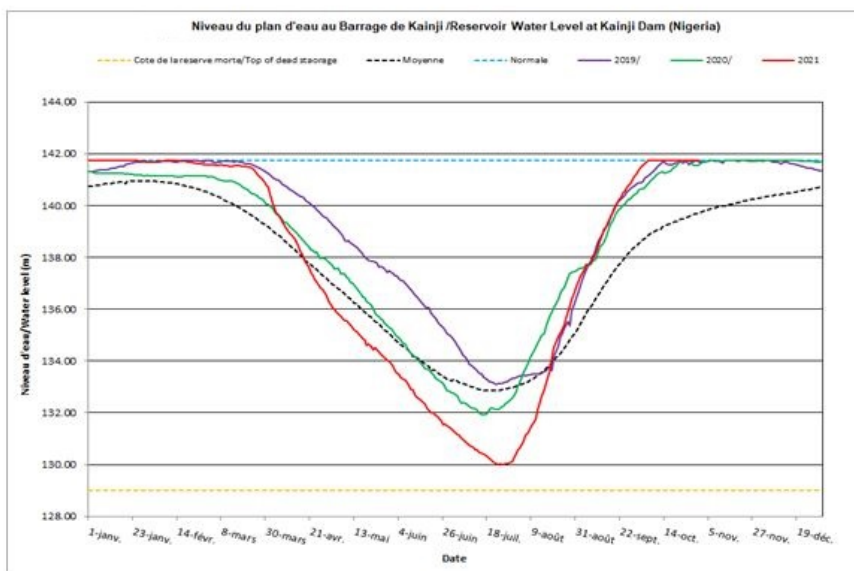


The month of October marks the end of the rainy season and the beginning of the black flood in the Middle Niger. However, the black flood has also continued to rise in the Inland Delta. The Upper Niger and the Lower Niger is witnessing decrease in flow since the end of the month of September.



The filling of the Selingué dams in Mali and Kainji in Nigeria are in progress and have reached their maximum level. The Sélingué dam is in a spill situation.

The data used for the various analyses below came from hydrological observation networks of the National Hydrological Services and Dam Authorities of nine (9) member countries.

The flow analysis situation was carried out by dividing the basin into four (4) sub-catchments also represented with reference gauging stations as follows: Upper Niger at Koulikoro (Mali), Inland Delta at Dire (Mali), Middle Niger in Niamey (Niger) and Lower Niger at Lokoja (Nigeria)

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