



## **Public Notice**

### **St Helena Enters First Stage of Drought Management – Public Urged to Conserve Water**

St Helena has now entered the first stage of drought management as stored water levels continue to decline. Current reserves stand at 81,009 m<sup>3</sup>, equivalent to around 60 days of supply, and consumption remains high. Daily demand is approximately 1,433 m<sup>3</sup>, significantly exceeding the 887 m<sup>3</sup> currently being abstracted.

This imbalance, combined with steadily falling surface water flows and rising temperatures, is placing increasing strain on the Island's water resources. The Red Hill zone—supplying Half Tree Hollow, St Paul's, and the Hutt's Gate system (which feeds Longwood and Alarm Forest)—remains the highest-demand area, adding further pressure to the water storage systems.

While seasonal reductions in rainfall are expected, recent weeks have seen a sharp drop in inflows, increasing reliance on boreholes to maintain supply. Without a change in weather patterns, St Helena could face severe water shortages in the coming weeks.

#### **What this means for the community**

- Stored water levels are declining..
- Consumption is outpacing supply.
- All districts are affected, with Red Hill under the greatest strain.
- Conservation is urgently needed to safeguard resources until the next rainy season.

#### **Call to Action**

Connect Saint Helena Ltd urges all domestic, commercial, and government consumers to use water sparingly and avoid unnecessary consumption. Every effort made now will help preserve supplies and support the Island through this challenging period.

St Helena's water resources are under significant pressure, and collective action is essential. Notably, 2025 shows a sharp drop in rainfall after July, highlighting reduced precipitation in the latter half of the year, which may be contributing to current drought conditions.

By reducing consumption today, the community can help safeguard supplies and strengthen resilience until the next rainy season, which we remain hopeful will arrive later this year.

Connect Saint Helena Ltd will continue to monitor conditions closely and provide regular updates as the situation changes.

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