

Lake Kariba

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After a decade of erratic rains and heatwaves that devastated Lake Kariba's levels, new inflows from the upper Zambezi are lifting the reservoir and restoring hope.

About Lake Kariba

- It is located in **central Africa**, along the **border between Zambia and Zimbabwe**.
- It is located on the **Zambezi River**, about halfway between the river's source and mouth.
- It can be found **1300 kilometers upstream from the Indian Ocean**.
- It is the **world's largest artificial lake and reservoir by volume** and the **fourth largest by surface area**.
- It is over 220 kilometers long and up to 40 kilometers in width. It covers an area of 5,200 sq.km.
 - Lake Kariba was **filled between 1958 and 1963** after the completion of the **Kariba Dam**, which **flooded the Kariba Gorge on the Zambezi River**.
 - The Kariba Dam consists of a **double-arch wall**.

- The dam wall is 128 m high and 617 m (2029 feet) long when measured along the horizontal arch of the wall.
- It provides considerable **electric power to both Zambia and Zimbabwe** and supports a thriving **commercial fishing industry**.
- The lake encompasses a total of **102 islands**, including well-known ones like **Chete Island** and **Spurwing Island**.
- **Chete Island** boasts the **world's largest expanse of protected, undeveloped wetlands** and hosts the **largest single population of African elephants**.

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