

# Presentation

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# Lake Victoria: Experience and Lessons

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# Presentation plan



- Introducing Lake Victoria & its basin
- Introducing East African Community and Lake Victoria Basin Commission
- Processes and Experiences of LV management
- Lessons learnt
- Conclusion





# Transboundary Lake Governance



Drivers for establishment:

- Environmental; management, social and legal challenges (1990's realization)



# Lake Victoria Basin Commission (LVBC)



**Mandate:** Sustainable Development and Management of Lake Victoria & its Catchment (as defined in 14 areas of cooperation- agreements)

**Focus:** economic growth; eradicating poverty & Protection of the environment (sustainable development)

**Legal status:** Treaty for establishment of EAC, Protocol for Sustainable development of LVB & LVBC Act (2009)

**Funding:** Recurrent- (Countries); Development (Partners and Countries)



# Trends Leading to Holistic Approach



<b>years</b>	<b>Population (LVB)</b>	<b>Management form</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>&lt;1950</b>	<b>&lt;5 m</b>	<b>Traditional guided by taboos and norms</b>	<b>Pristine</b>
<b>1950-1980</b>	<b>&lt;20m</b>	<b>National governments - general laws</b>	<b>Reduced pristine status</b>
<b>1980-2000</b>	<b>&lt;33m</b>	<b>National Governments Environment laws &amp; regulations</b>	<b>Eutrophication- near inshore; invasive weeds</b>
<b>2000-date</b>	<b>&lt;40m</b>	<b>Regional and National governments</b>	<b>Eutrophication near inshore</b>





# LV Environmental quality decline- impact



## Economic threat to the countries:

- fishery (Nile perch to dagaa)
- Water supply (treatment costs)
- Hydropower (weeds chocking turbines)
- Lake transport (ports/landing sites cutoff)
- Biodiversity (species disappearance)

**No individual country approach could provide a holistic solution**



# Mover to Holistic approach



- Designation of LVB- economic growth zone
- Legal and institutional frameworks
- Vision & comprehensive dev framework
- Partnerships
  - Joint projects and programs
  - Joint M&E
  - Annual Stakeholder foras



# Has holistic approach worked?



## Resource mobilization for regional projects 14 areas

- LVEMP II worth USD 252m finally concluded; effective July 09
- MERECP(\$4.5 m ), the degraded ecosystem has started recovery
- LVWATSAN (\$20m)- 9 towns in three countries and 15 towns in 2<sup>nd</sup> phase (\$50 m, AfDB)
- LV Communication Infrastructure (Private sector undertaking) \$35m construction will be completed July 2009
- CSO and CBO initiated projects based on the Vision & SFW

Awareness of communities and other publics high and hence ownerships of projects