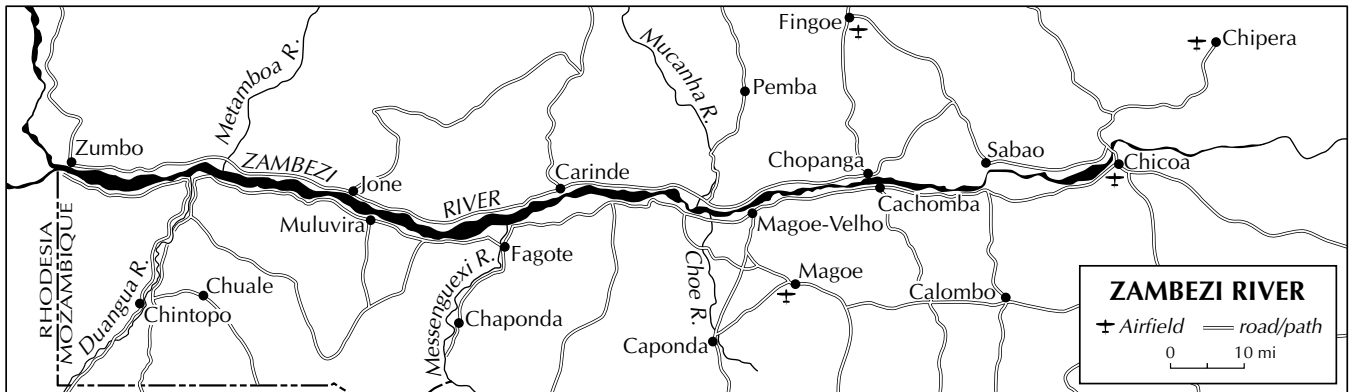


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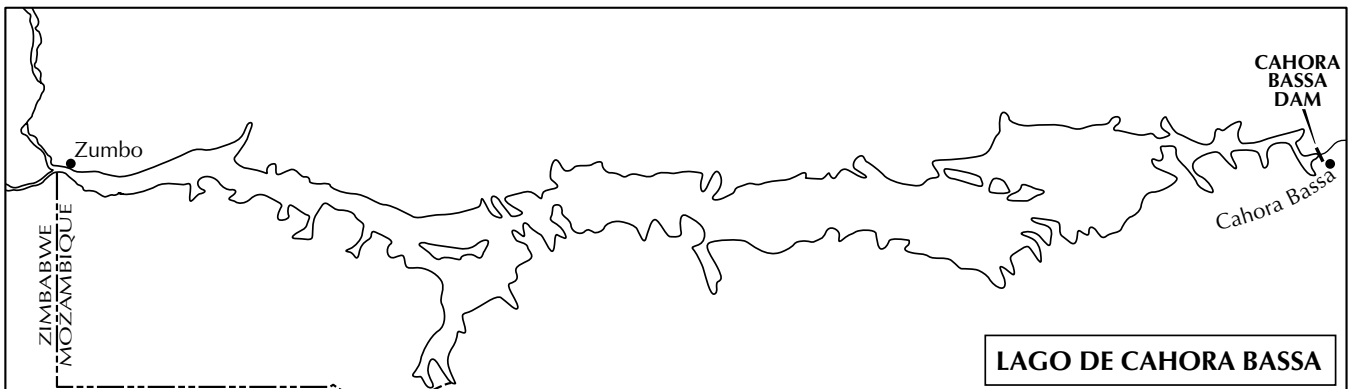
How did the Cahora Bassa Dam change the Zambezi River?

MAP 1



MAP 1, an old map of the region, shows how the Zambezi River followed its natural course. (Zimbabwe, named in 1980, was formerly called Rhodesia.)

MAP 2



MAP 2, a contemporary map of the Zambezi River, indicates the location of Lake Cahora Bassa—Lago de Cahora Bassa—behind the Cahora Bassa Dam. (The scale of Map 2 and Map 1 is the same.)

Directions

- Place Map 2 behind Map 1. Use a color pen or pencil to trace the outline of Lake Cahora Bassa—Lago de Cahora Bassa—from Map 2 onto Map 1. Tracing is easiest to do with a source of light, such as a plate glass window, behind the paper.
- On Map 1, highlight the villages and other features that have been covered by the lake. Measure and label the width of the lake at several places, including its widest point.

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