ltd	Hazyview	22 August 2015	5 Years	21 August 2034
21.	Tekwane North WWTW	Sewage Works	Sembcorp Sililumanzi	Tekwane North	30 August 2013	GA	29 August 2018
22.	Cort Fish Farm	Off – Channel Aquaculture	Cort fish (Pty) Ltd	Schoemanskloof	02 May 2012	5 Years	01 May 2032
23.	Sheer Properties	Residential Complex	Sheer Props CC	White River	12 December 2012	5 years	11 December 2032
24.	Moyamanzi Farming	Residential complex	Moyamanzi Farming cc	White River	12 February 2011	2 Years	11 February 2017
25.	Loeriesfontein Boedery	Residential complex	Loeriesfontein Boedery (Pty) Ltd	Schagen	3 June 2015	5 Years	02 June 2035
26.	Malelane Rest Camp WWTW	Sewage Works	KNP	Malelane	GA		
27.	Crocodile Bridge Rest Camp	Sewage Works	KNP	Komatipoort	GA		
28.	Berg n Dal Rest Camp	Sewage Works	KNP	Malelane	GA		
29.	Biyamiti Rest Camp	Sewage Works	КМР		GA		
30.	New Consort pipeline to Fairview	Mine	Barberton Mines (Pty) Ltd	Barberton	19 June 2015	GA	2020

TABLE 45: APPLICATIONS FOR WATER USE AUTHORISATION

	STATUS OF WATER USE LICENSE APPLICATION								
NO.	APPLICANT	SECTOR	AREA	WATER USES	STATUS	PROJECTED COMPLETION DATE			
1.	Vantage Gold Fields Pty (Ltd): Barbrook Mine	Mining (Gold)	Louiville (X23H)	21 (a), (b), (c) & (i), (f), (g)	Applicant requested until end of June 2015 to submit outstanding information.	September 2016			
2.	Vantage Goldfields (Pty) Ltd: Lily Mine	Mining (Gold)	Louiville (X23H)	21 (a), (b), (g), (j)	Applicant requested until end of June 2015 to submit outstanding information.	September 2016			
3.	Charmote Holdings (Pty) Ltd: Scotia Mine	Mining (Talc)	Sheba (X23G)	21 (a), (j)	Application is being finalised at letsema.	June 2016			
4.	Charmote Holdings (Pty) Ltd: Sthrathmore Mine	Mining (Magnesite)	Sheba (X24D)	21 (a), (c) & (i), (g), (j)	Application has been returned to the applicant due to lack of information.	December 2016			
5.	WPB (Pty) Ltd: WPB Colliery (not operational)	Mining (Coal)	Lakenvlei (X21F)	21 (a), (c) & (i), (g), (j)	Application has been finalised and presented at Letsema.	June 2015			
6.	Chevron South Africa (Pty) Ltd: Milly's WWTW	Fuel Station and Restaurant	Machadodorp (X21F)	21 (a), (b), (f), (g)	Awaiting outstanding information from the applicant.	June 2016			



# **KOMATI CATCHMENT**

#### TABLE 46: AUTHORISED WATER USE ACTIVITIES

	AUTHORISED ACTIVITIES								
NO	Mines	Sector	OWNER	AREA	Status	Review	Expiry date		
1	Msobo Coal (Pty)Ltd Tselentis Colliery (Ramp 9)	Mining Coal	Msobo Coal	Carolina	Issued (9/09/2013)	09/09/2015	9/09/2019		
2	Xstrata SA (PTY) Onverdacht	Mining Coal	Xstrata Alloys/ Glencore Operations South Africa (PTY) LTD	Wonderfontein	Issued (09/12/2009)	09/12/2012	09/12/2018		
3	Exxaro Coal (Pty) Ltd North Black Complex: Eerstilingfontein	Mining Coal	Exxaro	Belfast	lssued (28/01/2010)	28/01/2011	28/01/2015 (Expired)		
4	Nkomati Anthracites Mine	Mining Coal		Madadeni	lssued 25/10/2012	24/10/2017	24/10/2022		
5	Nkomati Joint Venture	Nickel	Nkomati Joint Venture	Badplaas/ Machadodorp	Issued (22/11/2013)	22/11/2013	22/11/2033		
6	Msobo Coal (Pty) Ltd: Goedverwachting	Mining Coal	Msobo	Carolina	Issued (14/02/2011)	14/02/2012	14/02/2013 (Expired)		
7	Msobo Coal (Pty)Ltd Tselentis Colliery (Ramp 9)	Mining Coal	Msobo Coal	Carolina	Issued (08/08/2013)	08/08/2015	8/08/2019		

