



Figure 3.18 : Main Surface Water Storage Dams

Despite high rates of evaporation, surface water storage dams are an important water supply source. Most of the water supplied to Windhoek, Okahandja, Mariental, Keetmanshoop, Gobabis and Rehoboth is supplied from dams. The most serious environmental problem associated with dams is the reduced runoff downstream of the dam. In the case of the Oanob Dam, the design made allowances for ecological releases to alleviate this problem. Plans for large dams on the Ugab, Omaruru and Fish Rivers (and tributaries) are still tabled for discussion from time to time.

Data Sources : Hydrology Division, DWA.