

**Pollution Control and other Measures to Protect Biodiversity in Lake  
Tanganyika  
(RAF/92/G32)**

***MINUTES OF THE SEVENTH MEETING OF THE REGIONAL STEERING  
COMMITTEE***

**Nairobi, 13 July 2000**

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**Summary of the Main Conclusions and Recommendations**

1. Minutes of SCM6 to be adopted with corrections.
2. It was agreed that all delegations would go home with the list of project documents and report any omissions to the PCU.
3. The Committee accepted the Progress Report submitted by the Project Co-ordinator
4. The following recommendations were made regarding the next steps for the convention

The Regional Steering Committee:

**CONSIDERING** the excellent work done by representatives of the four riparian countries with a view to reaching consensus on a draft Convention for the Sustainable Management of Lake Tanganyika;

**CONVINCED** that an agreement between the four riparian countries is essential to provide a secure foundation for close co-operation for the sustainable management of Lake Tanganyika and the implementation of the Strategic Action Programme;

**FURTHER CONSIDERING** that the Convention will establish an appropriate institutional framework for long term regional co-operation that enhance the benefits from the Lake for each of the riparian states;

**HAVING DIRECTED** the National Co-ordinators to forward the document entitled "Convention on the Sustainable Management of Lake Tanganyika: Draft Text and Commentary" to their Governments;

**RECOMMENDS:**

- 1 that the Governments of the four riparian countries take necessary measures to carry out national and regional consultation with a view to finalising the Convention; and
- 2 that the Global Environment Facility considers supporting this process through the provision of the requested Project Preparation and Development Facility Block C Grant.

5. **All delegations adopted the Strategic Action Programme** and Tanzania and Zambia signed the document. Delegations from Burundi and Congo undertook to obtain the necessary signatures on the document in time for the presentation of the PDF proposal to GEF on 27 July 2000.

## 1. Introduction

The following minutes are a summary of the issues that were discussed and decisions taken and not a verbatim record of the meeting. All comments on a particular agenda item are therefore, wherever possible, grouped together, regardless of when the comments were made during the course of the meeting.

## 2. Venue

The Seventh Regional Steering Committee Meeting took place at the Safari Park Hotel in Nairobi, Kenya on Thursday 13 July 2000. The complete list of participants is given in Appendix 1, together with a list of documents tabled at the meeting in Appendix 2.

## 3. Welcome

The Project Co-ordinator (PC) introduced the meeting and thanked all participants for coming to this the final meeting of the Regional Steering Committee to be held under the auspices of the Lake Tanganyika Biodiversity Project (LTBP) and noted that once again that they were fortunate to have in attendance Mr George W. Ssentongo from FAO's Sub-Regional office for Southern and Eastern Africa, and Secretary to the CIFA Sub-Committee for Lake Tanganyika.

## 4. Selection of Chairperson

In accordance with the accepted rotation of the Chair, Tanzania proposed that Burundi chair the current meeting. This was seconded by Zambia and accepted by the other two delegations. Mr Jérôme Karimumuryango, Director General of the National Institute for Environment and Conservation of Nature (INECN) and Head the Burundi delegation was duly elected as Chairperson for the meeting.

## 5. Proceedings

### **5.1 *Item 2: Welcome by Chairperson***

5. Mr Jérôme Karimumuryango thanked the participants for having elected him as Chairperson and welcomed all delegates to the Seventh Meeting of the Regional Steering Committee, which he declared formally open.

### **5.2 *Item 3: Review and adoption of agenda***

6. The Chairperson presented a 10 item provisional agenda. This was amended slightly in Item 10 which changed from "Dissolution of the Regional Steering Committee and Closure" into "Closure of SMC7". It was pointed out by the representative from UNOPS, Mr Schuetz-Mueller, that although the NRI consortium completed its contractual obligations on 31 July 2000, and hence the PCU would disband. UNOPS would continue to assist the countries in carrying the project forward and therefore there was no need to dissolve the RSC.

7. The delegation from Zambia sought clarification on Item 8 "Presentation for signature of the SAP" and asked whether it would not be better to first examine

the document before signing it. Moreover, they enquired why the same process had not been followed for the Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis (TDA) document before dealing with the SAP.

