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LT-SAG

Lake Tanganyika Scientific Advisory Group



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of LT renewable Natural
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Through Collaboration in Research,
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Convention

LT-SAG Mission (English)

To halt and reverse the decline of Lake Tanganyika renewable natural resources and ecosystem services through collaboration in research, data synthesis and dissemination, education and outreach in order to support achieving the objectives of the Lake Tanganyika convention.

LT-SAG Mission (French)

Pour arrêter et inverser le déclin des ressources naturelles renouvelables du lac Tanganyika et des services écosystémiques grâce à la collaboration dans la recherche, la synthèse et la diffusion des données, l'éducation et la sensibilisation afin de soutenir la réalisation des objectifs de la convention du lac Tanganyika.

Purpose of group

Collect all data on Lake Tanganyika and make it available through created data repository.

Facilitate cooperation between and amongst researchers and stakeholders through meetings and workshops

Identification of existing research gaps in collaboration with community and prioritize research focus

Identify research laboratories and capacities around the lake

Identify areas on the lake that should be protected

Advise on the harmonization of fisheries management policy in the countries

Purpose of group

Advise on harmonization and standardization of data collection

Mobilizing resources such as funding

Conduct needs assessment, identify the gaps and advocate for exchange capacity building within the region.

Meeting to share experiences with other advisory groups of the great lakes of Africa.

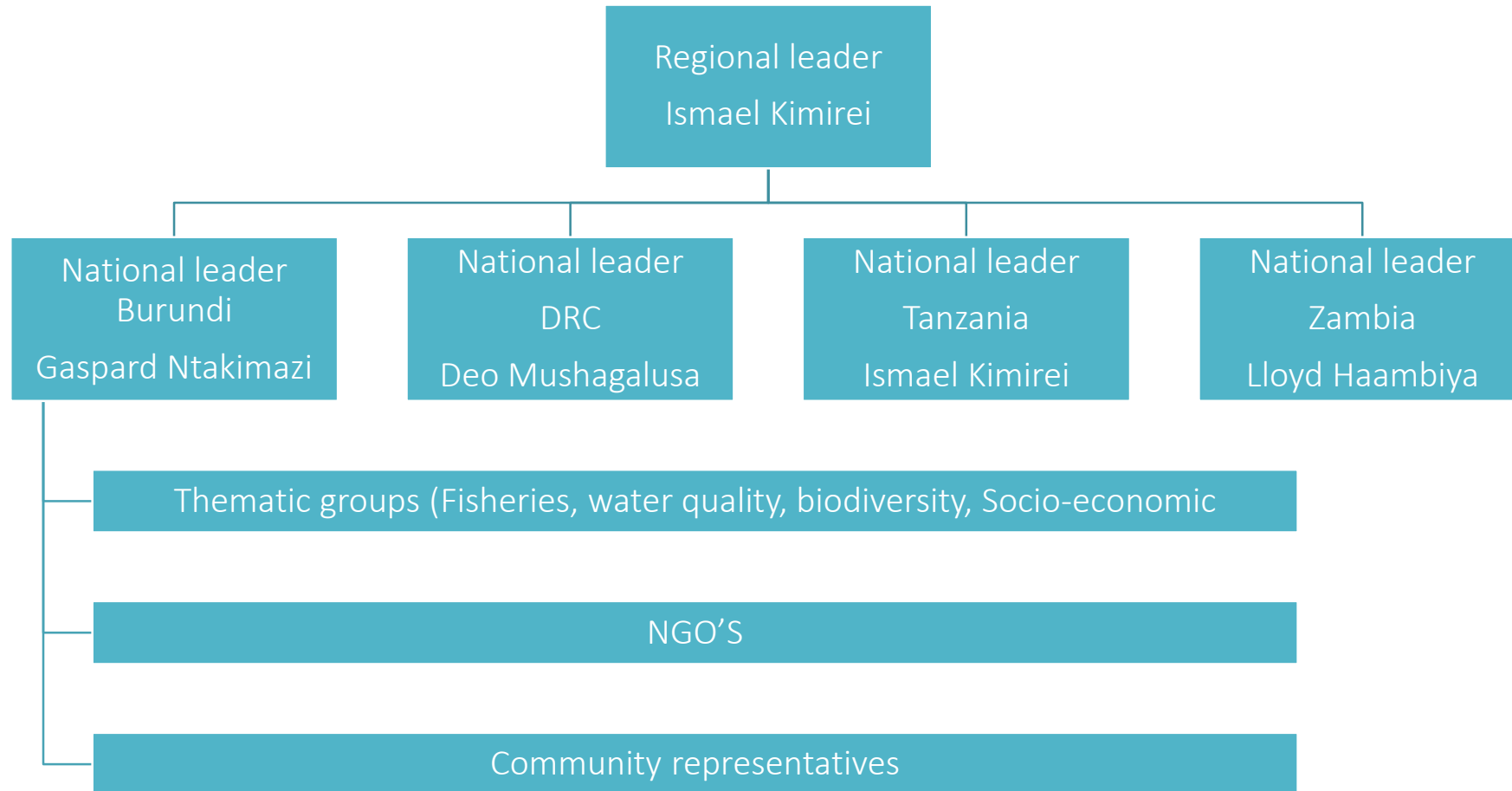
Make inventories of all the expertise within the region and identify partners

Identify of relevant partners and NGOs

Group members

1. LTA – should be included in the advisory group at the technical level.
2. Research Centers and Universities from the different countries e.g. CRH, TAFIRRI, Lake Tanganyika Research Unit, and University of Burundi
3. The Private Sector
4. Local NGOs in collaboration with international NGOs (invitation only).
5. Representatives of the fisheries community

Group structure



Next steps

Proposed next steps	Comments
Write the statutory instruments for the operations of the advisory groups (Draft statute)	This can be done via emails and should be guided by template from ACARE. This might require political engagement
Meeting of regional and national committees	Start with the regional committee meeting and then followed by national meeting with the stakeholders co-opted
Identify participants for the national focal point	This can be done with the help of the LTA who have information of relevant stakeholders
Write down rules for the advisory groups or Management guidelines.	This is possible if the positions of the advisory groups do not involve money. The advisory group should first work on voluntary basis as we look forward to working with ACARE. It is also possible to have ACARE manage any funding for the advisory groups.
Assess the status of the trends within Lake Tanganyika e.g. registration of the number of people involved	

Resources needed

Funding for meeting

Funding for joint projects

Barriers to overcome

Define the position of the LT-SAG in relation to existing structures

Include people from DRC and Tanzania along the long coastline of Lake Tanganyika.