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8	Muhanga Mine (Pty) Ltd: Opgoedenhop	Mining coal	Muhanga Mine	Carolina	lssued (6/03/2013)	06/03/2015	06/03/2023
9	Umsimbithi Coal Mining (Pty) Ltd: Wonderfontein mine Amendment Issued	Mining Coal	Shanduka/ Glencore / Umcebo	Wonderfontein	lssued (27/11/2012 16/08/2015	27/11/2015	27/11/2032
10	Droogvallei Rail Siding Company (Pty) Ltd	Road siding	Droogvallei Rail Siding company	Carolina	lssued (26/02/2011)	26/02/2016	26/02/2031
11	Xstrata Coal Sa (Pty) Ltd Tselentis Colliery	Mining Coal	Msobo Coal	Breyten	lssued (12/02/2011)	12/02/2013	12/02/2015
12	Eastside Coal Company (Pty) Ltd	Mining Coal	Eastside Coal Company (Pty) Ltd	Carolina	Issued (09/12/2009)	09/12/2012	09/12/2019
13	Northern Coal (pty) Ltd Jagtlust	Mining Coal	Northern Coal (Pty) Ltd	Carolina	lssued (11/09/2009)	11/09/2011	11/09/2019
14	Northern Coal (pty) Ltd Mimosa	Mining Coal	Northern Coal (Pty) Ltd	Carolina	lssued (21/02/2012	21/02/2017	21/02/2022
15	Vaalbult Mining Company (Pty) Ltd	Mining coal		Carolina	lssued (18/06/2014)	11/06/2016	18/06/2024
16	Umcebo Mining (Pty)Ltd Klippan, Grootpan and Steel Coal	Mining Coal	Umcebo	Wonderfontein	lssued 20/04/2011	20/04/2011	20/04/2014 Expired

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17	Exxaro Coal (Pty) Ltd North Black Complex: the Belfast Project	Mining Coal	Exxaro	Belfast	Issued (26/09/2014)	26/09/2016	26/09/2031
18	TGME Glynslydeburg	Mining Gold	TGME/ Stonewall Mining	Sabie	Issued (11 January 2015)	11/01/2019	11 January 2027)
19	Muhanga Mine (Pty) Ltd: Opgoedenhop	Mining coal	Muhanga Mine	Carolina	Issued (6/03/2013)	06/03/2015	06/03/2023
20	Coastal fuels- Droogvallei Colliery	Mining Coal	Coastal Fuel	Carolina	Issued (11 January 2015	11/01/2018	January 2021
21	TGME: Rietfontein	Mining Gold	TGME/ Stonewall Mining	Sabie	11 January 2015 (Issued)	11/01/2016	January 2024
22	Benicon Mining: Bankfontein Project	Coal Mine	To be investigated	To be investigated	1 December 2014	01/12/16	December 2019
23	Annalisa mine and industrial services	Coal Mine	Lefa Coal	Wonderfontein	08 September 2013	08/04/2015	September 2016
24	Pembani Coal	Coal Mine	Pembani Coal	Carolina	01/04/2011	01/04/2013	01/04/2021
25	Northern Coal: Weltevreden Mine	Coal Mine	Northern Coal	Carolina	19 April 2015	April 2017	19 April 2023
26	Coastal fuels- Droogvallei Colliery	Mining Coal	Coastal Fuel	Carolina	Issued (11 January 2015	11/01/2018	January 2021