8. The Chairman responded that, as a matter of fact, it is logically most suitable to examine a document before signing it, but that in the case of the SAP, the document had been distributed long before the meeting to all delegations, and therefore expected everybody to have read and examined it.
9. The PC noted that the translation of the final TDA document had not yet been completed and thus was not available for distribution at the meeting. He further noted that the TDA was just largely a technical document on which the SAP was based and that for this reason, it had been considered more important to have the SAP ready for adoption and signature first.
10. Burundi praised the spirit of collaboration that had marked the presentation of the day before, citing Mr Schuetz-Mueller who had declared that this was a lake uniting countries rather than separating them. Therefore, he expected if this continues, the schedule for the SCM and TPR meeting to follow could be finished in the same day rather than spreading it over two days as proposed. DR Congo supported the proposition, Zambia and Tanzania also agreed with the proposition.
11. The Agenda was finally agreed as follows:

ITEM

- 1 Opening of the meeting and selection of chairperson
- 2 Welcome from Chairperson
- 3 Review and adoption of agenda
- 4 Confirmation of minutes of 6<sup>th</sup> SCM
- 5 Matters arising from minutes of 6<sup>th</sup> SCM
- 6 Project Progress
- 7 Hand-over of draft Convention and agreement on next steps
- 8 Presentation for signature of the Strategic Action Programme (SAP)
- 9 AOB
- 10 Closure of 7<sup>th</sup> SCM

**5.3 Item 4: Confirmation of minutes of the Sixth Regional Steering Committee Meeting held in Lusaka on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of May 2000.**

The following amendments/corrections were made to the minutes:

12. On page 1, point 6 of Recommendations, Burundi enquired whether it had not forgotten to include in the Draft Convention the formation of a Pollution Technical Committee as agreed in Lusaka. The PC explained that its inclusion awaited the next drafting of the Convention. Congo noted that the directive from the previous

meeting of the Steering Committee was highlighted on page 21, art. 27 of the Commentary to the Draft Convention.

13. In Appendix 1 "List of Participants", The following errors were noted: Mwungo had to be Mwango, and Mr Zulu had to change into Ms Zulu.
14. In Appendix 3 "Zambia Welcome Speech" para. 5 point 1, Zambia noted that it should read one million and in para 7, line 2, it should read "regional co-operation" instead of "regional Cupertino".
15. Tanzania noted that the minutes did not mention their statement made in Lusaka. The PC responded that as far as he recalled, Tanzania had not made any formal request for a written statement, but had expressed some views that had been included in the general text.
16. With these amendments/corrections, the Chairman declared the Minutes of SCM6 to be adopted.

#### **5.4 Item 5: Matters arising from minutes of 6<sup>th</sup> SCM**

17. The Project Co-ordinator, Dr Andrew Menz, presented the documents, SCM7/4.1 "Summary of Progress on Principal Resolutions of SCM6" and SCM7.4 "Minutes of SCM6".
18. On point No 14 of Principal Resolutions stating that "It was agreed that all project data should be on the web site and in the public domain", it was noted that this had been done.
19. On para. 19 of SCM6 Minutes dealing with Pollution Special Study, Zambia raised their concern whether the special study had been expanded as requested in Lusaka and whether the report could now be distributed. Moreover, the results for Zambia remained unknown to them so far and they felt that without the Zambian contribution the study would not be comprehensive. Zambia added that the Department of Fisheries has no mandate and no skills to look after environmental issues, but that this was the responsibility of the Ministry for Environment.
20. The PC assured them that although the report had been delayed, it was now ready but still under translation. He explained that as the presentation of the day before had demonstrated, the report was quite comprehensive, including all types of pollutants and that it included full results from the Zambian sector indicating that pollution in Zambia was less of a problem than in the other riparian countries. Concerning the institutional affiliation for pollution study, the PC explained that although DoF had carried out sampling activities on the lakeshore for the pollution study, Environmental Council for Zambia (ECZ) had been the lead organisation in this project since its inception, and for the first three years, the pollution co-

ordinator for Zambia was a staff member of ECZ. He also stressed that DoF staff did indeed have the necessary skills as they had been taught these early on in the project. Nevertheless, he noted that for any future work in the field of pollution in Zambia, individuals and institutions should be most carefully selected.

