

# Directory of Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) and Inter-Governmental Organizations working on conservation and management of lakes in Africa

## PREFACE

The Directory of NGOs working on conservation and management of lakes in Africa has been developed by the Friends of Lake Victoria (OSIENALA) through a contract to LakeNet, as a “thematic paper” of the ILEC/LakeNet Lake Basin Management Initiative.

This is an ongoing exercise. It is expected that a more comprehensive and detailed information will be included in future editions of this directory.

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**National Association of Professional Environmentalists (NAPE).**

P. O. Box 29909 Kampala, Uganda.napesbc@afsat.com

**Lakes or lake you are working to conserve:** L. Victoria. L. Kyoga, L. Albert and others in Uganda.

**Contact Person:** Kamese Geoffrey Nansove.

**Title:** Director Biodiversity Conservation.

**Number of personnel working for the organization:** 4 Fulltime staff, and others part-time.

**Stated objective of the organization:** Promote environmental awareness.  
Promote biodiversity Conservation, Water management and Waste management.  
Enhance community participation  
To carryout research and publication and dissemination of information.  
Carryout lobbying and advocacy, net-working and promote professionalism

**Year when the organization was founded:** 1997.

**Membership:** 30 Members.

**Funding sources:** Swedish Society for Nature Conservation (SSNC).

**Area of focus:** Energy, Fresh Water resource management, Biodiversity Conservation, Waste management.

**Primary activities:** Awareness raising, Lobbying and advocacy

**Community served:** Ugandans of all walks of life.

**Geographical scope:** Nation wide (Uganda)

**Resources available including publications:** Office equipment:-  
3 Computers  
Office furniture  
Office space  
1 Vehicle (NAPE Van)

We have published 5 editions of NAPE

Lobby magazine.

**Support desired:** Capacity building in areas of advocacy and Lobbying.

**Description of the lake you are conserving:** Lake Victoria.

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**Mutualité d'entraide pour le Développement des Pêcheurs du lac Edouard: MUDEPA.**

Vitshumbi, Rutshuru, Nord-Kivu, RDCongo,

P.O.Box 106 Rutshuru

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Tél +250 08521946

**Lakes or lake you are working to conserve:** Lake Edwards  
**Contact Person:** BAINI SHABANI, Secrétaire Exécutif du PAL  
**Number of personnel working for the organization:** 80 people including 11 women

**Stated objective of the organization:** Entraide mutuelle pour les activités sur le lac.  
 Protection des écosystèmes lacustres

**Year when the organization was founded:** Décembre 1984

**Funding sources:** Gestion des ressources lacustres et entraide entre les membres.

**Area of focus:** Geographically, covers western shorelines of Lake Edward.

**Primary activities:** Pêche, Commercialisation des poissons, entraide mutuelle, transport lacustre

**Community served:** 15 247 habitants

**Geographical scope:** Le lac Edouard (Ex : Id-Amin) occupe une portion du vaste Graben » de l'Afrique centrale situé à l'altitude de 912m.  
 Nord : l'Equateur passe 9km d'extrémité du lac .  
 Est : 29° 55' de longitude Est.  
 Sud : 0° 45' de latitude sud.  
 Ouest : 29° 15' de longitude Est .  
 Superficie de 2240 km<sup>2</sup> :  
 Longueur de 90 km,  
 Largeur 40 km.

**Resources available including publications:** les poissons (Tilapia, Bagrus, Protoptère, Clarias, Bar bus, Mormyrus, Labeo) et les animaux aquatiques tels que Hippopotames et diverses variétés d'oiseaux (pélicans, ...)

**Support desired:** Le filets à grosse maille, moteur Hors-Bord, réservoir pour l'eau potable.

**Description of the lake you are conserving:** Le lac se trouve dans un système d'immense dépressions bordé chaînes de montagnes qui s'étend de la Syrie au Mozambique. La partie Sud du lac est bordée par la vaste alluviale qui est parcourue par deux affluents du lac dont les rivières Ruindi et Rutsh La plaine continue le long de la rive Sud-Ouest du lac avec deux autres affluents (la Lula et la Taliha). La rive Nord est bordée des plaines de la rivière Semliki, le seul déversoir du lac Edouard qui connecte celui-ci avec le lac Albert.

