



Figure 1: The Zambezi River

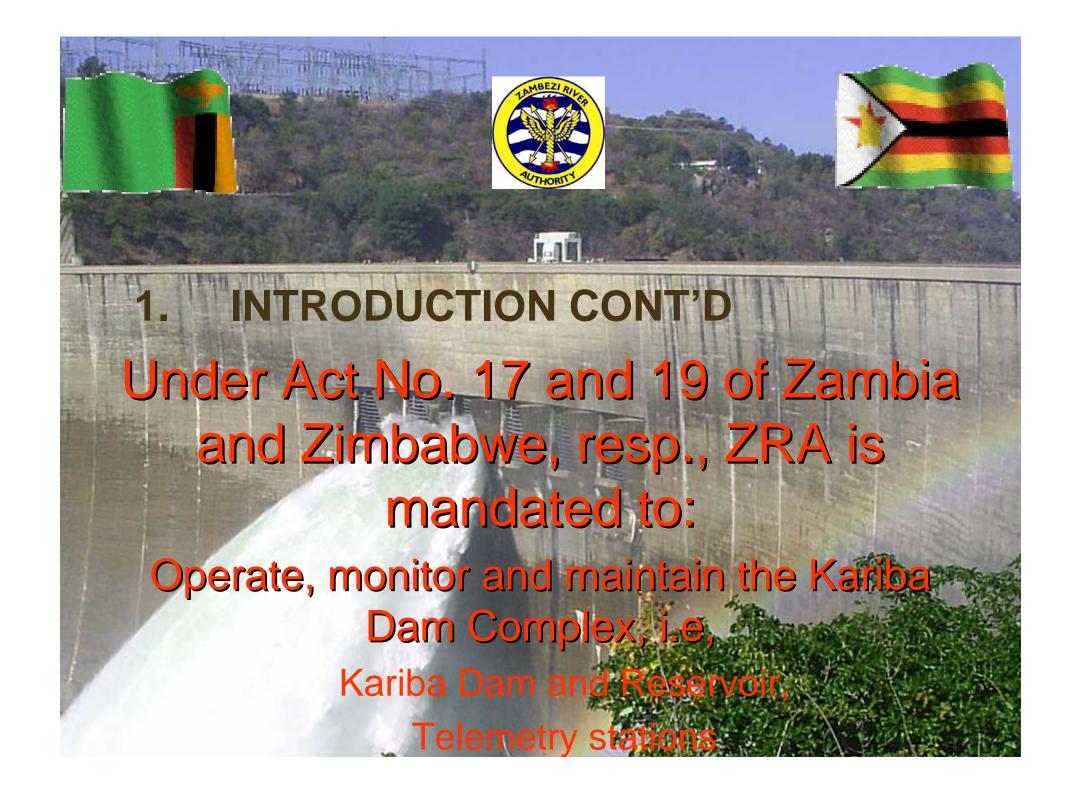


## 1. INTRODUCTION

ZRA established as a body corporate on 1st October, 1987

Through Parallel legislation in parliaments of Zambia and Zimbabwe (Acts No. 17 and 19 of 1987, respectively)

ZRA replaced Central African Power Corporation (CAPCO)





