

WWF-SA: View "nerve point" water scarcity issue holistically

South Africa can tackle its ever-increasing ecological footprint by looking at it holistically. According to Independent Online, World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF SA) biodiversity head Deon Nel said at the release of the Living Planet Report in Cape Town that the country needs a more integrated view of its landscapes.

"The food, water and energy nexus becomes very important in our thinking," he added.

Described as a "nerve point" by Nel, water scarcity was a harsh reality. "Fifty percent of our water is generated from 12 percent of our land capacity. We should be putting all our resources into securing that 12 percent," he said. The 2012 Living Planet Report shows that large parts of the country went at least two to three months without normal water levels, Nel said, and called on the national planning commission to play a more strategic role in the management of environmental resources for future security, Independent Online reports.

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