

Great Ruaha River Water Level | 2007

22nd March 2007

Ruaha has received almost double its normal average in rainfall with almost 900mm so far (with still more to come). We normally get around 500mm per annum. All springs and water catchment areas within the park are full and bursting over, so this is a most welcome turn of events for the park.



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These pictures were taken from my 'old' camp (I have recently moved from this location near the river). The river rose way over this level for the duration of mid-January to mid-February. The river now flows at the level shown in the photos.

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As you know, Tanzania received very heavy rains this season, which of course is fantastic news. Mtera Dam went from its lowest level ever, to over-flowing in a matter of only a few weeks!

These pictures of the river in April 2007, when compared to the ones taken a month, show that, despite the good rainfall, the river is dropping fast. This indicates that there is a massive off-take of water going on upstream from Ruaha National Park. We hope that this constant drop in flow level will ease off soon.



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