21. In response to recommendation No 9 and paras. 46-55 of the Minutes regarding the future project headquarters Burundi presented an official statement from their government, the original text of which can be found in Appendix 3 of these minutes. The statement was as follows:

"- *Your Excellency,*  
- *Ladies and Gentlemen from delegations of DRC, Tanzania, Zambia and Burundi,*  
- *Ladies and Gentlemen from Donor Bodies,*  
- *Ladies and Gentlemen from International Organisations,*  
- *Distinguished Delegates,*  
- *Ladies and Gentlemen,*

*It is with much pleasure that my country, Burundi, received invitation to participate in the present donor meeting held in Nairobi for Lake Tanganyika Biodiversity Project. The Burundi delegations extends their warm thanks to the organisers of the present round table and to all personalities and organisations which responded to their invitation.*

*The interest of Burundi in this project is obvious for different reasons:*

*Firstly ;*  
*Burundi is one of the main originators of this project ;*

*Let us remember that Lake Tanganyika Biodiversity Project is one of the steps of the process initiated in Bujumbura during the conference held in the capital of my country in 1991. It is during this conference that riparian countries and members of the international community became aware of the need to preserve the incommensurable richness of the lake.*

*Secondly ;*  
*Among the four riparian countries, Burundi is the only one with her capital city established on the lakeshore; and among all cities established on the lakeshore, Bujumbura is the most populated and the most productive of domestic and industrial waste dumped into the lake.*

*Bujumbura being situated in the upstream of the lake, pollution of this lake by the town is therefore a serious threat for the biodiversity of Lake Tanganyika. This was highlighted in the video cassette that was shown to us and in the presentation on the pollution special study.*

*Thirdly ;*  
*The state of poverty for riparian populations is a major concern for Burundi. The poverty seriously threatens the biodiversity of the lake that Burundi has to protect as a priority. Images seen and comments heard in the video cassette sufficiently emphasised on this factor of poverty. The socio-economic special study carried out in the four riparian countries confirms this, if we refer to the presentation from Mrs Oda Sindayizeruka that we have just listened to.*

*Fourthly ;*  
*Lake Tanganyika is a major mean of transportation both for Burundi and other riparian countries.*

*Ladies and Gentlemen,*

*The interest expressed by Burundi in Lake Tanganyika Biodiversity Project justifies our expectations concerning the implementation of this regional project. For my country, the struggle against poverty and ignorance should be one of the priorities of the Project as the factors constitute the biggest threat to the biodiversity of the lake.*

*Biodiversity of Lake Tanganyika will only be safeguarded by consistent and continuous development projects that will take into account and associate decision makers and the population at all levels their diverse socio-economic activities.*

*This biodiversity will be protected if the project gives institutional support planned in the way of strengthening and sustaining necessary human and material resources in the short, medium and long term. These development projects and institutional support will constitute a sure and solid basis for Environmental Education, Training and Research.*

*Ladies and Gentlemen,*

*In order for these expectations to become reality, support from donors is most necessary. We are thankful to donors for the financial support already made, particularly to the Global Environmental Fund (GEF) and to the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).*

*Burundi remains convinced that all donors would mobilise their efforts to finance Lake Biodiversity Project in the short, medium and long term, as this lake has an invaluable biodiversity richness and is of regional and global interest that no longer needs demonstrating.*

*The steps already made and the results already achieved by Lake Tanganyika Biodiversity Project deserve to be pursued and consolidated in the framework of sustainable development of riparian populations.*

*Ladies and Gentlemen,*

*The initiative for this Project was born in Bujumbura; In this process, Burundi played and continues to play a key role.*

*In the framework of Lake Tanganyika Biodiversity Project, Burundi will continue to avail its human resources, infrastructure and other necessary resources for an effective and sustainable protection of biodiversity in the lake.*

*Having been one of the major originators of the project, Burundi is and will remain one of the main key players in the implementation of the project.*

*Long live Lake Tanganyika Biodiversity Project! Long live Regional and International co-operation! Thank you."*

22. Also on point No 10 of Principles Resolutions with particular reference to para. 54 of the Minutes, relating Zambia also made the following formal statement the original text of which is given in Appendix 4 of these minutes :

*"In the spirit of the Africa brotherhood, Zambia would like to endorse Tanzania as the host for the Planning and Support Unit during the bridging Phase. In giving our support to Tanzania, we have considered the issue of logistical advantage that Tanzania has by virtue of her currently hosting the PCU. Zambia believes that relocating the equipment at this point in time would unnecessarily disrupt a smooth transition and affect early commencement of the bridging phase.*