**PAN AFRICAN START SECRETARIAT**  
**Department of Geology, University of Nairobi,**  
**P O Box 30197, Nairobi, Kenya** Pass@uonbi.ac.ke, <http://pass.uonbi.ac.ke>

**Lakes or lake you are working to conserve.** African Lakes and Catchments  
**Contact Person:** Eric Odada  
**Title:** Professor  
**Number of personnel working for the organization:** Four  
**Stated objective of the organization:**

- Scientific assessments of impacts of climate variability and change adaptation coping strategies
- Targeted capacity building for African researchers
- Science-based policy /decision making
- Promotion of collaboration within African research community
- Enhancing regional capacity building

**Year when the organization was founded:** 1997

**Membership:** PAN AFRICAN COMMITTEE FOR START (PACOM)

**Funding sources:** NORAD

**Area of focus:** Environmental Change and Sustainable Development

**Primary activities:** Climate change and climate variability, regional climate scenarios and extreme climate events, lobar change and water resources, global change and food systems, land use land cover change, biodiversity, assessment of impacts/adaptation/vulnerability to climate variability and environmental change, capacity building-fellowships, visiting scientists, advanced institutes and young scientist conferences/awards

**Community served:** Global Change Community

**Geographical scope:** Sub-Saharan African

**Resources available including publications:** Mirror site for World Data Centre – A Palaeoclimatology, Mirror site for African Pollen Database, Several publications (see website) including latest book –E. Odada & D. Olago (Eds): The Limnology, Palaeolimnology and Biodiversity of the East African Lakes. Kluwer Publishers, 2002.

**Support desired:** Networking and Collaboration

**Description of the lake you are conserving:** African Lakes and their catchments in general. Targeted as listed under item 11

**Organisations on thé Défense of Environment and development, « ODEB »**  
**11, Mutabaro street, Kabondo, Bujumbura Burundi**  
**kinyomvyi@yahoo.com**

**Contact Person:** kinyomvyi antoine

**Title:** Chairman

**Number of personnel working for the organization:** 6

**Stated objective of the organization:** Sensitize people in the preservation of environment, organize a forum where people meet to debate about environmental problems  
 To restore the environment and evaluate environmentals impacts

**Year when the organization was founded:** 1992

**Membership:** 1005

**Funding sources:** Membership fees sponsorship

**Area of focus:** public sensitization soil and waters protection.

**Primary activities:** Radio Broadcast messages and newsletter Management of side basins and production of forestry and agroforestry brake borders clearing

**Community served:** Rural population

**Geographical scope:** the whole national territory

**Resources available including publications:** Annual report and links with other international organisations and the systems of UN agencies.

**Support desired:** Funds to reinforce daily activities so as to keep beaches and water clean

**Description of the lake you are conserving:** A special action is undertaken in favour of Lake Tanganyika which is shared by four countries namely Burundi, Tanzania, Zambia and Congo.

A mild water with many species of rare and varied fish.

The northern lakes are famous for their ability to attract bird mainly during winter in Europe, there are internal lakes that could easily disappear in time.

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## **BUSIA DISTRICT FARMERS ASSOCIATION**

P.O. Box 439, Busia Uganda

**Lakes or lake you are working to conserve:** L. Victoria.

**Contact Person:** Ogama Juma Maurice

**Title:** Coodinator

**Number of personnel working for the organization:** 5 (Five Staff)

**Stated objective of the organization:**  
- Poverty eradication  
- Provision of Advisory services in farming  
- Mobilise farmers to have a common voice.

**Year when the organization was founded:** 1998

**Membership:** 2380

**Funding sources:** Danida

**Area of focus:** Farming

**Primary activities:**  
- Advisory services in agriculture  
- Farmers group capacity building  
- Marketing information

**Community served:** - Farmers in and around Busia District

**Geographical scope:** Busia District

**Resources available including publications:** - Human Resources

- Computers and Photocopiers
- Motorcycles and bicycles
- Office premises.

**Support desired:** Financial support to help alleviate poverty  
**Description of the lake you are conserving:**

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**JOINT ENERGY ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT, JEEP, KAMPALA.**

**Contact Person:**  
**Title:**  
**Number of personnel working for the organization:**  
**Stated objective of the organization:**

**Year when the organization was founded:**  
**Membership:**  
**Funding sources:**  
**Area of focus:**

**Primary activities:**

**Community served:**

**Geographical scope:**  
**Resources available including publications:**  
**Support desired:**  
**Description of the lake you are conserving:**

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**UGANDA RAIN WATER ASSOCIATION, URWA, KAMPALA.**

**Contact Person:**  
**Title:**  
**Number of personnel working for the organization:**  
**Stated objective of the organization:**  
**Year when the organization was founded:**  
**Membership:**  
**Funding sources:**  
**Area of focus:**

**Primary activities:**  
**Community served:**  
**Geographical scope:**  
**Resources available including publications:**  
**Support desired:**  
**Description of the lake you are conserving:**

