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# NEWS

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### **Busy berths slow down Durban dredging plans**

Concerns around the charted draught at the Port of Durban, which saw three vessels being grounded last year, have prompted strong response from both Transnet National Ports Authority (TNPA) and the shipping industry.

While TNPA recently “strongly refuted” claims that the port was silting up and that there had been a danger to ships, several shipping executives, ships’ masters and hydrography specialists told FTW that three incidents last year where ships touched bottom were an unpleasant indicator that TNPA was just not doing enough monitoring and dredging of the port.

But Peter Besnard, CEO of the SA Association of Ship Operators and Agents (Saasoa), was more convinced by various TNPA presentations that he had attended than the arguments of FTW’s contacts in the shipping industry.

To read the full FTW article, go to FTW Online

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