

Nsumbu National Park's diverse terrestrial habitat was once well populated with wildlife and was well known for its large herds of Buffalo and Elephant. Despite the decline of wildlife numbers in Nsumbu there are still viable populations of all species and most importantly healthy populations of some of Africa's rarer animals like the shy Sitatunga antelope and the tiny blue duiker. Resource protection is an important part of the concept.

Lake Tanganyika has long been recognised as one of Africa's most unique and beautiful natural wonders.....a wonder that is home to 2,000 different species of animal life. There are few places that can compare with such diversity and scenery.

Tourism has been shown to sustain and indeed develop communities in other areas of Zambia. We believe that Conservation Lake Tanganyika can provide a bridge between the immediate needs of the area human communities and the protection that is urgently required to ensure the recovery of wildlife and fish populations to optimum carrying capacities at which they will be usable in a sustainable manner for the benefit of the local people.

Our aim is to take representatives to Lower Zambezi and South Luangwa to see how tourism in these places directly benefits local communities, and to decide if they wish to use the same formulas for development. If as we hope, the answer is "yes", CLT will begin assisting the community with fundraising for and implementation of wildlife education, capacity building and infrastructure. We will lobby GRZ to allow all funds generated locally from fishery and park fees to remain in the area and be used to meet these challenges.



To Promote and Preserve The Biodiversity of Lake Tanganyika for the Sustainable Benefit of its Inhabitants Through a Partnership with The Community and GRZ.

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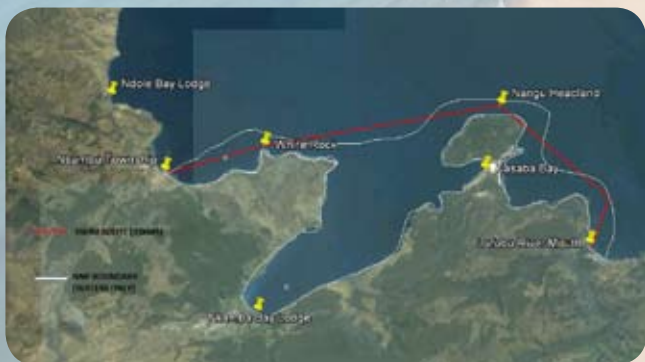




# SWIM FOR NSUMBU

Our “Swim for Nsumbu” event will pit a few brave and concerned people against whatever we face in the Lake to bring attention to the plight and needs of Nsumbu National Park. We intend to swim the entire 35km lake boundary of Nsumbu NP to raise enough funds to kick-start the establishment of Conservation Lake Tanganyika. Without this initial injection of cash we cannot hope to start the long process of saving the Park as a flagship project for the benefit of all stakeholders. Please give generously!

**Swim for Nsumbu begins June 16th 2012 at ZAWA pumphouse (NP Boundary) at 0700hrs in water.**



So much that makes Tanganyika special is embodied in Nsumbu National Park (NNP): a wilderness area that includes forested mountain slopes, mysterious Mushito swamp forests and the last “Itigi” combretum stands in Africa, as well as

providing one of the most productive and diverse underwater habitats in an already astounding lake. NNP has the potential to become one of Africa’s great tourism destinations with all the benefits to conservation and community that such status would bring.



NNP includes some 80km of Lake Tanganyika’s most pristine shoreline. It is arguably the Lake’s most important protected area, distinct from other NP’s in having such a large portion of shallow littoral zones which are the ‘hot spots’ of diversity in all underwater habitats. As such it is a crucial fishery resource to the Lake as an entire ecosystem.

Lake Tanganyika and its surrounds are recognised as a biological wonder under threat. The loss of wildlife, fish life and habitats pose a grave threat to the biodiversity of the region and indeed the world. However it is the communities living along the Lake shore that are most affected by its decline and consequent loss of both their current livelihoods and the prospect of a future where both wildlife and humans can benefit from a healthier and sustainable Lake Tanganyika.



The threats and challenges facing NNP and the surrounding communities are mirrored in many other areas of Lake Tanganyika. But few areas are as well placed or accessible as Nsumbu for an opportunity to overcome these challenges to the benefit of the local people, the wildlife and the Lake itself. We believe that enabling the community to protect and reap benefit from the amazing resource that is NNP and the surrounding area, in a sustainable manner will permanently improve the quality of life for all and it is this ethos that has forged Conservation Lake Tanganyika’s formation.

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