

Cape Town Water Crisis

There are water crises happening around the world beyond just America.

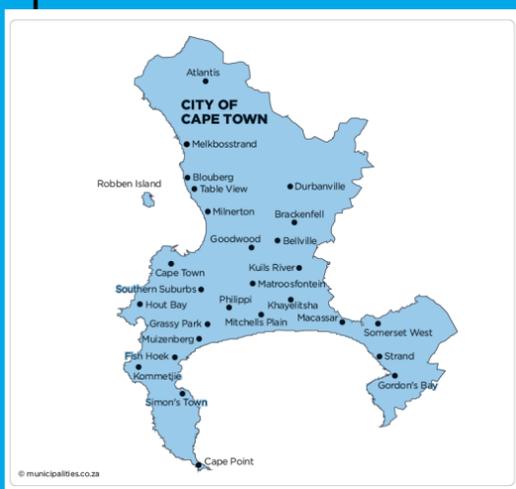


Percentage of Water that Earth Contains

71%

Percentage of Water that is Usable by Humans

0.5% - But only freshwater



Drought in Cape Town, South Africa

Starting in 2018, there was a decline in rainfall which resulted in the Cape Town's worst droughts.

Dam Levels

Dam levels have decreased by 1% each week in most parts of county after having significant increases in Cape Town.



Re-allocating Water

They used water from agriculture to supply the city but that ran out very fast.



An Increase in the Cost of Water

Around 250,000 water management devices (WMD) that put limits on water usage. These prices were criticized for unfairly affecting poorer households.



Water scarcity still persists in other parts of South Africa in recent years.

Resources

How Cape Town Went From Water Crisis to Overflowing Dams in Just 2 Years. (2020, October 9). Global Citizen. Retrieved April 5, 2022, from <https://www.globalcitizen.org/en/content/cape-town-water-crisis-day-zero-overflowing-dams/>