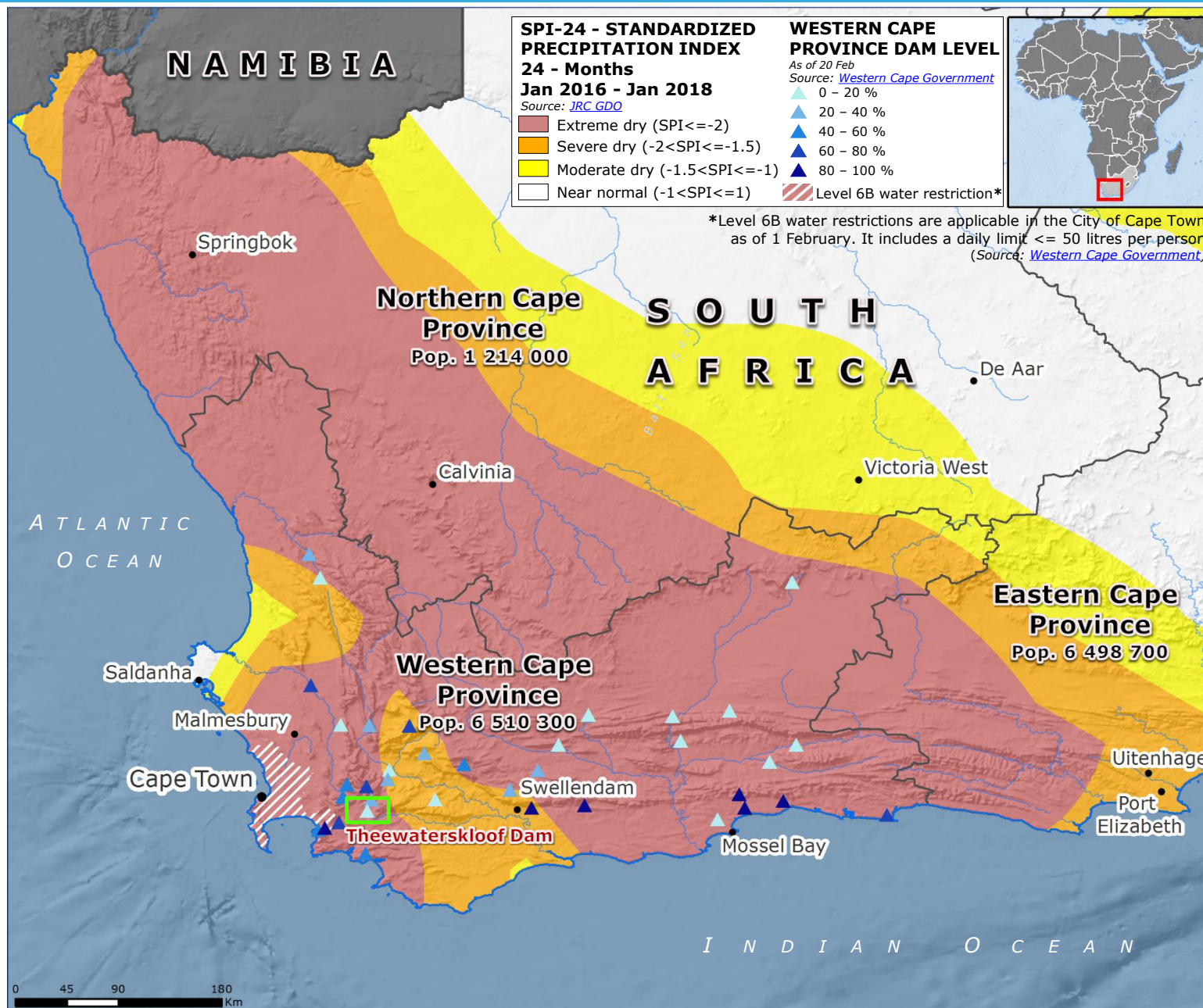


# South Africa | Severe Drought



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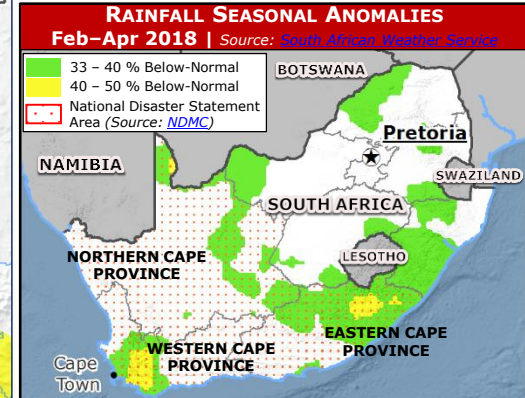
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## Severe Drought Situation

- Western Cape Province (South Africa) is going through a **severe drought**, affecting in particular urban areas of Cape Town and its water supply.
- The current drought is the consequence of a sustained below-average monthly rainfall since 2015, which intensified in the last wet season (April-September 2017). This event is highlighted by the long-term indicators of precipitation anomalies (SPI-24) produced by the JRC Global Drought Observatory (GDO).
- Cape Town's water supply is in critical emergency (water cuts and rationing). The **"zero-water" day** has been established as **9 July 2018** by Cape Town water authorities.
- Very little precipitation is expected before April.

Source: [JRC Global Drought Observatory \(GDO\)](#), [City of Cape Town](#)



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RESERVOIR STORAGE 2015-2018 | Source: [City of Cape Town](#)

20 Feb 2018	2017	2016	2015
11.3%	29.3%	44.1%	70.9%