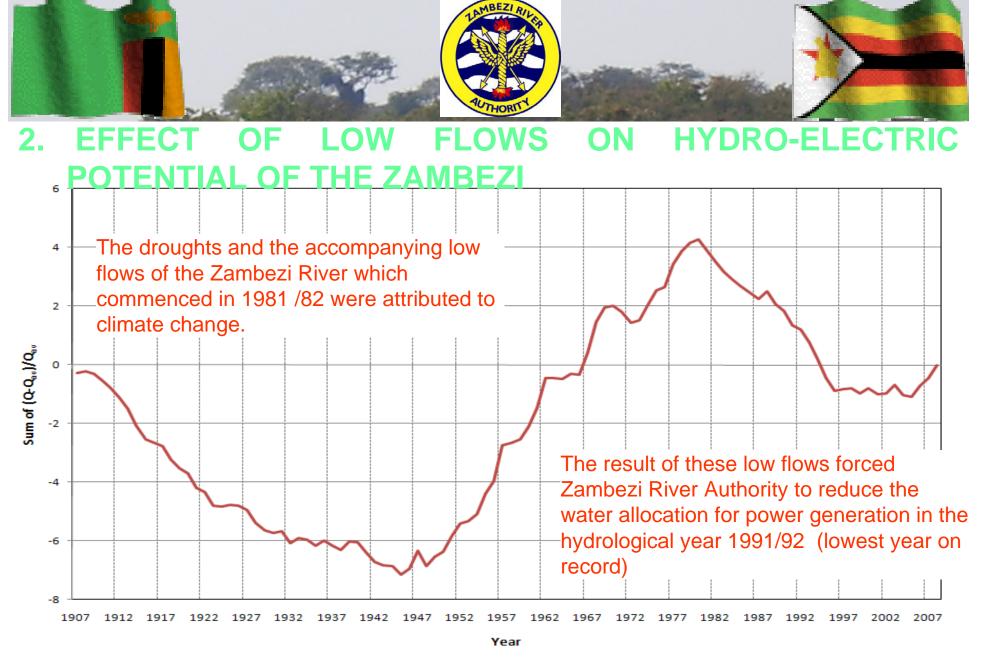


Figure 2: DIMENSIONLESS DIFFERENTIAL MASS CURVE: Zambezi River at Victoria Falls

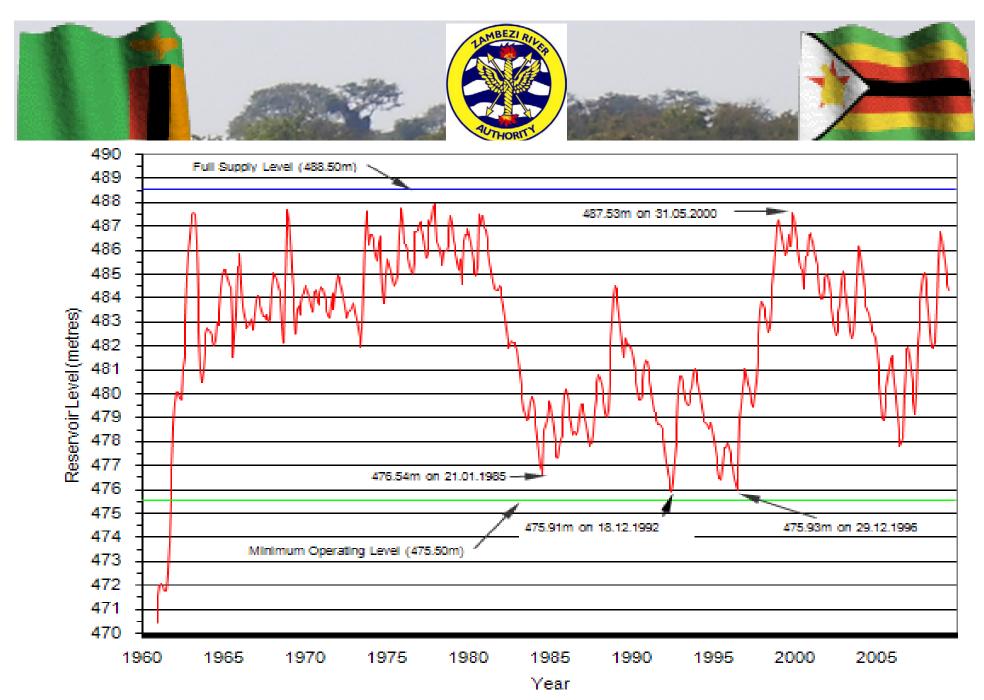


Figure 3: KARIBA RESERVOIR Recorded End-of-Month Levels; May 1961 to December 2009

