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ACARE ADVISORY GROUPS MARCH 2021 SUMMARY PROGRESS REPORT

This document provides the progress of activities which undertaken within the month of March 2021. It indicates specifics which are otherwise detailed in each of the listed activity reports (sent separately all across the month after each activity/session)

a). What has been accomplished?	Outcomes	Next Steps
Lake Albert and Edward Advisory Group		
<p>March monthly virtual meeting (second) held successfully on 30/03/2021.</p> <p>Lake Albert review paper check-in meetings held on 11 and 19 March, 2021</p> <p>Lake Edward review paper strategy meeting held on 8 and 15 March, 2021</p> <p>Review paper writing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lake Albert major sections drafted • Lake Edward-identified current/previous programs and actors <p>AG Terms of Reference (ToRs)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved understanding on the need and process for the Overview paper • Information exchange amongst experts enhanced. • Improved participation of experts on the review papers writing (general progress) • Increased awareness amongst the experts on the happenings on the lake • Improved lakewide harmonization of data and plans. • ToRs validated and approved for use by experts members • Increased recognition of the advisory group by various actors. • Improved cooperation and collaboration amongst members and other interested actors through the ToRs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make weekly communication reminders to increase pace for the scientific papers writing. • ACARE Secretariat to submit list of identified guest editors to the JGLR • Continue consultations to identify actors on Lake Edward (Incl. Gorge) • Complete profile for use in website, WebPages and for wider disseminations • Conduct weekly email check-in with lead authors to fast-track the process • In consultation with ACARE, continue explore possibilities for the request for an in-person meeting in 2021 (Annual conference) • Determine participation of Prof. Chantal Shalukoma from ICCN- Virunga National Park in the LEAAG. • Adoption of the ToRs in the next meeting
Lake Kivu Advisory Group		
<p>Monthly meeting held on 29/03/2021</p> <p>Two Scientific papers writing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need for long term monitoring on L. Kivu • Lake Kivu Overview of Research needs and specific way forward 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved general attendance to the monthly meetings • Enhanced participation/contribution by experts on the writing of the scientific papers • Future strategies for the lake and advisory group begin taking clear shape. • ACARE's role begins to gain 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct weekly communication reminders to increase pace for the scientific papers writing. • ACARE Secretariat to submit list of identified guest editors to the JGLR • Complete profile for use in website, WebPages and for wider disseminations • Conduct weekly email check-in with lead authors to fast-track the process

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<p>AG Terms of References (ToRs)</p>	<p>recognition by experts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved understanding on the need and process for the Overview paper Profile development in progress Search for guest editors for the advisory groups scientific papers completed Review of Lake Kivu Monitoring Program (LKMP) in progress by Eric Ruhana and Dr. Charles Balagizi ToRs validated 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In consultation with ACARE, continue explore possibilities for the request for an in-person meeting in 2021 (Annual conference) Identify collaborators and funder for the LKMP Adoption of the ToRs in the next meeting
<p>Lake Tanganyika-Science Advisory Group</p>		
<p>Monthly virtual meeting held on 4/03/3031</p> <p>Scientific paper</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lake Tanganyika Overview of Research needs and specific way forward scientific paper writing <p>AG Terms of References (ToRs)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased attendance to the meeting by members Information exchange enhanced with updates on the occurrences at lake level shared between the country members Improved understanding on the need and process for the Overview paper Enhanced participation/contribution by experts on the writing of the scientific paper Improved content of the issue survey results from contributions/review by non-member experts. Increased participation and interest in development of monitoring program on the LMNN Profile development in progress Completed search for guest editors for the scientific paper ToRs validated 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make weekly communication reminders to increase pace for the scientific papers writing. ACARE Secretariat to submit list of identified guest editors to the JGLR Complete profile for use in website, WebPages and for wider disseminations Conduct weekly email check-in with lead authors to fast-track the process Adoption of the ToRs in the next meeting
<p>Lake Malawi/Nyasa/Niassa Basin Fisheries and Aquaculture Network</p>		
<p>Monthly meeting held on 11/03/20211 with the experts</p> <p>Monitoring and Review paper check-in meeting held on 18/03/2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lake Malawi/Niassa/Nyasa Overview of Research needs and specific way 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved understanding on the need and process for the Overview paper Information exchange amongst experts enhanced. Improved participation of experts on the review papers writing (general progress) Increased awareness amongst the experts on the happenings on the lake 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct weekly communication reminders to increase pace for the scientific papers writing. ACARE Secretariat to submit list of identified guest editors to the JGLR Complete profile for use in website, WebPages and for wider disseminations Conduct weekly email check-in with lead authors to fast-track the process In consultation with ACARE, continue

