

Hyacinth in Hartebeespoort Dam

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Thank you for the programme last night highlighting the growing crisis in Hartbeespoort Dam from the impact of the water hyacinth stimulated by the ingress of nitrates and phosphates from upstream waste water treatment works. As noted by the presenter, what we see in the dam is the result of what is not being properly managed in Johannesburg, Mogale, Ekurhuleni and Pretoria. That, of course, is the dozen or so sewerage works that decant into the various rivers that ultimately flow into the Crocodile River upstream of the Dam. Unfortunately, the spokesman for the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) simply underlined their inability to do anything constructive to deal with the situation.