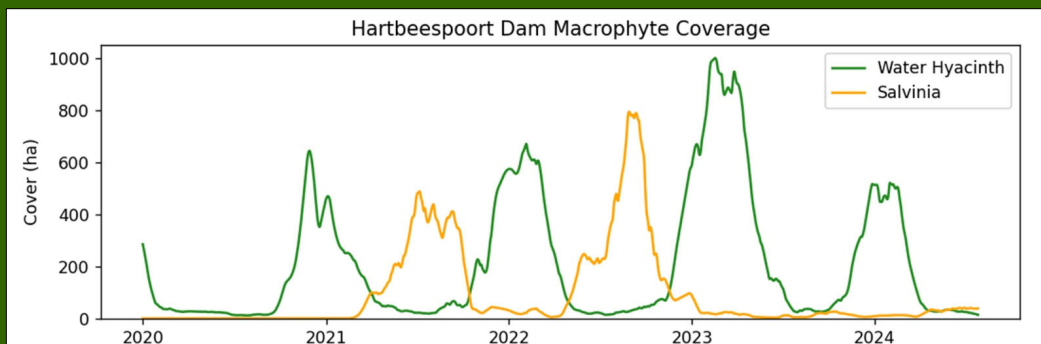


The decline of water hyacinth and the rise of *Salvinia minima* at Harties



Water hyacinth decline due to biological control allowed *Salvinia minima* to take advantage of the available nutrients and space



Time-series of water hyacinth and *Salvinia minima* cover on Hartbeespoort Dam, derived from Sentinel-1 and Sentinel-2 satellite data. Over 2021 and 2022, *Salvinia minima* dominated the water surface during winter.



Sentinel 2 satellite image of Hartbeespoort Dam, North West Province, South Africa, on 8 July 2021, highlighting the *Salvinia minima* infestation in green.