

# Pumping water

## THE HISTORY...

1928

Wankie Game Reserve established with **500-1,000 elephants**. These elephants were forced to migrate out of the Park every dry season because there was no perennial surface water, making them vulnerable to ivory poachers.

1935

**First windmill** erected to pump water to the surface during the dry season. More windmills as well as solar and diesel pumps were installed over the next 25 years, giving year-round protection to Wankie's wildlife.

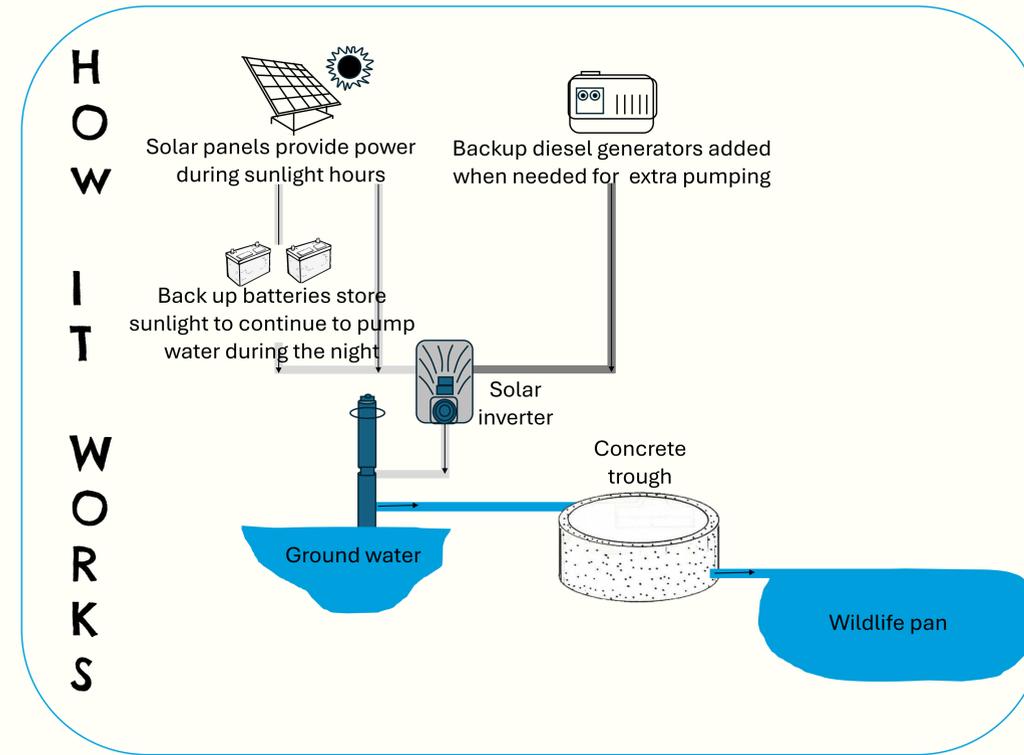
TODAY

Hwange has **over 45,000 elephants** plus countless other large mammals dependent upon a network of **over 60 wells** that pump water during the long dry season from about May through to November.



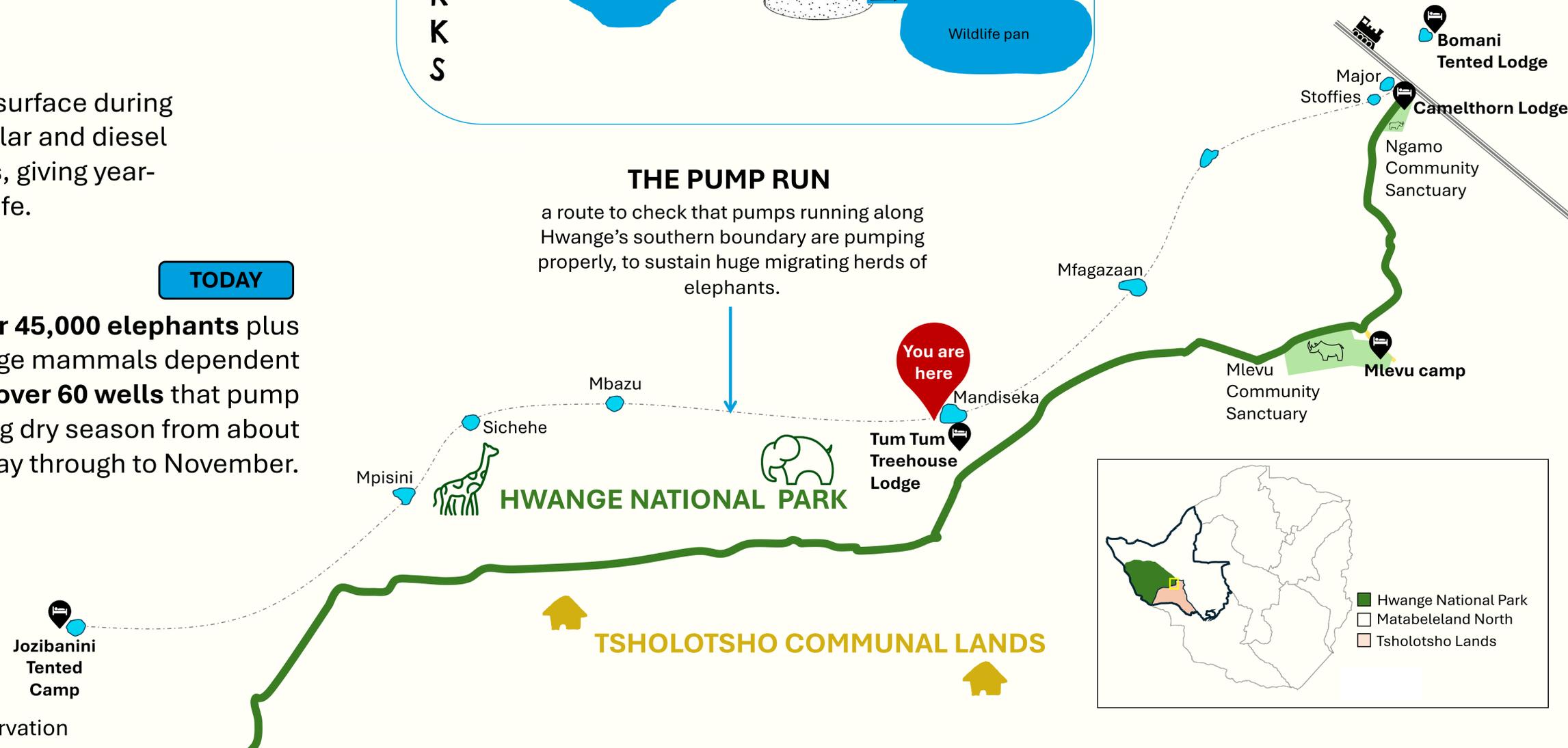
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## THE PUMP RUN

a route to check that pumps running along Hwange's southern boundary are pumping properly, to sustain huge migrating herds of elephants.



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