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**JINJA URBAN WETLAND WOMEN ORGANIZATION, JUWWO, JINJA.**

**Contact Person:**  
**Title:**  
**Number of personnel working for the organization:**  
**Stated objective of the organization:**  
**Year when the organization was founded:**  
**Membership:**  
**Funding sources:**  
**Area of focus:**  
**Primary activities:**  
**Community served:**  
**Geographical scope:**  
**Resources available including publications:**  
**Support desired:**  
**Description of the lake you are conserving:**

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**RURAL DEVELOPMENT MEDIA COMMUNICATIONS, RUDMEC, KAMPALA.**

**Contact Person:**  
**Title:**  
**Number of personnel working for the organization:**  
**Stated objective of the organization:**  
**Year when the organization was founded:**  
**Membership:**  
**Funding sources:**  
**Area of focus:**  
**Primary activities:**  
**Community served:**  
**Geographical scope:**  
**Resources available including publications:**  
**Support desired:**

**Description of the lake you are conserving:**

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**WATER AID**

**Contact Person:**

**Title:**

**Number of personnel working for the organization:**

**Stated objective of the organization:**

**Year when the organization was founded:**

**Membership:**

**Funding sources:**

**Area of focus:**

**Primary activities:**

**Community served:**

**Geographical scope:**

**Resources available including publications:**

**Support desired:**

**Description of the lake you are conserving:**

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**Joint Modern Development Association, JIMDA, Jinja.**

P.O. Box 132 / 1160, Jinja Uganda. Email: jimda\_cbo@yahoo.com

**Contact Person:** Musaazi James

**Title:** Executive Director

**Number of personnel working for the organization:** 12

**Stated objective of the organization:** To mobilize communities around Lake Victoria for proper use of the Lake resources.

To eradicate poverty for communities around the Lakes.

To conserve and effectively manage natural resources of the Lake.

To empower communities around the lakes to manage small business

**Year when the organization was founded:** 1999 and registered in 2000

**Membership:** 932 members

**Funding sources:** membership contributions  
Soft loans from NGOs

**Area of focus:** Youths and Women

**Primary activities:** Fish farming  
Tree planting  
Vegetable growing  
Business skills training

**Community served:** Rural and urban youths, women and others around the Lakes.

**Geographical scope:** Busoga region - Uganda

**Resources available including publications:** Office  
Conference hall  
Computers, Telephone, email  
Land

**Support desired:** Transport facilities eg a Pick-up and 3 motor cycles, 10 bicycles, 1 more computer set, teaching Aid eg projector, Generator and some Funds to facilitate activities.

**Description of the lake you are conserving:** Lake Victoria covers the three East African Countries, that is Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania. The Lake Feeds about and millions people in Uganda on its resources and provide employment to about 2 million Ugandans in a way of Fishing, fish mongaring fish farming, Agriculture, Transport and trade. On Lake Kyoga this occupies about 1/8 of the Land in Kamuli District with similar activities as those on Lake Victoria. About 300,000 people in Kamuli District Derive their livelihood from this Lake.

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### **EcoVic Kenya Chapter**

P.O. Box 268, Homa-Bay, Kenya Email: [ecovickenya@yahoo.com](mailto:ecovickenya@yahoo.com)

**Contact Person:** Mrs. Mary Amwata

**Title:**

**Number of personnel working for the organization:**

**Stated objective of the organization:**

**Year when the organization was founded:**

**Membership:**

**Funding sources:**

**Area of focus:**

**Primary activities:**

**Community served:**

**Geographical scope:**

**Resources available including publications:**

**Support desired:**

**Description of the lake you are conserving:**

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### **Uhai Lake Forum**

P.O. Box 6022, Kisumu Kenya Tel: 057 41140

Email: [uhailake@yahoo.com](mailto:uhailake@yahoo.com)

**Contact Person:** Dr. Raphael Kpiyo Acholla

**Title:**

**Number of personnel working for the organization:**  
**Stated objective of the organization:** Conservation of Lake Victoria  
**Year when the organization was founded:**  
**Membership:**  
**Funding sources:**  
**Area of focus:** Lake Victoria catchment  
**Primary activities:**  
**Community served:**  
**Geographical scope:**  
**Resources available including publications:**  
**Support desired:**  
**Description of the lake you are conserving:** Lake Victoria

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**Lake Victoria Fisheries Organisation (LVFO)**

*P.O. Box 1625, Jinja—Uganda Tel: 256-43-120205/6  
Fax: 256-43 123123  
Email: lvfo-seo@lvfo.org*

