

## Lake Turkana

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### Lake Turkana Latest News

A drying climate in East Africa reduced the amount of water in Kenya's Lake Turkana over thousands of years, which unleashed earthquakes and volcanoes from underneath it.

### About Lake Turkana

- Lake Turkana, **formerly Lake Rudolf**, is a vast, **shallow lake** located in the **arid part of northern Kenya**, with its **northern end extending into Ethiopia**.
- It **lies along the Eastern Rift Valley**, separated from Lake Logipi on the south by a group of young volcanoes known as the Barriers.
- The **three main rivers flowing into the lake** are **Omo, Kerio, and Turkwel**, with the **Omo River contributing about 90% of the inflow** annually.
- It is **Africa's 4th largest lake by surface area** and the **world's largest permanent desert lake**.
- It has a surface area of 6,405 sq.km.

- It is **248 km long**, only 16–32 km wide, and relatively shallow, its greatest recorded depth being 240 feet (73 meters).
- It is designated as a **UNESCO World Heritage site** and is renowned for its unique biodiversity and cultural significance.
- It is lying in a **hot, arid, and remote region** and provides resources for communities on the lakeshore and surrounding areas.
- It is the **most saline lake in East Africa**, full of **brackish water with high levels of fluoride** that make it largely **unsuitable for drinking**.
- **Sudden storms are frequent, rendering navigation** on the lake **treacherous**.

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