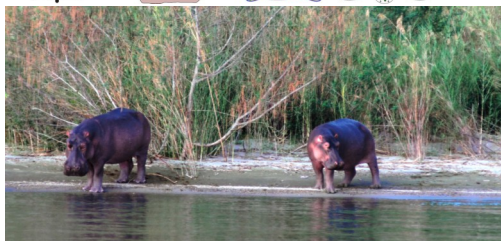




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Lake Tanganyika Authority Secretariat Regional Activities for Protection of the Lake Tanganyika Basin

Lake Tanganyika is home to hundreds of species that are found nowhere else in the world. It is Africa's oldest and deepest lake, holding almost 17% of the world's available freshwater supply. Millions of people depend on the lake for water, food, and transportation. The lake and its life are increasingly threatened by the demands and activities of rapidly expanding human populations in the riparian countries (Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Tanzania and Zambia).

The Lake Tanganyika Authority (LTA) was launched in December 2008 with the mandate to safeguard the lake and its natural resources. The LTA coordinates the implementation of the Convention on the Sustainable Management of Lake Tanganyika.

The LTA also coordinates and oversees the implementation of the Regional Integrated Management Programme, which includes priority actions identified in the Strategic Action Programme and the Framework Fisheries Management Plan for the lake.

Implementation of the programme is driven by the Governments of the four riparian countries, with support from a range of partner organizations including United Nations Development Programme, Global Environment Facility, African Development Bank, United Nations Fund Agricultural Organisation, Nordic Development Fund, United Nations Office for Project Services, United Nations Environmental Programme, International Union for the Conservation of Nature, World Agroforestry Centre, World Wildlife Fund and Nanjing Institute for geography and Limnology Academy of Sciences.





ADB/NDF supported interventions

- Sustainable fisheries management and protection of catchment area
- Improvement of living conditions of communities through the construction of infrastructures and the establishment of local development funds
- Construction of wastewater treatment plant in Tanzania
- Capacity building of local and national stakeholders

UNDP/GEF supported interventions

- Establishment and institutional capacity building of the LTA
- Sedimentation control through demonstrations of sustainable catchment management
- Pollution control through improved wastewater management in Burundi and Tanzania
- Establishment of Regional Integrated Environmental Monitoring Strategy

The Regional Integrated Management and Development Programme (LTRIMDP) that is coordinated by the LTA includes interventions supported by ADB and NDF, as well as interventions supported by UNDP and GEF.

In each of the four riparian countries, these interventions are respectively implemented by National Coordination Units (NCU's) and Project Management Units (PMU's).

The NCU's and PMU's function under the supervision of a National Steering Committee and in liaison with the LTA Secretariat. The Secretariat oversees and coordinates the implementation of the national activities at the regional level.

The Secretariat furthermore plays a key role in generating funding for additional activities, and facilitating as well as coordinating new projects and activities under the framework of the LTRIMDP.

For more information, see Lake Tanganyika Authority web site:
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Front, clockwise: Hippos in Mahale Mountains National Park, Tanzania (photo by Harald Pokieser); Signing of the LTA Headquarters Agreement in Bujumbura, Burundi (photo by Saskia Marijnissen); Water hyacinth are increasingly invading bays in Lake Tanganyika (photo by Saskia Marijnissen); Landing site near a fishing village (photo by Saskia Marijnissen); Key stakeholders during a regional workshop (photo by Alain Gashaka); Shoreline of Gombe Stream NP, Tanzania (photo by Saskia Marijnissen). **Back, clockwise:** Farmers listening attentively during a project workshop in Zambia; Children are the future (photos by Saskia Marijnissen).