

EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY

LAKE VICTORIA BASIN COMMISSION SECRETARIAT

DEVELOPMENT OF LAKE VICTORIA BASIN INTEGRATED WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PROJECT IN SELECTED RIVER BASINS

Sr. No. 010

<u>Introduction and relevance to the Protocol and LVBC Strategic</u> <u>Plan</u>

The activity will contribute towards achieving Sustainable Development of LVB as per Article 5 – 7 of the Protocol for Sustainable development for LVB. The project is also in line with the LVBC Strategic Plan 2011 - 2016 which aims at promoting sustainable land and water management in the LVB. This is also in line with the African Water Vision 2025 which calls for integrated approaches to the development and use of water resources in Africa.

Project Rationale and Preparatory Studies

Lake Victoria water quality has declined significantly since 1970s, mainly due to increased sedimentation, as well as pollution and eutrophication caused by poor management of River basin/Watersheds/ in Lake Victoria Basin (LVB). LVB Sustainable land management Strategy approved in 2012 is emphazing the application of Ecosystem approach to address poor land management in selected watershed.

To date integrated watershed management projects are implemented in Kagera, Mara, Simiyu, Katonga, Sio-Malaba and Nyando river basins. The experiences gained from these projects created the need to develop the same to Sonduand Gucha in Kenya; Grumeti and Mblageti in Tanzania, Bukora in Uganda, Nybarongo in Rwanda and Ruvubu in Burundi.

Specific objectives/Strategies

To prepare project Proposal which will create an enabling environment for transboundary management on water and Biodiversity resources management in:

- a) Nzoia and Gucha in Kenya
- b) Grumeti and Mblageti in Tanzania
- c) Bukora in Uganda
- d) Nyabarongo in Rwanda
- e) Ruvubu in Burundi

Expected Results

Project proposal which includes:

- i) Baseline information base on key priority watersheds
- ii) A Logical framework for LVWMP (including description of interventions)
- iii) Project implementation structures, modalities and tools
- iv) Project Monitoring and Evaluation framework
- v) Budget
- vi) Approved project document and budget.

PROJECT DETAILS

Project Goal

To enhance ecological functions of Lake Victoria Basin watersheds by supporting sustainable development.

Project Objective

To enhance ecological integrity and benefits of the Lake Victoria Basin watersheds, environment quality and livelihoods.

Project Duration

Five years

Implementing Agency

The Lake Victoria Basin Commission Secretariat jointly with the EAC Partner States.

Estimated Project Cost

USD 200,000

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