*It is in our considered view , therefore, that we decided not to pursue further the interest in hosting the PSU we expressed during the last Steering Committee, as reflected in §54 of the minutes. This position has been signified by our endorsement of the PDF-C proposal that explicitly designated Dar es Salaam as the seat of the Unit. We take this opportunity to congratulate our brothers from Tanzania on this and we wish them all the success.*

*However, we would like to categorically state that our support in this matter does not, in any way, mean that Zambia has abrogated her right to vie for hosting of regional co-ordination institutions after the bridging phase. We have not heard of any convincing reason, whatsoever, as to the reason why Zambia should not be given the due consideration she deserves in hosting these institutions. Thank you".*

#### **5.5 Item no 6: Project Progress**

23. The PC presented Document SCM7/5 "Summary of Project Progress – May to June 2000." Appendix 5 of these minutes. He commented on points relating to station closures; equipment and inventories; video/posters that will be distributed soon to as many stakeholders as possible to publicise this project and future interventions; the projects website now in both French and English the contents of which will be put on CD-ROMs once all reports have been translated. He thanked the facilitators for their contributions and updated the Committee on the PDF-C proposal; each of the special studies, the Strategic Action Programme and the Convention.
24. The PC distributed the list of LTBP documents published so far for the information of the Committee. He reported that the final summary reports of each of the project components were complete and being translated. The whole package would then be being prepared in both languages and would then be copied, bound and distributed as soon as possible.
25. Zambia noted that there appeared to be some technical documents missing from the list. It was agreed that all delegations would go home with the list, examine it carefully, and transmit their comments to the PCU.
26. The Committee accepted the Progress Report.

#### **5.6 Item no 7: Hand-over of draft Convention & agreement on next steps.**

27. The PC presented the Document "Convention on the Sustainable Management of Lake Tanganyika: Draft Text and Commentary July 2000" He explained that the document comprised two parts: the first part was Version 4 of the Draft Convention itself as agreed at the final regional drafting workshop. The second part was a detailed commentary to provide all the necessary technical background required to facilitate rapid progress toward finalisation. He pointed out that the Commentary also makes reference to all the substantive comments received from parties within and outwith the region that have commented on the draft.
28. The PC suggested that with regard to the next steps toward eventual finalisation, signing and ratification of the Convention it would be beneficial if the Steering Committee were to issue a clear statement regarding the way forward to augment

what had already been agreed at the last meeting of the Steering Committee and thereby send a strong signal of intent to GEF. A suggested text was distributed titled. "Proposed resolution from the Regional Steering Committee regarding next steps for the Legal Convention".

29. All delegations suggested that the text be reformulated for content and linguistic nuances and then harmonisation in both languages. Hence a team formed by one member of each delegation was designated to prepare a new formulation of the document, taking into account the various comments from delegations.
30. These various comments made can be summarised as follows: 1) it is not necessary to specifically mention two and a half year period because we are dealing with the full 5 years of the project; 2) this is not a resolution but a recommendation; 3) the resolution appears to be ordering the governments to take certain actions and this is not appropriate, 4) it should indicate that national planning units be given enough resources to effectively carry out their job.
31. Zambia suggested to include emphasis on the regional aspects in this recommendation and this was accepted.
32. The designated team members who would sit down and work with the PC were Mr Bihamiriza (Burundi), Amb. Mapango Kemishanga (DR Congo), Ms Msham (Tanzania) and Mr Chitalu (Zambia).
33. A revised text was presented to the Committee and after further amendments a final recommendation was agreed as follows:

**Recommendation of the Seventh meeting of the Regional Steering Committee regarding the next steps for the progress of the Draft Convention for the Sustainable Management of Lake Tanganyika.**

The Regional Steering Committee:

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**RECOMMENDS:**

- 3 that the Governments of the four riparian countries take necessary measures to carry out national and regional consultation with a view to finalising the Convention; and
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**5.7 Item no 8: Presentation for signature of the Strategic Action Programme**

34. The PC gave a short background to steps realised so far and told participants that the signing of the SAP would be a further unequivocal demonstration of the countries commitment to the process. in the process by signing the appropriate page of the document that had been distributed to all delegations well before.
35. Not all delegations had authorisation from their governments to sign the SAP at the meeting.
36. The heads of delegations from Tanzania and Zambia had received the necessary authorisation and duly signed the SAP.
37. The delegations from Burundi and DR Congo said that they were happy to adopt the document but that formal signature would have to be sought on their return to their respective countries. They believed there would be no problem with this and undertook to send a signed copy of the SAP to the PCU in sufficient time such that the SAP signed by all four countries together with the minutes of this meeting could be forwarded to GEF before they met to consider the PDF proposal on 27 July, 2000.

