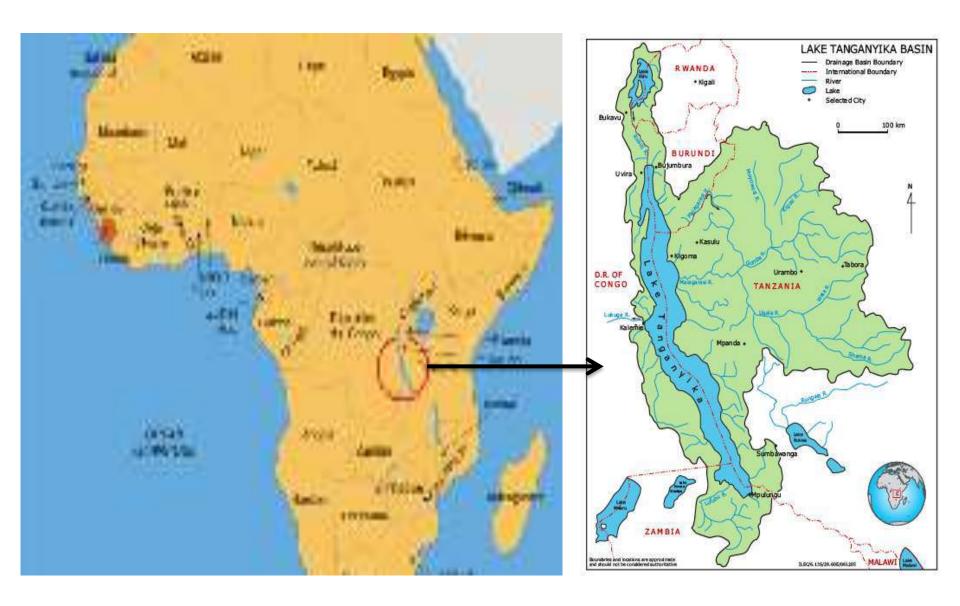
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Tanganyika Lake Case
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Location & Interest

- Lake Tanganyika is shared between 4 countries: Burundi, DRC, Tanzania and Zambia
- Global interest:
 - great reservoir of fresh water (19,800 km³, about 1/6 of available world's fresh water)
 - great reservoir of biodiversity (more than 1,500 species among them 50% are endemic)
 - Excellent Tourist Environment
- Local interest:
 - 10 million people living in the Tanganyika basin,
 - 1 million are directly dependent on fishery resources of the lake













Tanganyika Lake is threatened by various factors

- Over-exploitation of biological resources
- Sedimentation that is reinforced by erosion due to land degradation in the Lake basin
- Pollution from several sources (wastes)
- Habitat destruction, by the spontaneous occupation of the land (in many rural areas, the density is over than 400 inhabitants/km²)
- Invasive species, especially observed at the port of Bujumbura and Kigoma

Conclusion

- Given its global and local importance, special attention from the local and international communities is needed
- At local level, the 4 riparian states have already established a cooperation framework: the Lake Tanganyika Authority (with secretariat in Bujumbura)
- At international level: some supports exist but steel been very limited (essentialy from ADB and UN and focused on LTA institutional support)