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Proposal to form a SAIHC Sub working group for African Lakes

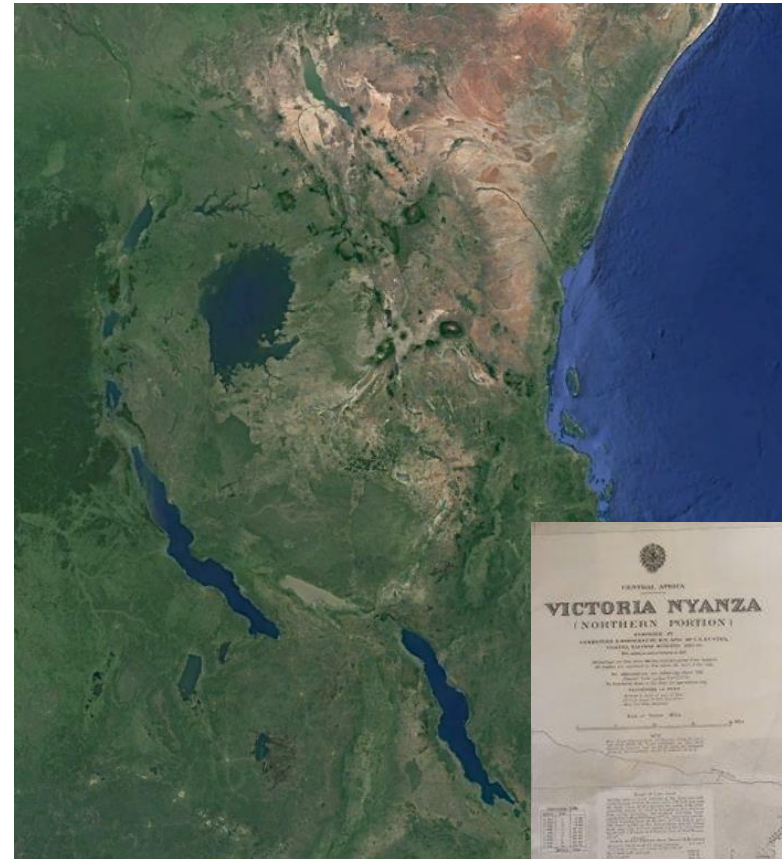
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African Great lakes

- › There are several major navigable lakes within the SAIHC region
- › The UKHO is the historic producer of 6 charts of Lake Victoria. These remain in our series but require modernising.
- › It is believed that there may be new bathymetric surveys being undertaken as the blue economy of the lakes develops.
- › Lake hydrography and charting may have specific challenges which may benefit from focused discussion at SAIHC.
- › A sub-working group may help to identify solutions and promote knowledge sharing as well as wider awareness of the challenges.



How could the SAIHC Lakes SubWG work?

- › Sub working groups are common in many regional commissions or IHO technical working groups and their documents and work can be seen on the relevant parts of the IHO website. Some are temporary groups for a specific project.
- › The SubWG would be able to develop their terms of reference and choose topics to focus on.
- › The subWG would be invited to provide a short progress report at the SAIHC and could operate via correspondence, technical paper submissions and recorded meeting actions.
- › Membership of the Lakes subWG could be open to any members, associate members, observers or industry with an interest in lake hydrography.

Potential items to consider

- What is the current status of Lake chart coverage?
- What is the survey coverage status?
- Are there any projects to develop the hydrography of the lakes?
- Are digital charts /ENCs required?

Recommendation

- › The UK recommends that SAIHC considers the requirement for a sub working group to focus on Lake Charting.
- › We would welcome any views or comments regarding this proposal.

Thank You