Living Lakes
International Network for the Protection of Lakes and Wetlands

Global Nature Fund

- International Foundation (NGO)
- Charity, Independent
- Registered and based in Germany
- Close Collaboration with other NGOS

www.globalnature.org
Network Living Lakes

60 lakes represented by more than 70 partner organisations worldwide
International Partnerships

- Ramsar
- UNEP/CMS Bonn Convention Biodiversity Convention
- BTCV
- UNESCO - UN Decade

1998: Reasons to create the Living Lakes Network

- Different lakes and different circumstances – but common problems and transferible solutions
- Governments/Administrations and scientific communities have their platforms for exchange and cooperation
- NGOs play an important role in the protection of lakes and wetlands, but
  - often they need to work isolated and without the possibility to cooperate in a structured way
  - and without support of the international community
Networking?
Non-word of the year or useful tool?

- Easy to create a network. A challenge to fill it with life and to maintain an active network
- Networking = question of trust, confidence and dialogue
- Quality instead of quantity
- How to structure exchange of information?
- How to coordinate cooperation?
- The network is always as good and active as the partners are!

Priority fields of the Living Lakes Network

- Exchange of information and capacity building
- Dissemination and awareness raising, lobbying
- Improvement of the environmental situation in lake and wetland regions
  - Legal protection, planning and management
  - Restoration and protection of species and habitats
  - Sustainable development in lake areas
- Environmental sensitisation and education
- Financial Support for Living Lakes partner
- Cultural exchange
Key Achievements: Exchange of information and capacity building

- Continuous extension of a living network
- 12 international conferences, 15 regional conferences with participation of more than 4,000 multipliers
- Publication of more than 10 thematic publications
- Contribution to the development and promotion of the World Lake Vision
- Formal cooperation agreements (MoCs) with international institutions
- Continuous improvement of exchange of information: Sub-Networks, Knowledge Pool, specified programmes such as Living Lakes Climate Change Programme

11. Living Lakes Conference - China
Living Lakes Italy

Currently 10 Italian Lakes represented by the Provinces and Legambiente Italia

Coordinated by Living Lakes Italy with office in Perugia.

www.livinglakesitalia.it

See: Trasimeno-Declaration – Conclusions of the 12th International Living Lakes Conference (Sept. 2008)

Key Achievements: Dissemination / awareness raising

- Living Lakes Website launched in 1999 in four languages / about 500,000 hits per month
- 4 newsletters per year published in two languages; circulated to more than 5,000 recipients per year
- Present on relevant international events, e.g. EXPO 2000 Fair in Hannover, World Summit on Sustainable Development 2002 in Johannesburg, World Water Forum 2009 in Istanbul
- Present on more than 50 national and international conferences and events (estimated contacts/audience = 100,000 people)
- Successful media campaigns for the “Threatened Lake of the Year” since 2004
- More than 90 reports in television and 100 on radio, more than 1,000 articles published
Post Tsunami-Project Sri Lanka

Post Tsunami Restoration of Mangroves, Education & Reestablishment of Livelihoods in Sri Lanka

Key Achievements: Legal protection, planning and management

- Legislation, e.g. Restriction of the use of motorised boats and other vessels (such as jet skis) in the Columbia Wetlands, Canada

- Development of management plans and lobbying for implementation: Lake Invermere /Canada, Selenga delta /Lake Baikal, Jempang Lake in Indonesia, Mar Chiquita / Argentina, Laguna de Fuquene /Colombia, Lake Balaton /Hungary, Nestos Lakes /Greece, La Nava /Spain ..... 

- Promotion and support of Declaration of lakes as World Heritage Site and/or RAMSAR site (St. Lucia, Lake Constance, Lake Chapala

- Development and implementation of planning and management tools: ECOLUP: Environmental Management for Land Use Planning, Managing Urban Europe: Sustainability Management for Communities, ECO-CAMPING: Environmental Management for Camping Sites ....
Key Achievements: Restoration and protection of habitats and species

- 500 hectare of restored wetlands in La Nava (Spain)
- Installation of green filters on over 20 hectares
- Baikal Seal protection campaign
- Bird watching station at Mar Chiquita
- Protection of Siberian Crane at Lake Poyang (i.e. training of farmers on reduction of use of pesticides and fertilizers, anti-poaching campaign)
- Action Plan for the conservation of the Hyacinth Macaw in the Pantanal
- Safety zone for the last remaining 70 individual exemplars of the Irrawaddy dolphin in Mahakam Lakes in Indonesia
- Legal prohibition of the use of the non-selective “Glyphosat” herbicide at Lake Chapala
- Restoration of the natural vegetation: Laguna de Fuquene, St Lucia, Sri Lanka …
Mangrove Nursery in Pathamulla

Trees for Life
Problems

- Eutrophication and Toxic Pollution
- Logging and Poaching

Baikal
Key Achievements: Sustainable development

- Helio at Lake Constance: first solar ferry in Europe
- Agro-environmental programme for lagoons of Villacañas, Spain
- Ecocamping Network with more than 200 camping sites with environmental management
- Visitor management structures (Laguna de Fuquene, Vörtsjärv, La Nava, Mar Chiquita …)
- Environmental management system for communal land use planning
- Education of nature guides in lake areas at St. Lucia in South Africa
- Construction of the Osienala Headquarters at Lake Victoria for coordination and capacity building
- Solar lamps for fishermen at Lake Victoria and Maduganga in Sri Lanka
- Alternative income for 100+ “tree-preneurs” at St. Lucia in South Africa
- Two tourism information and environmental education centres at Bolgoda and Maduganga lakes in Sri Lanka.
- Sustainable use of the wild grass Lihao and lotus plant at Poyang

Solar Ship Network: Helio – Lake Constance
### Key Achievements: Environmental education

- Environmental Education Centres at Laguna de Fuquene, La Nava, Vörtsjärv, Maguganga and Bolgoda, Ulan Ude (Lake Baikal)
- Multiple information campaigns (DDT at Lake Baikal, Round-Up at Lake Chapala etc.)
- National and international Nature Summer Camps
- Kids for Birds
- Living Lakes Schools

### Key Achievements: Financial Support

Over 5,5 Million Euros of grants for more than 45 concrete projects with various Living Lakes partners and intercultural cooperation
Miles To Help

Start: November 2006

- China (Poyang)
- South Africa (St. Lucia)
- Brazil (Pantanal)
PANTANAL

- 30,000 ha
  - Stop grazing (CH₂-Reduction)
  - Renaturation (CO₂)
  - Secure long-term protection status

**INVESTMENT:**
- € 24,800,000
- 20 YEARS
- 3 Million t CO₂
  @ € 8.3 per t

To save a lake is to save a whole world!

Thanks for your attention!

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