**5.8 Item 9: AOB**

38. No other business was raised by participants.

**5.9 Item no 10: Closure of 7<sup>th</sup> SCM**

39. The meeting was not formally closed until 17:45 owing to the need await presentation of the final recommendation concerning the Convention. In the meantime progress was made with the TPR agenda.

**APPENDIX 1:  
LIST OF PARTICIPANTS**

**BURUNDI**

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| 1. Mr Jérôme Karimumuryango | Coordinateur National, Directeur Général INECN     |
| 2. Mr Boniface Nyakageni    | Conseiller au MINATE                               |
| 3. Mr Benoît Bihamiriza     | Directeur, Dép. Affaires Juridiques et Contentieux |
| 4. Mr Ferdinand Nderagakura | Directeur de l'Environnement, MINATE               |
| 5. Mr Gabriel Hakizimana    | INECN  |

**DR CONGO**

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| 6. Mr Mbusu Ngamani        | Secrétaire Général, Ministère de l'Environnement   |
| 7. Mr Mady Amule           | Coordinateur National, Directeur, Min. de l'Env.   |
| 8. Dr Nshombo Mudherwa     | Directeur General du CRH-UVIRA                     |
| 9. Amb. Mapango Kemishanga | Directeur, Dép. Affaires Juridiques et Contentieux |

**TANZANIA**

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| 10. Mr Eric Mugurusi  | Director, Division of Env., Vice President's Office |
| 11. Ms Anna Mayawalla | Principal Planning Officer, Planning Commission     |
| 12. Mr W.V. Haule     | Assistant Director, Fisheries Division              |
| 13. Ms Hawa Msham     | Assistant National Co-ordinator, Division of Env.   |

**ZAMBIA**

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| 14. Mr Luanda Aongola            | Director of Planning, Min of Env and Natural Resources |
| 15. Mr George Munshimbwe Chitalu | Assistant National Co-ordinator, ECZ/LTBP              |
| 16. Mr S.Y. Nsongela             | Senior Inspector, EIA, ECZ.                            |
| 17. Ms Maureen Nsomi             | Senior Scientist, NISIR                                |

**NRI**

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| 18. Mr Nicholas Hodgson | SAP Facilitator                      |
| 19. David Silverside    | Finance Manager                      |
| 20. Dr Graeme Patterson | Sediments Special Study Co-ordinator |
| 21. Mr Richard Paley    | MRAG representative                  |

**UNDP**

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| 22. Mr Louis Nduwimana  | Environmental Programme Officer, Burundi             |
| 23. Ms Winnie Musonda   | Sustainable Dev Adviser for Env/GEF Projects, Zambia |
| 24. Mr Silvester Sisila | Ass Res Rep, Env and Natural Resources, Tanzania     |
| 25. Ms Deborah Kahatano | Programme Officer, Env/GEF, Tanzania                 |

**UNOPS**

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| 26. Mr Ingolf Schuetz-Mueller | Senior Environment Adviser |
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**PCU**

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| 26. Dr Andrew Menz            | Project Co-ordinator                      |
| 27. Dr Kelly West             | Scientific Liaison Officer                |
| 28. Mr Pierre-Claver Nzimpora | Rapporteur                                |
| 29. Mr Ritesh Bhandari        | Project Assistant/Conference Co-ordinator |
| 30. Mr Mamert Maboneza        | Conference Secretary/Administration       |

**INVITED GUEST**

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| 31. Mr George W. Ssentongo | FAO Sec. CIFA Sub-Committee for Lake Tanganyika |
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**APPENDIX 2. LIST OF DOCUMENTS**

1. SCM7/1 List of documents
2. SCM7/2 Schedule
3. SCM7/3 Provisional agenda
4. SCM7/4 Minutes of Sixth meeting of Regional Steering Committee
5. SCM7/4.1 Summary of Progress on Principle resolutions of SCM6
6. SCM7/5 Project Progress Report – May 2000 to June 2000
7. SCM7/6 List of Participants
8. SCM7/7 Travel Itineraries

**Additional Documents in folder not listed above**

9. Convention on the Sustainable Management of Lake Tanganyika: Draft Text and Commentary July 2000
10. The Strategic Action Programme for the Sustainable Management of Lake Tanganyika July 2000
11. LTBP List of Documents