<p>forward scientific paper writing</p> <p>AG Terms of References (ToRs)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved lakewide harmonization of data and plans. ToRs validated and approved for use by experts members Increased recognition of the advisory group by various actors. Improved cooperation and collaboration amongst members and other interested actors through the ToRs Increased participation and interest in development of monitoring program on the LMNN 	<p>explore possibilities for the request for an in-person meeting in 2021 (Annual conference)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adoption of the ToRs in the next meeting
<p>Lake Turkana Advisory Group</p>		
<p>Monthly virtual meeting held on 11/03/2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lake Turkana Overview of Research needs and specific way forward scientific paper writing <p>AG Terms of References</p> <p>Plans for Omo-Turkana visit, Jinka University, Ethiopia</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monthly virtual meeting plan recognized and actualized Excellent general attendance to the monthly meetings Enhanced participation/contribution by experts on the writing of the scientific papers Future strategies for the lake and advisory group begin taking clear shape. ACARE's role continues to gain recognition by experts Improved understanding on the need and process for the Overview paper Profile development in completed Search for guest editors for the advisory groups scientific papers completed ToRs validated and approved for use by experts members Profile development in progress Draft program, plan and requirements for the visit improved 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct weekly communication reminders to increase pace for the scientific papers writing. ACARE Secretariat to submit list of identified guest editors to the JGLR Review profile for use in website, WebPages and for wider disseminations Conduct weekly email check-in with lead authors to fast-track the process In consultation with ACARE, continue explore possibilities for the request for an in-person meeting in 2021 (Annual conference) Review of the visit program, plans and requirements ACARE continue communication and follow up with UW-LLO on possible research collaboration ACARE continue helping identify collaborators and funder for the Lake Turkana
<p>Lake Victoria Advisory Group</p>		
<p>Regular monthly meeting held on 23/03/2021</p> <p>LVAG Co-convener meeting held on 3/3/2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lake Victoria Overview of 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased attendance to the meeting by members Information exchange enhanced with updates on the occurrences at lake level shared by the country members Improved understanding on the need 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make weekly communication reminders to increase pace for the scientific papers writing. ACARE Secretariat to submit list of identified guest editors to the JGLR Complete profile for use in website,

<p>Research needs and specific way forward scientific paper writing</p> <p>AG Terms of References</p>	<p>and process for the Overview paper</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhanced participation/contribution by experts on the writing of the scientific paper Peaceful transition of roles Search for guest editors for the advisory groups scientific papers completed Profile development in progress New collaboration opportunities realized Increased women participation in the advisory group through incorporation of Dr. Baraka Sekadende, Researcher, Tanzania Fisheries Research Institute in the LVAG. ToRs validated and approved for use by experts members 	<p>WebPages and for wider disseminations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct weekly email check-in with lead authors to fast-track the process In consultation with ACARE Secretariat, identify guest editors for the two scientific papers Conduct weekly review meeting with lead authors to fast-track the process ACARE explore possibilities of LVAG collaboration with JOOUST on the new project. Adoption of the ToRs in the next meeting
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b). Meeting Schedules for April	Date	Time
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lake Tanganyika Science Advisory Group Monthly Virtual Meeting 	<p>Thursday 01st April, 2021</p>	<p>08am CT/ 09am ET/ 2pm DR Congo/ 3pm Burundi-Zambia/ 4pm East Africa</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lake Malawi/Niassa/Nyasa Basin Fisheries and Aquaculture Monthly Virtual Meeting 	<p>Tuesday 06th April, 2021</p>	<p>09am CT/10am ET/ 4pm Mozambique & Zambia /5pm East Africa Time</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lake Turkana Advisory Group Monthly Virtual Meeting 	<p>Thursday 8th April, 2021</p>	<p>10am CT/ 11am ET/ 5pm Europe-Malawi/ 6pm Ethiopia-E. Africa</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lake Victoria Advisory Group Monthly Virtual Meeting. 	<p>Thursday 15th April, 2021</p>	<p>09am CT/ 10am ET/ 5pm Ethiopia-E. Africa</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lake Kivu Advisory Group Monthly Virtual Meeting 	<p>Monday 26th April, 2021</p>	<p>8am CT/ 9am ET/ 2pm Western DR Congo (Kinshasa)/ 3pm Eastern DR Congo (Bukavu&Goma)-Rwanda/ 4pm East Africa</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lake Edward and Albert Advisory Group Monthly Virtual Meeting 	<p>Thursday 29th April, 2021</p>	<p>9am Central/10am Eastern / 3pm Kinshasa / 4pm</p>

		Bukavu / 5pm East Africa
c) Development of Resource Mobilization information materials		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 page flash documents for advisory group and other programs in drafted• Advisory group profiles development: drafted for Turkana and Victoria, others in progress		
d). IAGLR21 Preparation		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All IAGLR approved abstracts forwarded to Jess Ives.• Identification of Guest Editors for JGLR advisory groups review papers completed• Conference registration by advisory group presenters on-going		