

Water is life!

Clean water is indispensable for all living beings. In many regions, the supply of drinking water depends on healthy lakes.



Industrial and agricultural waste water as well as domestic sewage threaten lakes and wetlands all over the world. Wetlands are drained and often disappear completely due to increasing water demands. The ecological balance is in danger, dead fish and the alarming decline of migratory birds are obvious signals.

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Living Lakes – a global initiative for sustainable development and water protection

Living Lakes is a global network of environmental organisations striving for the protection of lakes world wide. Conservationists from our 24 member lakes from five continents are committed to the protection of the lakes in their respective countries. Together with decision makers, local communities and businesses, they aim for the preservation of water quality, habitat of rare animals, migratory birds and plants.



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Global Nature Fund



The Global Nature Fund (GNF) is an international non-governmental, non-profit organization based in Germany. In 1998, GNF established the international lake partnership Living Lakes with the aim to protect lakes and wetlands worldwide and to further sustainable development in these areas.



Save the lakes of the world!

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1 The wilderness of the **Columbia River Wetlands**, Canada, is home to 100.000 mammals such as the Grizzly Bear.



Columbia River Wetlands, Canada

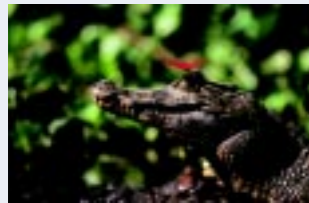
2 **Mono Lake** is located in the Californian desert and threatened by excessive diversion of water from its tributaries to the megalopolis Los Angeles.

3 **Chapala**, the largest lake of Mexico, is under severe threat of drying up within the next few years if water consumption is not drastically reduced.

4 **Laguna Fuquene** is a shallow water lake situated in the Colombian Andes at an altitude of 2.500 metres.

5 According to the legend, it is the sacred water body, where the Inca Empire was founded: **Lake Titicaca**, the highest navigable lake in the world in the Bolivian and Peruvian Andes Mountains.

6 The **Pantanal**, situated in the heart of South America, is the world's largest wetland.



Pantanal, Brasilia, Bolivia, Paraguay

7 **Mar Chiquita** in Argentina is breeding place for up to 50,000 pairs of Chileflamingo.

8 The British **Norfolk and Suffolk Broads** are a prime example for the restoration of lakes exposed to eutrophication.

9 Years ago, the Spanish steppe lake **La Nava** was drained. Thanks to our Spanish partners, it is a living lake again!

10 Five million people from three countries, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, get their water from **Lake Constance**.

11 The rich fish stocks of the Estonian-Russian **Võrtsjärv-Peipsi** lake system provide livelihood for many local families.

Living Lakes

"A network for the future"

12 **Lake Balaton** is one of the most significant natural treasures of Hungary, attracting millions of visitors every year.

14 Intensive farming and illegal rubbish dumps are a big problem for the Greek **Nestos Lakes**.



13 Monks in the middle ages made the bird paradise of the **Milicz Ponds** in Poland.



Milicz Ponds, Poland

15 The protection of **Lake Victoria**, Africa's largest lake, requires immediate international action.

16 Eco-tourism creates jobs in the Greater **St. Lucia Wetland Park**, South Africa's oldest nature reserve.



St. Lucia Wetland Park, South Africa

17 No other lake in Turkey is covered with as many water lilies as **Lake Uluabat**.



Lake Uluabat, Turkey

18 The **Dead Sea**, 417 metres below sea-level, is in danger of drying up.

19 The Kazakh **Lake Tengiz** is the largest intact steppe lake left in Asia.

20 **Lake Baikal**, the „pearl of Siberia“, is the deepest lake of the world and home of the rare Baikal seal.



Lake Baikal, Russia

21 95 % of the world population of the endangered Siberian Crane winter at **Lake Poyang-hu**, China's largest fresh water lake.

22 Every year, 24 million tourists visit **Lake Biwa**, Japan's largest lake.



Lake Biwa, Japan

23 The largest lake of the Philippines, **Laguna de Bay**, is highly threatened by the untreated sewage of the metropolis Manila.

24 The Indonesian **Mahakam Lakes** are the home of the very rare Irrawaddy freshwater Dolphin.

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