**APPENDIX 3: INTERVENTION DU CHEF DE LA DELEGATION DU BURUNDI A LA REUNION DES BAILLEURS DE FONDS ORGANISEE A NAIROBI LE 13 JUILLET 2000 POUR LE PROJET SUR LA BIODIVERSITE DU LAC TANGANYIKA**

- Excellence,
- Mesdames et Messieurs les membres des délégations de la RDC, de la Tanzanie, de la Zambie et du Burundi,
- Mesdames et Messieurs Représentant les Donateurs et Bailleurs de Fonds,
- Mesdames et Messieurs Représentant les Organisations Internationales,
- Distingués Invités,
- Mesdames et Messieurs,

C'est avec plaisir que mon pays, le Burundi, a reçu l'invitation de participer à la présente réunion des bailleurs de fonds organisée à Nairobi pour le Projet sur la Biodiversité du Lac Tanganyika. La délégation du Burundi exprime ses vifs remerciements aux organisateurs de cette table ronde des bailleurs de fonds et à toutes les personnalités et organismes qui ont répondu à leur invitation.

L'intérêt du Burundi pour ce projet régional est évident pour plusieurs motifs :

Premièrement:

Le Burundi est l'un des principaux initiateurs dudit projet ;

Rappelons-nous que le Projet sur la Biodiversité du Lac Tanganyika constitue une des étapes du Processus initié à Bujumbura lors de la conférence tenue dans la capitale de mon pays en 1991. ; c'est au cours de cette conférence que les pays riverains du Lac Tanganyika et la Communauté Internationale ont pris conscience de la nécessité de préserver la richesse incommensurable du Lac.

Deuxièmement:

Parmi les quatre pays riverains du Lac, le Burundi est le seul à avoir sa capitale au bord du Lac ; et parmi toutes les villes situées sur le Lac, Bujumbura est la ville la plus peuplée et la plus productrice de déchets ménagers et industriels rejetés dans le Lac.

Bujumbura étant situé en amont du Lac, la pollution de ce Lac par la capitale du Burundi est alors une menace sérieuse pour la Biodiversité du Lac Tanganyika. Ceci a été mis en évidence dans la cassette vidéo qui nous a été présentée et dans l'exposé sur l'Etude Spéciale de Pollution.

Troisièmement ;

La pauvreté des populations riveraines du lac reste une préoccupation majeure pour le Burundi. Cette pauvreté menace sérieusement la Biodiversité du Lac dont la protection est une priorité pour le Burundi. Les images que nous avons vues et les commentaires entendus dans la cassette vidéo ont suffisamment insisté sur ce facteur de pauvreté. L'étude spéciale socioéconomique menée dans les quatre pays riverains le confirme, d'après l'exposé de Madame Oda Sindayizeruka que nous venons d'écouter.

Quatrièmement ;

Le lac Tanganyika est une voie de communication importante aussi bien pour le Burundi que pour les autres pays riverains du lac.

Mesdames et Messieurs,

Cet intérêt que le Burundi a pour le projet sur la Biodiversité du lac Tanganyika justifie ses attentes dans la mise en œuvre de ce projet régional. Pour mon Pays, la lutte contre la pauvreté et l'ignorance devrait être une des priorités du Projet car les deux facteurs constituent la plus grande menace qui pèse sur la Biodiversité du lac.

C'est par des projets de développement consistants et continus qui prendront en compte et associeront les décideurs et toutes les couches de la population dans la diversité de leurs activités socioéconomiques que la Biodiversité du Lac Tanganyika sera sauvegardée.

Cette biodiversité sera protégée si le projet apporte un appui institutionnel pensé dans le sens de renforcer et pérenniser les ressources humaines et les moyens matériels nécessaires, dans le court, moyen et long terme. Ces Projets de développement et cet Appui Institutionnel constitueront une base solide sûre pour l'Education Environnementale, la Formation et la Recherche.

Mesdames, Messieurs,

Pour que toutes ces attentes soient réalités, la contribution des bailleurs de fonds est nécessaire. Nous remercions les bailleurs de fonds pour l'Appui financier déjà apporté, en particulier le Fonds pour l'Environnement Mondial (GEF) et la Programme des Nations unies pour le Développement (PNUD).

