

Lake Victoria

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Lake Victoria Latest News

Lake Victoria's waters have turned a haunting green, and scientists say the damage has crossed a dangerous line.

About Lake Victoria

- It is the **largest lake in Africa**.
- It **lies mainly in Tanzania and Uganda** but **also borders Kenya**.
- It is also **called Victoria Nyanza in Kenya, Nalubaale in Uganda, and Ukerewe in Tanzania**.
- It is **crossed by the equator**.
- After Lake Superior in North America, it is the **second-largest freshwater lake on Earth**.
- The lake's area is about 69,484 sq.km. which also makes it the **world's largest tropical lake**.
- This large **irregular-shaped** lake has a maximum length of 359 km (north-to-south) and a maximum width of 240 km.
- Its **waters fill a shallow depression** in the **centre of the great plateau** that stretches between the Western and Eastern Rift Valleys.

- The **Kagera River** is the major river that **empties** into the lake.
- It is the **chief reservoir of the Nile River**.
- The lake supports the **largest freshwater fishery in the world**, producing 1 million tons of fish per year and employing 200,000 people in supporting the livelihoods of 4 million people.

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