### TABLE 47: APPLICATION FOR WATER USE AUTHORISATION

	STATUS OF WATER USE LICENCE APPLICATIONS									
No	APPLICANT	SECTOR	DATE SUBMITTED	WATER USES	STATUS	PROJECTED DATE OF COMPLETION				
1	lkoti Coal <b>(Not</b> operational)	Mining	March 2012	(a),(b) (c) (i), ( j) and (g)	Declined due to insufficient information	Completed				
2	Pembani Coal	Mining	June 2015	(a), (c), (i) and (g)	Awaiting Civil Comments	November 2015				
3	Eastside Colliery	Mining	November 2013	(a), (b), (c) (i) and (g)	Applicant submitted outstanding information and assessment is being done. Specialist inputs received Drafting RoR and Licence	November 2015				
4	Op Goeden Hoop Colliery (Not operational)	Mining	22 August 2014	(a), (c) (i), (f) and (g)	Additional information received from the applicant. The application has been circulated to different specialist (Civil design, Geo) for comments. Only (c) and (i) comments received	December 2015				
5	Strathrae Colliery	Mining	May 2011	(a),(g) and (j)	Withdrawn by the applicant	Withdrawn				
6	Muhanga Mines (pty)ltd-Op goedenhop (Amendment)	Coal Mining	August 2014	(a),(g) & (J)	Awaiting written comments from Dr. Muelenbeld	November 2015				
7	Umsimbithi Colliery	Coal	March 2014	(c);(i) &( g)	Application presented and recommended for issuance.	Completed: 16				

	(Amendment)	Mining			Waiting for the approval signature by the DG of DWS	August 2015
8	Cozispot(PTY) LTD (Not operational)	Coal Mining	December 2014	(a);(c);(g);(i) & (j)	License finalized, and presented and recommended by for issuance by WUAAAC.	Awaiting Approval by the DG
9	Western Crowd Properties (pty)ltd Onbekend	Coal Mining	November 2012	(c),(i),(g) & (j)	Civil & Geohydrology comments requested	December 2015
10	Msobo coal (pty) ltd- Verkeedepan (Not operational)	Coal Mining	May 2012	(a),(c),(i)(g) & (j)	Awaiting additional civil design information	October 2015



## **USUTHU CATCHMENT**

### TABLE 48: AUTHORISED WATER USE ACTIVITIES

No.	Activity	Sector	Owner	Area	Date Issued	Review Period/Date	Expiry Date
1.	Kangra Coal Panbult siding	Mining	Kangra Coal	Usuthu	31 July 2012	5 Years	31 July 2032

### TABLE 49: APPLICATION FOR WATER USE AUTHORISATION

No.	Activity	Sector	Date Submitted	Water Uses	Status	Projected Date Of Completion
1.	Mkhondo Local Municipality; Piet Retief Waste Water Treatment Works.	Local governance.	17 July, 2015	(c), (i), (f) and (g)	Under assessment	October 2015
2.	Kangra Coal Nooitgezien, Rooikop and (Maquasa East &West)	Mining	18 May 2009	a),(c), (g), (i) and (j)	Applicant requested to submit outstanding information on section 21 c & i.	Application is assessed by DWS head office. Follow ups will be made by the Usuthu office on projected date.
3.	Mahamba WWTW	National Dept. of Public Works	2014	g	Under assessment	November 2015



Figure 30: The number of water quality related activities represented per sector within the Inkomati-Usuthu Water Management Area.



Figure 31: The authorisation status of all known water quality related activities in the Inkomati-Usuthu Water Management Area shown in percentage.



Figure 32: The percentage authorisation status of all known discharge and disposal water users in the Sabie-Sand Catchment.



Figure 33: The percentage sectoral representation of discharge and disposal water users in the Sabie-Sand Catchment.



Figure 34: The percentage authorisation status of all known discharge and disposal water users in the Crocodile Catchment.



Figure 35: The percentage sectoral representation of discharge and disposal water users in the Crocodile Catchment.



Figure 36: The percentage authorisation status of all known discharge and disposal water users in the Komati Catchment.



Figure 37: The percentage sectoral representation of discharge and disposal water users in the Komati Catchment.



Figure 38: The percentage authorisation status of all known discharge and disposal water users in the Usuthu Catchment.



Figure 39: The percentage sectoral representation of discharge and disposal water users in the Usuthu Catchment.

