

LAKIMO

LAKE KYOGA INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT ORGANISATION

LAKE KYOGA MANAGEMENT PLAN

2003/04 – 2005/06

SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

The Lake Kyoga Integrated Management Organisation (LAKIMO) was formed in March 2004 by the ten districts bordering Lake Kyoga, Soroti, Katakwi, Kaberamaido, Kumi, Pallisa, Kamuli, Kayunga, Nakasongola, Apac and Lira, 192 community-based Beach Management Units (BMUs) and representatives of key national agencies.

The Lake Kyoga Management Plan (LKMP) is the operational plan for LAKIMO. The plan reflects the priorities of Government, articulated in the Poverty Eradication Action Plan, National Fisheries Policy (2004), National Environment Statute (1995) and the Plan for the Modernisation of Agriculture.

VISION OF THE PLAN

The vision to be achieved through the implementation of the plan is:

Good standards of living, free from poverty, within lake dependent communities by using and sustainably managing productive natural resources in a clean and healthy environment.

ACTION AREAS

The vision of the plan will be achieved through action in the following areas:

- 1. Improve the capacities of management institutions to ensure they are operating effectively**
 - Develop and implement a capacity building plan, to ensure all structures are able to fulfill their functions, in areas such as participatory planning, monitoring and evaluation, representation, advocacy and co-management of natural resources.
 - Secure funds for LAKIMO and the implementation of LKMP from local and central government, BMUs and development partners.
 - Monitoring the performance of LAKIMO structures to ensure that LAKIMO is working effectively and learn lessons quickly within this new organization.
 - Support the operation of environment committees at district, sub-county and local levels, through lesson learning and sharing best practice.

2. Support the generation, dissemination and use of information for planning, management and development

- Develop and implement an information management and dissemination strategy, to include the collection of environmental and socio-economic information, as well as fisheries.
- Develop and maintain an information system for LAKIMO, including collection of data for monitoring and evaluating implementation of the LKMP.
- Support BMUs in developing plans and promoting integration of these plans into local government development plans.
- Develop the Fisheries Management Strategy.
- Develop district fisheries management plans and ensure these are integrated into local government development plans.
- Collect, use and transfer fisheries information for planning and management at all levels (BMUs, Sub-County and District BMU Committees and the Fisheries Management Committee).
- Implement fisheries research to respond to key management questions identified in the Fisheries Management Strategy.

3. Plan and advocate for improved delivery of, and access to, services, including sanitation, HIV/AIDS interventions and education, within lake dependent communities

- Lobby for infrastructure and service needs to be included in local government development plans, including improved roads, public sanitation, drinking water supplies, provision of electricity and improved fish handling and marketing facilities.
- Lobby for improved access to education, savings schemes, HIV/AIDS support services and health facilities.
- Secure support for introduction of ferry services across the lake.

4. Improve fisheries management so that production is sustainably increased and equitably accessed

- Develop and operate regional community based patrol teams for monitoring, control and surveillance.
- Promote by-laws and ordinances for fisheries management for approval and enforcement.
- Develop and implement lakewide procedures for licensing to promote equity and access for all stakeholders, particularly women and boat crew.

5. Promote the sustainable management of environment and natural resources

- Support districts in enforcing environmental regulations and the application of environmental assessments.
- Advocate for soil and water conservation measures to be included in local government development plans, including afforestation.
- Support districts in developing and implementing wetland action plans and in forming community-based wetland user associations.
- Encourage integration of environmental issues into development plans and allocation of funds.
- Participate in assessing the potential environmental impacts of removal of the sudd blockage and guiding the process of removal.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN

The implementation of the Lake Kyoga Management Plan will involve many stakeholders and partners. The plan will be implemented through:

- Local government development plans
- BMU beach development and fisheries management plans
- District fisheries management plans
- National government programmes
- The work of LAKIMO Standing Committees
- The plans and programmes of development partners

All members of LAKIMO, including BMUs, must actively seek opportunities to attract support to implement the plan, as well as take action through their own management and development plans.

The implementation of the plan will be monitored by the Secretariat, the Planning and Finance Committee and the Fisheries Management Committee of LAKIMO.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the activities of LAKIMO and the implementation of the plan, please contact the Executive Secretary, LAKIMO, PO Box 373, Soroti (tel: 045 61373; email: lakimo@infocom.co.ug), or contact your local District Fisheries Officer.