

LAKE ALBERT

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About LAKE ALBERT

- Lake Albert is in one of the major lakes in Uganda's Albertine Rift.
- Its 60 meters deep , 40 kms wide and covers a distance of 142 km from North to South
- It's a trans boundary Rift valley lake shared by DRC and Uganda
- Gets its water from Lake Victoria via White Nile.
- Great Fishing ground supporting grass root communities in Uganda and DRC supporting livelihoods if approximately 4 million people
- Gained prominence in 2005 when Oil was discovered in and along its shores.

Issues faced by Lake Albert Shore line Communities

- Local livelihoods of approximately 4 million people are threatened by Oil drilling in 12 locations in and along the lake shores discovered
- Ngasa 2 Oil well lies 30 kms deep into the lake
- Future small scale Fishing by the locals as the only available livelihood option of earning a living is threatened by future oil spills
- On going oil developments have destroyed vegetation along the lake shores living it vulnerable to climate change and its impacts
- Poverty is looming among the locals due to land grabbing, forced evictions, human rights abuse championed by oil companies and military detachments in the area.
- Clean water and sanitation is a major problem due to influx of people from DRC, Sudan, and other parts of the country into the area
- Conflicts over control of natural resources.

NAPES interventions in the Region

- Producing advocacy video documentaries and publications on negative impacts of oil on people and the environment and facilitating shows to the public.
- Engage government and oil companies on oil and its impacts on people's livelihoods and the environment
- Supporting litigations against human rights violators in Uganda's extractive sector.
- Support host community groups in the Albertine region obtain financial resources for their local advocacy work
- Scale up information sharing meetings and exchange field visits for both host communities ,their respective members of parliament and the media
- Campaign to plant trees on the lake shores
- Conducted stake holders meeting on how to protect and use the lake sustainably
- Organizing training sessions for locals on natural resource rights.

Social economic activities

Both men and women go fishing



Nature of the communities



Engagement meeting with communities



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Impacts on vegetation



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