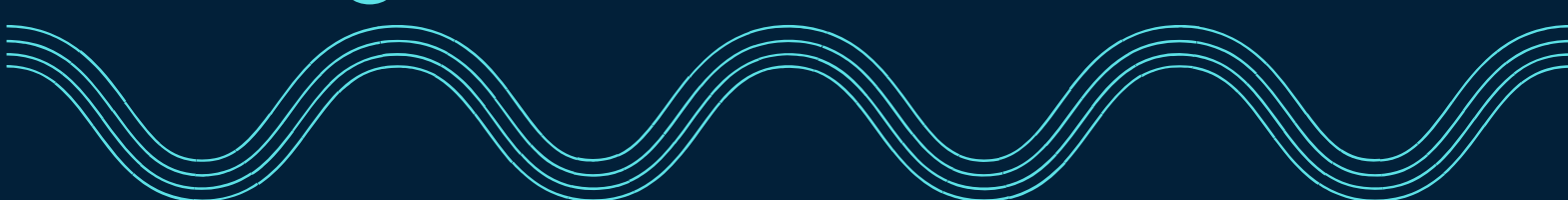




MEET THE SABIE WHEN YOU OPEN YOUR TAP



The water in this unit is purified water from the Sabie River



FEARFUL RIVER

Sabie comes from "Ulusaba" (Tsonga), meaning "fearful river" - apt considering the many crocodiles and hippos that have called the river home for centuries. The Sabie runs for 110 km within Kruger. The Sabie is the only river in Kruger that has never dried up, even though it almost did in September 1992 when it slowed to a mere trickle. February 2000 the river experienced its biggest recorded flood with 7 million liters/second (enough to fill 3 Olympic pools every second) - what a fearful sight!

SABIE RIVER WATER FACTORY

Although a large proportion of the Sabie river and its catchment is protected within Kruger, only 1% of the water comes from run-off within the park. The mountains to the west of Kruger supply 80% of the flow. It is therefore critical that this water factory is well looked after and that all users living within the river catchment area take good care of it. Kruger continuously exchanges information with its neighbours as looking after the river is a collective effort and a joint responsibility.



A RIVER FOR ALL...

The Sabie river is widely regarded as the most biodiverse river in the country. 300 crocodiles, 800 hippos, 49 families of "goggatjies" (water insects) and more than 30 fish species inhabit the river. Biodiversity survey results are among the highest in the country. Furthermore, 750 000 people live in the Sabie river catchment and are dependent on the river for survival one way or another.

...ALSO FOR YOU

During your stay in Skukuza, the Sabie will also be at your service. The refreshing water you drink from the taps in this unit is kindly gifted by this river. Each minute you shower you extract about 10 litres of water out of the Sabie; each toilet flush is another 10 litres. The plants, animals and humans living in or around the river share the wonderfully clean and cool waters of the Sabie, but request you to use it responsibly.



BE MINDFUL AND ACT RESPECTFUL AS YOU ENJOY THE GENEROSITY OF THE SABIE



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