



Contributions to the Conservation of Lake Victoria

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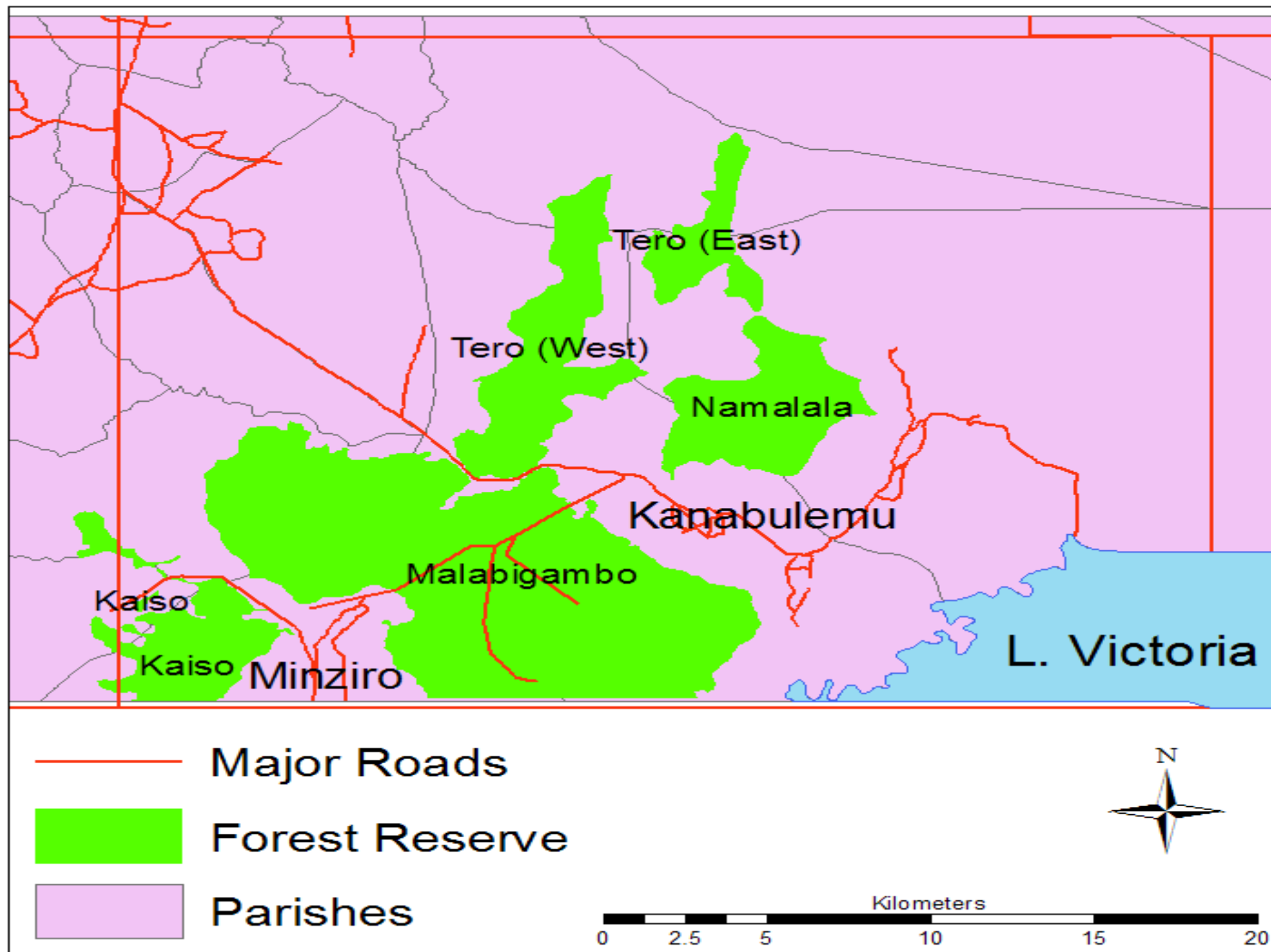
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Geographic location

- **Southern region, Rakai District, Uganda (31°28' and 0°47')**
- **Sango bay Forest reserve, largest swampy forest in EA.**
- **Ramsar site, IBA with 30 endemic flora.**
- **Boundary between Republics of Uganda and Tanzania**
- **River Kagera pathway into Lake Victoria**







The People round the forest.

- **Rural population density that depends entirely on natural resources and forest products for their basic livelihood needs**
- **Evidence of unsustainable resource use due lack of alternatives**



The Project

- **Title: Transboundary forest conservation and livelihood project.**
- **3 years project with support from NBI**
- **Implemented by CIDI in collaboration with NFA and Local Government**



Project

- **Note: Sango bay forest is the pathway for River Kagera into lake Victoria.**
- **Conservation of Sango bay ultimately conserves lake Victoria through reduction of silt**



Achievements

- **Increased collaboration between NFA and local communities.**
- **CFM agreements signed FACs and NFA.**
- **Environmental education and awareness programs among local communities**



Achievement

- **As part of the livelihood improvement and provision of alternative sources of forest based resources, different Income Generating Activities such as tree growing and Sustainable Organic Agriculture (SOA).**



Achievements cont

- **This has increased economic activities while contributing to alternative sources and options for livelihood improvement.**
- **Improved capacity of FACs to advocate for local rights, benefits and participation in NRM**
- **FACs able to negotiate with NFA**



Achievement

- **Being hill terrain, soil and water conservation trenches were constructed**
- **Minimized soil erosion and improved soil fertility**
- **Increased yield that provide alternative sources of income while reducing pressure on forest reserve.**



Achievement

- **Over 100,000 trees by 400 households.**
- **Innovative water harvesting tanks installed for homesteads and rehabilitation of wells**
- **CBOs are now able to initiate and manage projects.**



Challenges

- **Funding stopped**
- **Covered a very small area**
- **Need to continue backstopping and bring on board other players.**



Finally

Thank you so much