**Contact Person:** Thomas Wanyika Maembe  
**Title:** Executive Secretary  
**Number of personnel working for the organization:**  
**Stated objective of the organization:**  
**Year when the organization was founded:**  
**Membership:**  
**Funding sources:**  
**Area of focus:**  
**Primary activities:**  
**Community served:**  
**Geographical scope:**  
**Resources available including publications:**  
**Support desired:**  
**Description of the lake you are conserving:**

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**ARCOS**

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**Contact Person:**  
**Title:**  
**Number of personnel working for the organization:**  
**Stated objective of the organization:**

**Year when the organization was founded:**  
**Membership:**  
**Funding sources:**  
**Area of focus:**  
**Primary activities:**  
**Community served:**  
**Geographical scope:**  
**Resources available including publications:**  
**Support desired:**  
**Description of the lake you are conserving:**

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### **ECOVIC UGANDA CHAPTER**

Email: [ecovicug@yahoo.com](mailto:ecovicug@yahoo.com)

**Contact Person:** Hannington Ogutu  
**Title:**  
**Number of personnel working for the organization:**  
**Stated objective of the organization:**  
**Year when the organization was founded:**  
**Membership:**  
**Funding sources:**  
**Area of focus:**  
**Primary activities:**  
**Community served:**  
**Geographical scope:**  
**Resources available including publications:**  
**Support desired:**  
**Description of the lake you are conserving:**

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### **FRIENDS OF LAKE NAKURU**

**Contact Person:**  
**Title:**  
**Number of personnel working for the organization:**  
**Stated objective of the organization:**  
**Year when the organization was founded:**  
**Membership:**  
**Funding sources:**  
**Area of focus:**  
**Primary activities:**  
**Community served:**  
**Geographical scope:**

**Resources available including publications:**  
**Support desired:**

**Description of the lake you are conserving:**

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**LAKE VICTORIA REGIONAL LOCAL AUTHORITIES COOPERATION  
(LVRLAC)**

Email: [lvrlac@infocom.co.ug](mailto:lvrlac@infocom.co.ug)

**Contact Person:**

**Title:**

**Number of personnel working for the organization:**

**Stated objective of the organization:**

**Year when the organization was founded:**

**Membership:**

**Funding sources:**

**Area of focus:**

**Primary activities:**

**Community served:**

**Geographical scope:**

**Resources available including publications:**

**Support desired:**

**Description of the lake you are conserving:** Lake Victoria

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**MUKONO MULTI-PURPOSE YOUTH ORGANISATION (MUMYO)**

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Fax: +256-41-290211

Email: [mumyo@avu.org](mailto:mumyo@avu.org)[www.mumyo.org](http://www.mumyo.org)

**Contact Person:**

Byansi Lawrence

**Title:**

Co-ordinator

**Number of personnel working for the organization:**

**Stated objective of the organization:**

**Year when the organization was founded:** 1982

**Membership:**

**Funding sources:**

**Area of focus:**

**Primary activities:**

**Community served:**

**Geographical scope:**

**Resources available including publications:**

**Support desired:**  
**Description of the lake you are conserving:**

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### **ECOVIC TANZANIA CHAPTER**

Email: ecovictz@yahoo.com

**Contact Person:** Kassim Kimela  
**Title:** Executive Chairman

**Number of personnel working for the organization:**

**Stated objective of the organization:** To promote information dissemination to the local communities  
To promote good health and sanitation in the lake basin  
To promote sustainable alternative income generating activities in the lake basin

**Year when the organization was founded:** 1999

**Membership:** CBOs, Local NGOs, Cooperative societies, Women Groups, & Youth Groups

**Funding sources:** Sida through forum Syd

**Area of focus:** Lake Victoria Basin

**Primary activities:** Transfer of based practices both at national and regional levels  
To address cross boarder fishing conflicts and resource management.  
Capacity building of riparian communities and member organisations  
Lobby and advocacy on several issues of concern to riparian communities.

**Community served:** Lake Victoria Riparian Community through (CBOs, NGOs, Cooperative societies, Chuirches, Schools, FisherFolks and Other institutions), both urban and rural that are enviromentally related involved in the end use of the resources of the Lake Victoria basin.

