



PRESS STATEMENT (For Immediate Release)

UPDATE ON THE HYDROLOGICAL OUTLOOK AT THE KARIBA DAM

Lusaka, 3rd June 2024 – The Zambezi River Authority hereby issues an update on the hydrological outlook for the Kariba Catchment and the status of water levels at the Kariba Dam as follows:

Zambezi River Flows at Chavuma

River flows at Chavuma gauging station have continued decreasing as shown in the four-week comparative table below:

Four (4) Week Comparative Chart for Zambezi River Flows at Chavuma Gauging Station.

Date	2024	2023
8th May	706m ³ /s	1,223m ³ /s
17th May	552m ³ /s	941m ³ /s
24th May	458m ³ /s	772 m ³ /s
3rd June	370m ³ /s	576m ³ /s

Zambezi River Flows at Victoria Falls

The Victoria Falls' Zambezi River flows are slightly increasing due to upstream inflows but remain lower than last year's levels recorded on the same date as shown in the table below.

Four (4) Week Comparative Chart for Zambezi River Flows at Victoria Falls Gauging Station (Nanas Farm Gauging Station).

Date	2024	2023
8th May	764m ³ /s	2,095m ³ /s
17th May	823m ³ /s	2,494m ³ /s
24th May	874m ³ /s	2,701m ³ /s
3rd June	928m ³ /s	2,584m ³ /s

Kariba Lake Levels.

The table below shows a four-week comparison of lake levels, which have been receding due to low upstream inflows. Notably, the lake level has continued to be lower compared to the same period last year as shown in the four-week comparative chart below.

Four (4) Week Comparative Chart for Lake Levels at Kariba Dam.

Date	2024			2023		
	Meter ASL	BCM	%	Meter ASL	BCM	%
8 th May	477.41m	8.58	13.24%	479.08m	16.29	25.13%
17 th May	477.40m	8.53	13.17%	479.23m	16.99	26.22%
24 th May	477.38m	8.44	13.03%	479.35m	17.55	27.09%
3 rd June	477.35m	8.30	12.82%	479.63m	18.87	29.12%

The Authority will continue to closely monitor the hydrological outlook and the performance of the Kariba Catchment and providing the public with timely updates on new developments as they arise.

About Zambezi River Authority

The Zambezi River Authority is a bilateral organisation that is jointly and equally owned by the Governments of Zambia and Zimbabwe (the Contracting States). The Authority's primary function is to operate, maintain, monitor and regulate the water level in the Kariba Reservoir. It is also mandated to construct, operate and maintain any other dam infrastructure on the Zambezi River and to collect, accumulate and process hydrological and environmental data regarding the Zambezi River for improved performance of its functions and for any other purpose beneficial to the socio-economic development of the Contracting States.



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