Dans le Lac Tanganyika, d'une richesse en Biodiversité inestimable, et d'un intérêt régional et mondial qui n'est plus à démontrer, le Burundi reste convaincu que tous les bailleurs de fonds et donateurs vont se mobiliser pour financer le Projet sur la biodiversité du lac Tanganyika, dans le court, moyen et long terme.

Les étapes déjà franchies et les résultats déjà atteints par le Projet sur la Biodiversité du Lac Tanganyika méritent d'être poursuivis et consolidés dans le cadre d'un développement durable des populations riveraines du lac.

Mesdames, Messieurs,

C'est à Bujumbura qu'est née l'initiative du Projet. Dans ce processus, le Burundi a joué et continue à jouer un grand rôle.

Pour le Projet sur la Biodiversité du Lac Tanganyika, le Burundi continuera à disponibiliser ses ressources humaines, ses infrastructures et tous les autres moyens nécessaires pour une protection effective et pérenne de la Biodiversité du Lac.

Ayant été un des principaux initiateurs du projet, le Burundi est, et restera un des principaux acteurs dans la mise en œuvre du projet.

Vive la Biodiversité du Lac Tanganyika ! Vive la coopération régionale et internationale !

Je vous remercie.

#### **APPENDIX 4: DECLARATION BY ZAMBIA ON THE HOSTING OF REGIONAL CO-ORDINATION OFFICES**

In the spirit of the Africa brotherhood, Zambia would like to endorse Tanzania as the host for the Planning and Support Unit during the bridging Phase. In giving our support to Tanzania, we have considered the issue of logistical advantage that Tanzania has by virtue of her currently hosting the PCU. Zambia believes that relocating the equipment at this point in time would unnecessarily disrupt a smooth transition and affect early commencement of the bridging phase.

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## **APPENDIX 5:**

### **Summary of project progress. May 2000 – June 2000.**

#### **Introduction.**

The project will soon be over. Hence during the short period covered by this report the principal activities have been the finalisation of reports, the closing down of field stations, preparations for the final meetings to be held in Nairobi in mid July and preparations for the closure of the project's two main offices in Dar es Salaam and Bujumbura. In addition considerable effort has been invested in ensuring that the follow on PDF project is as well established as possible before the current team disbands.

A video of the lake and posters have been produced to help raise further awareness of the lake and the threats to it; to draw attention to this project's achievements and to promote future activities on the lake.

Two final reports dealing with project implementation performance and outputs have been produced, the first is the draft of a Final Evaluation Report, based on the final Evaluation mission that visited the region in May and the second is the UNDP Terminal Report.

#### **Key Events.**

More detail is contained in the final Quarterly Progress Report number 17.

### **Project Co-ordination Unit & NRI**

#### **Regional Steering Committee**

The Sixth Regional Steering Committee Meeting took place in Lusaka, Zambia on 4-5 May 2000. Delegates from the four countries, UNDP, UNOPS, GEF, FAO, NRI attended. Detailed minutes of the meeting have been circulated. At the meeting the TDA and draft convention were approved and the PDF proposal modified and approved. Subsequently it was agreed that the one year Planning Support Unit envisaged under the PDF would be based in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

#### **Evaluation mission**

The final project evaluation took place between April 28 and May 26, 2000. Two consultants undertook the evaluation; they were: Mr Lothar Gündling who dealt exclusively with the legal and institutional component of the project and the Team leader, Stanislaw Manikowski who dealt with all other project components. After comments from GEF the draft report was delivered to the region on 3 July 2000.

#### **Station closures**

The project office housed in the Department of Fisheries Offices in Mpulungu, Zambia was closed down at the end of May 2000. The project would like to record its gratitude to Mr Mwape Officer in Charge at the DoF Mpulungu and his staff for the support given to the office and its staff. Mr Clement Mwelwa, Project Support Officer in Mpulungu, completed his contract in June 2000 and the Project would like to extend its thanks for his contribution.

The project office housed in the Tanzanian Fisheries Research Institute (TAFIRI) offices in Kigoma, Tanzania was closed down at the end of June 2000. The project would like to record its gratitude to Mr Chitamwebwa, Officer in Charge at TAFIRI Kigoma and his staff for the support given to the office. Mr James Bahati Barongo, Project Support Officer in Kigoma, completed his contract on 7 July 2000. The PCU would like to extend its most sincere gratitude for his outstanding contribution to the success of the project.