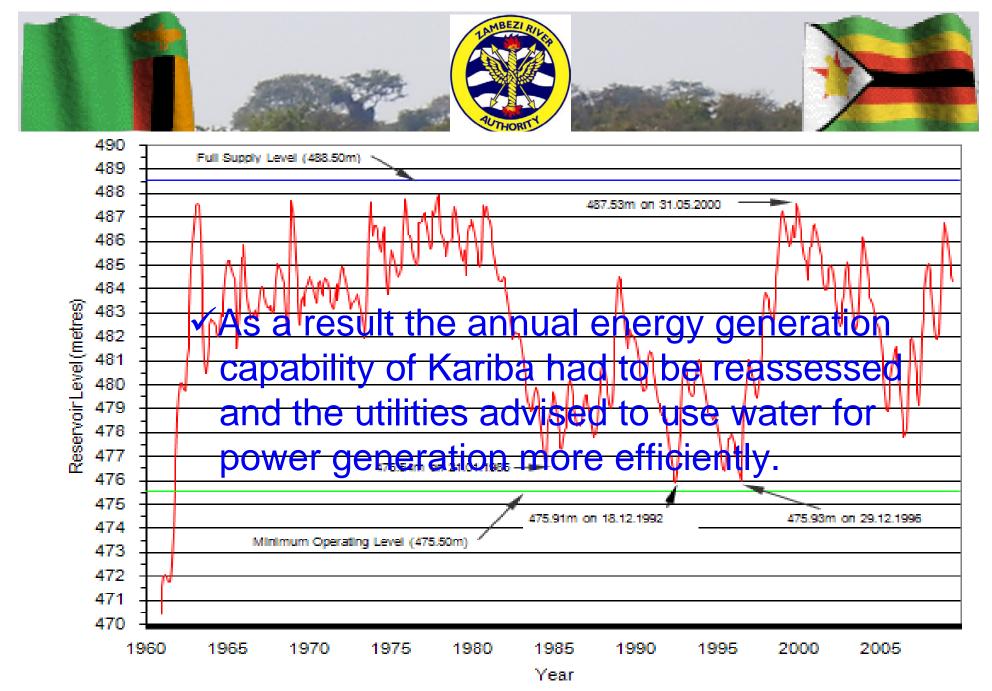


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## 4. THE INTRODUCTION OF TARIFFS AND FEES

- While the reimbursement of ZRA costs by the two utilities operated reasonably satisfactorily, problems had sometimes been encountered of delays in reimbursement or of curtailment of funds, resulting infunctions for which budget provision had been made not being carried out.
- From an economic view point, the lack of a tariff structure coupled with no restriction on generation led to inefficient use of the water which resulted in severe problems in 1991/92 and the consequent shortages of electricity imposing considerable economic costs.







## 5. FORMULATION OF THE WATER TARIFFS CONT'D

The following equation gives the revenue raising model for the Authority:

$$Y = aX + b$$

Where: Y, is the annual revenue in US\$

- a, is the water tariff in US\$/m3
- X, is the total annual volume of water used for power generation in m<sup>3</sup>
- b, is the fixed annual charge in US\$



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When **X** = 0, ideally no water will have passed through our water metering installations. Thus, the revenue collectable from the utilities is merely the recurrent budget component, **b**.





- The tariff has provided an incentive structure for the utilities to use Kariba waters more efficiently.
- Zambezi River Authority has achieved financial autonomy since the introduction of a tariff which is adjusted every year to meet the costs of ZRA and cater for inflation.



## 6. CONCLUSION CONT'D

- In order to redress historical injustices associated with the building of Kariba Dam, a Development Fund has been established by Zambezi River Authority.
- Due to the variability of weather and the hydro-cycle in the basin, the need for more efficient water management and river regulation has become extremely important