**Geographical scope:**

**Resources available including publications:**

**Support desired:**

**Description of the lake you are conserving:** Lake Victoria

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### **VICTORIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND POVERTY ERADICATION**

P.O. Box 6001, Mwanza Tanzania. Email: vepape2002tz@hotmail.com

**Contact Person:** Ismail Fazal  
**Title:** Chairman

**Number of personnel working for the organization:** 12 People

**Stated objective of the organization:** HIV /Aids  
Environmental and fight against poverty

**Year when the organization was founded:** 2003

**Membership:** 12 Members

**Funding sources:** Annual fees and kind donations from individuals  
**Area of focus:** Lake Victoria zone in Mwanza gulf  
**Primary activities:** Health status promotion  
Environmental conservation  
**Community served:** Farmers and FisherFolks, Women and Children  
**Geographical scope:** Lake zone  
**Resources available including publications:** Manpower, Technical skills  
**Support desired:** Working tools, Skills, Information sharing and communication  
**Description of the lake you are conserving:** Shared resource between Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania  
Largest fresh water in Africa

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#### **INTERNATION NEEDS TANZANIA**

P.O. Box 11547, Mwanza Tanzania Email: [empowering\\_lives@yahoo.com](mailto:empowering_lives@yahoo.com)

**Contact Person:** Kassim Kimela

**Title:**

**Number of personnel working for the organization:** 15 People

**Stated objective of the organization:** Conservation of environment, poverty alleviation and HIV/ AIDS

**Year when the organization was founded:** 1996

**Membership:** 30

**Funding sources:** CIDA Canada, Newzealand and from members subscription fees

**Area of focus:** Health, Environmental protection and HIV / AIDS

**Primary activities:** Health and Environmental Conservation.

**Community served:** Villagers more than 10,000 people.

**Geographical scope:** Works in Ilemela Districts particularly

**Resources available including publications:** Transport, Personnel and Buildings.

**Support desired:** Towards training in environmental conservation of the Lake and support in finances that will be used to contact more services / workshop.

**Description of the lake you are conserving:** Lake Victoria beaches in Ilemela District in Mwanza region

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#### **TANZANIA ASSOCIATION OF FISHERIES AND LAKE VICTORIA ENVIRONMENT CONSRVATION (TAFLEC)**

P.O. Box 6416, Mwanza Email: [taflec@yahoo.com](mailto:taflec@yahoo.com)

**Contact Person:** Amin Mikidadi

**Title:** Secretary General

**Number of personnel working for the organization:** 3 volunteers

**Stated objective of the organization:** Conservation of Lake Victoria Resources and proper utilization of the resources therein.

**Year when the organization was founded:** 1997  
**Membership:** 891 members  
**Funding sources:** Annual fees subscription and kind donations  
**Area of focus:** Fisheries advocacy, environmental conservation.  
**Primary activities:** Fisheries advocacy (prices for fishes), Fish breeding conservation, legal fishing method, HIV / AIDS awareness  
**Community served:** Fisherfolk  
**Geographical scope:** Lake zone (Mara Kagera Mwanza Region)  
**Resources available including publications:** Manpower potential from fishers and fisheries staff.  
**Support desired:** Training skills, Material needs and working tools  
**Description of the lake you are conserving:** Lake Victoria

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#### **INTERNATION NEEDS TANZANIA**

P.O. Box 11547, Mwanza Tanzania Email: empowering\_lives@yahoo.com

**Contact Person:** Kassim Kimela

**Title:**

**Number of personnel working for the organization:** 15 People

**Stated objective of the organization:** Conservation of environment, poverty alleviation and HIV / AIDS

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**Description of the lake you are conserving:** Lake Victoria beaches in Ilemela District in Mwanza region

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#### **QUALITY LIFE AND ENVIRONMENT DESTINY (QED)**

P.O. Box 6347, Mwanza Tanzania Tel: 0745/364147, 0748/412925, 0744/068068 Email: djbkiro@yahoo.com

**Contact Person:** Dennis J.B. Kiro (Mr.)

**Title:** Executive Chairman

**Number of personnel working for the organization:** 4 People  
**Stated objective of the organization:** Environmental conservation in Lake Victoria Basin,  
Control of HIV/AIDS and poverty alleviation.  
**Year when the organization was founded:** 2001  
**Membership:** 15  
**Funding sources:** Members contribution and Donors  
**Area of focus:** Environment, HIV / AIDS  
**Primary activities:** Afforestation in Ilemela District East of Lake Victoria  
HIV / AIDS awareness Training control and care of orphans  
**Community served:** Village and subvillage communities in Ilemera District of Mwanza  
(Tanzania).  
**Geographical scope:** Ilemera District Mwanza - Tanzania  
**Resources available including publications:** None  
**Support desired:** Funds, Capacity building, Training and equipment.  
  
**Description of the lake you are conserving:** Lake Victoria

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