The project offices in Dar es Salaam and Bujumbura will be closed down by the Project Co-ordinator and Scientific Liaison Officer respectively at the end of July 2000. The PCU would like to take this opportunity to extend its most sincere gratitude for the outstanding contributions made by the staff in those offices to the success of the project.

They are:

Dar es Salaam

Ms Maria Hiza – Secretary and Administrative Assistant

Mr Ritesh Bhandari– Assistant to the Project Co-ordinator

Mr Christopher Rweyendela – Accountant

Bujumbura

Mr Mamert Maboneza, Project Support Officer

Mr Pierre-Claver Nzimpora – Translator

### **Equipment and inventories**

Inventories of project equipment have been updated and signed over for safe keeping to the institutes where the majority of equipment is housed until a decision on its final allocation is made at the final Tripartite Review.

### **Video/Posters**

LTBP hosted a team of film-makers from Nairobi who have since produced a video on the riches of and threats to Lake Tanganyika. They carried out filming in lake shore areas of all four countries from 7 June to 18 June.

Project Posters have been produced that together with the video will draw attention to the lake; to the results and achievements of this project and help promote future interventions on the lake.

### **Website**

The French interface for the LTBP website ([www.ltbp.org](http://www.ltbp.org)) was released.

As they become available all final reports are being made available on the website

Sample copies of the website on CD have been produced for the final meetings in Nairobi. Full production and wide distribution of the website on CD will await receipt and translation of all reports, due by mid-July.

### **Facilitators**

We are grateful for the efforts of all the facilitators who contributed to the project: Olivier Drieu (Sedimentation and Industrial Pollution), Robert Lindley (Fishing Practices), Richard Paley (Biodiversity), Karen Zwick (Socio-Economics) and Jean Paul Ledant (SAP). They all finished their contracts with LTBP during this quarter.

### **PDF proposal**

The proposal for a Project Development Facility Block C Grant to cover detailed project development, was revised at the SAP workshop in May and finally at the 6<sup>th</sup> SCM. This included minor changes to staffing with a reduced core planning team of 5 members, and increased funding for national support.

Subsequently it was agreed that the PSU would be based in Dar es Salaam for its one year duration.

### **Biodiversity**

Final updating of databases completed

Data analysis and final reports completed

Richard Paley, Biodiversity Facilitator completes contract

Presentation of results at final wrap-up meeting.

### **Pollution**

The industrial pollution inventory, database and reports were finalised.

All pollution technical reports completed and posted on the project Website.

Completion of final report on future Pollution monitoring programme

Preparation for presentation of results to country delegations and donors in Nairobi, July 2000.

### **Sedimentation**

Completion of final analysis and retrieval of equipment from some field stations.

Completion of final country reports.

Completion of final summary report.

Olivier Drieu, Sedimentation regional Facilitator completes contract.

Preparation for presentation of results to country delegations and donors in Nairobi, July 2000.

### **Fishing Practices**

Final reports have been completed,

Mr Robert Lindley, Fishing Practices Facilitator has completed his contract.

Preparations for presentation of results to country delegations and donors in Nairobi, July 2000.

### **Socio-economics**

All staff contracts have terminated; national teams have completed their country programmes and submitted reports. The SESS Facilitator's contract has been completed

Final reports have been completed

Preparation for presentation of results to country delegations and donors in Nairobi, July 2000

### **Training and Environmental Education**

National teams have completed their work for Training, Education and Communications (TEC) programmes.

Completion of Final reports

Preparation for presentation of results to country delegations and donors in Nairobi, July 2000.

### **Legal component**

The draft convention was presented to the 6th meeting of the Regional Steering Committee together with recommendations on the way forward. The draft was approved by the SCM and next steps agreed.

Preparation of detailed commentary on each of the convention articles prepared.

Convention, Commentary and comments received from various sources bound for presentation to final SCM.

### **Geographic Information System.**

Most outputs were completed last quarter.

Addition of some data sets

Handover of PC & metadatabase awaits decision at final Tripartite Review.

### **Strategic Action Programme**

The final SAP drafting workshop took place in Lusaka from 1 May to 3 May, and was immediately followed by the Steering Committee Meeting, at which the conclusions of both the SAP and the TDA were presented and approved.

The final TDA report was modified following the final TDA workshop, and subsequently completed following the final agreement on the priority of pollution as discussed at the final SAP workshop

The final SAP report “The First Strategic Action Programme for the Sustainable Management of Lake Tanganyika - July 2000” has been completed and will be presented for endorsement at the final SCM meeting.