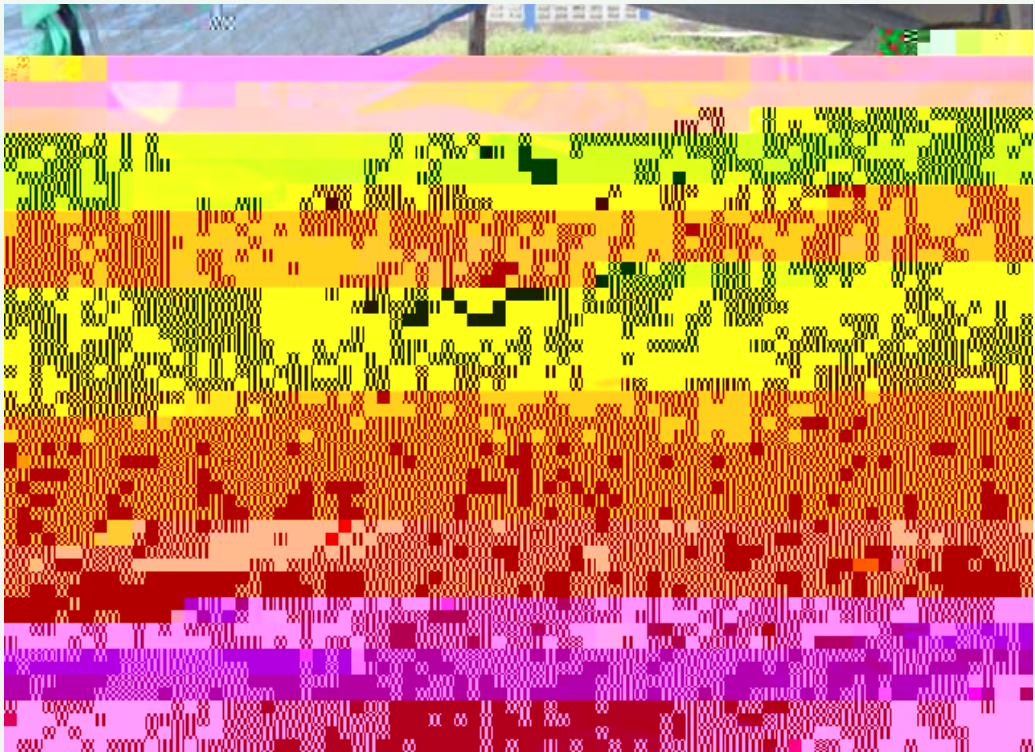


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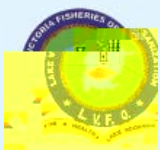
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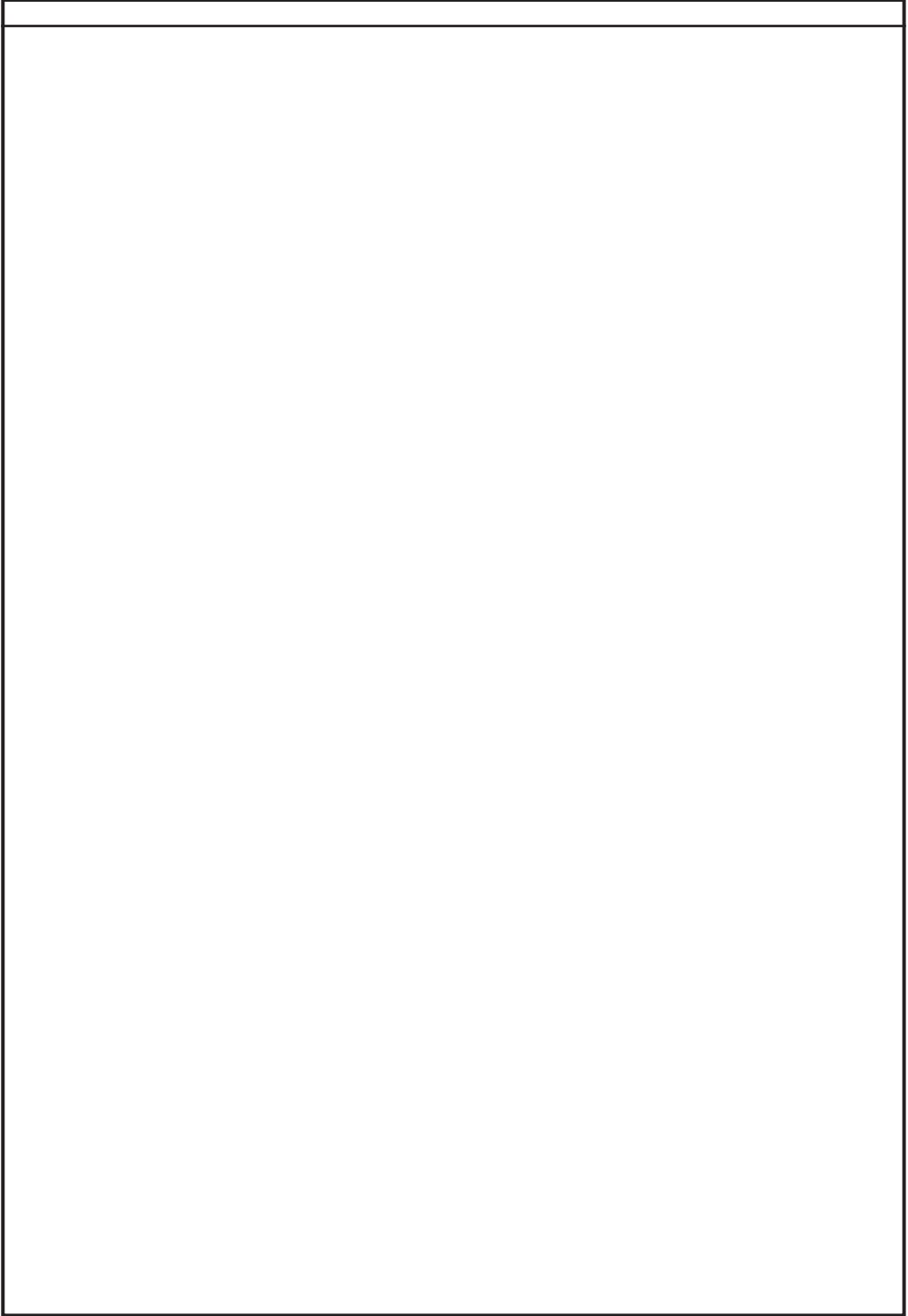
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Lake Victoria Fisheries Organization (LVFO)

Established in 1994 by a Convention signed by the three Partner States of the East African Community (Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda), The Lake Victoria Fisheries Organization (LVFO) is mandated to foster cooperation among the three East African Community Partner States; harmonize national measures for the sustainable utilization of living resources of the lake; and develop and adopt conservation and management measures to assure the Lake's ecosystem health and sustainability of the living resources. The Organization has activities within 5 broad programme areas: fisheries policy, legislation, institutions and institutional processes; resource, environmental and socio-economic research monitoring; aquaculture; database, information, communication and outreach; and capacity building. The LVFO is governed by a Council of Ministers responsible for Fisheries matters in the Partner States. The LVFO is a specialised institution of the East African Community.

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Socio-economics of the Nile Perch Fishery on Lake Victoria Project Phase II

One of the many projects within the Eastern Africa Programme of IUCN is the Socio-economics of the Nile Perch Fishery on Lake Victoria, Phase II. It is being implemented through (and with) Lake Victoria Fisheries Organization (LVFO) an inter-governmental agency that brings together the 3 governments sharing Lake Victoria (Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda) to manage the fisheries of the lake sustainably. The objectives for this phase, includes: improving information dissemination on social and economic trends; improving capacity of resource user groups to participate in fisheries management; and improving policy processes to respond to social and economic trends. Within these general sets of objectives, the project carried out a survey on the Resource User Groups (RUGs) on