

*Working with the Lake Tanganyika Basin's Communities since 2012*



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***FOLT's PROFILE***  
***2019***

## OUR HISTORY

Friends of Lake Tanganyika-FOLT (formerly The Green World Vision) was established in 2012 as a national NGO with its head office in Kigoma/Ujiji municipality, Kigoma Region, western Tanzania, East-Africa. It started by local communities who live in Lake Tanganyika Basin. It serves as a platform for addressing various environmental and social problems facing Lake Tanganyika and its Basin today. The founders realized the need to have community driven organization that would encourage and empower the Lake Tanganyika Basin's communities to organize themselves to solve their own problems and challenges facing the Lake Tanganyika and its basin for their own well being.

FOLT was registered as an NGO in Tanzania under Tanzanian Non-Governmental Organization Act, No.24 of 2002 as amended in 2005, with registration number 00NGO/00005656 in 2012 as named The Green World Vision. In 2015 there was amendment of the organization constitution and name from The Green World Vision to Friends of Lake Tanganyika, in order to better describe its total area of interest and concern. The organization under the new name (Friends of Lake Tanganyika) got a new registration number 00NGO/008484 issued on March 16<sup>th</sup> 2016.

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## OUR VISION AND MISSION

**Vision:** A Lake Tanganyika Basin free of Poverty, Hunger and Environmental degradation by 2030.

**Mission:** To ending extreme poverty, hunger and environmental degradation across Lake Tanganyika Basin by empowering Lake Tanganyika Basin's Communities to become a key participant in addressing the root causes of poverty, hunger and environmental degradation in the region.

### Our FOLT's focus Areas

FOLT achieves its Vision and mission by focusing onto the following strategic areas:

- ✓ Environmental Conservation (biodiversity conservation and sustainable natural resources management-fisheries, forest and wildlife; tree planting; Protecting and restoring aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems; combating climate change-carbon offset; Waste management, and environmental justice);
- ✓ Clean energy (solar power, biomass charcoal briquettes, hydro-power, wind power, fuel efficient cooking stove, biogas);
- ✓ Micro-finance, entrepreneurship;
- ✓ Food and nutrition security (sustainable agriculture, fishing, animal husbandry, beekeeping and fish farming);

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- ✓ Cultural Tourism;
- ✓ Primary healthcare services;
- ✓ Education;
- ✓ Water and sanitation;
- ✓ Peace and justice;
- ✓ Human rights and gender issues; and
- ✓ Refugees' relief services and humanitarian assistances.

## Our Core values

FOLT stands for and believes in

***Commitment:*** We affirm total commitment to the people we work with

***Justice:*** We pursue attainment and enjoyment of the human rights of the people we serve

***Respect:*** We respect the dignity, potential worth and right of every human being

***Excellence:*** We strive to attain the highest standard in all that we do

***Efficient and effective:*** use of all our resources including funds and human resources

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## FOLT's Leadership

FOLT organizational structures are:

**General Assembly:** General Assembly is a meeting of all active members of Friends of Lake Tanganyika. General Assembly is supreme decision making organ of the FOLT.

**Board of Directors:** FOLT is governed by a Board of Directors. Board of Directors is subjected to the authority, direction and policy set by General Assembly. Board of Directors is responsible for the oversight and general control of all the affairs of the FOLT. Board of Directors is led by Mr. Athuman A. Athuman (Chairperson), with assistance of Mr. Lima Joseph Wamunza-Vice-Chairperson (M.sc.;FCCA), Mr. Issa M. Beji- Executive Secretary, Ms Agnes Yusuph Lumbagu-Treasurer (Diploma in Accountancy), Fauzi Hilali Mahuba –Member, Kudra Jumanne–Member, and Hassani Almasi Kisabya-Member.

**Secretariat:** The day-to-day of the organization operations are vested to Secretariat. Secretariat is led by Mr. Said K. Kasanula-Chief Executive Officer (BSc Forestry), with closely assistance of Mr. John Masaganya-Chief Financial and Human Resource Officer (Diploma in Accountancy & BA Community Development); Mr. Petro Masolwa;-Program Officer-Environmental and Natural Resources Management (MSc Natural Resource Management, Postgraduate Diploma in Social work and BSc Agriculture); Ms. Betha William Migembe;- Program Officer-Community Development; Maulidi Mangwa;-Director of Projects Development and Fundraising; and Ms.Aziza Ramadhani; Director-Research and Development (BSc Forestry).

## ABOUT LAKE TANGANYIKA AND ITS BASIN

Lake Tanganyika is one of the world's natural wonders. Holding about 17 percent of the globe's surface freshwater, it is also the oldest and the deepest lake in Africa. Bordering four countries (Burundi, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Tanzania and Zambia), it offers a source of livelihood for over 12 million people.



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## A BIODIVERSITY HOTSPOT

The lake is home to over 700 species of fish that are found nowhere else in the world and borders several national parks and nature reserves that are of worldwide significance for the protection of wildlife. The region includes forest areas that are among the few remaining habitats for chimpanzees.



## FACTORS OF DECLINE

The region has been plagued by recurring episodes of violence with severe humanitarian consequences. Poverty is rampant, hunger and environmental degradation is proceeding at alarming rates. The lake basin is increasingly vulnerable to the effects of human activities, such as deforestation, unsustainable agricultural and fishing practices, mining activities and pollution.

The magnitude of these threats is intensified by the impacts of climate change and of the population growth in the basin which, at a rate of 2 to 3 percent annually, is among the highest on the planet.



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## PHASED INTERVENTIONS

Direct causes for these threats include lack of resources such as skills, infrastructure and funds; extreme poverty and limited sustainable livelihood options for the basin population.

FOLT, with its partners since 2012 has been working hard to improve the lives of the 12+million people living in the Lake Tanganyika Basin and the ecosystems they depend upon.

### LAKE TANGANYIKA BASIN'S COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

FOLT work with community in various programs:-

1. Charcoal Briquettes making and energy saving stoves

FOLT train and equip lake Tanganyika basin's communities on making charcoal briquettes and energy saving stoves as alternative energy for cooking and means to reduce deforestation.



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## 2. Environmental Awareness

FOLT raise environmental awareness through school children tours to National Parks, football tournament, environmental films shows and traditional dances.



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### **3. Tree planting & Forest Garden**

FOLT has been supporting establishment of Villages' tree nurseries for reforestation of Lake Tanganyika basin and currently it preparing to implement Forest Garden Approach to address hunger, poverty, and environmental degradation in the region.



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THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA

**THE NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS ACT, 2002**

*Made under section 12(2) of Act No. 24 of 2002*

**CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that ..... **FRIENDS OF LAKE TANGANYIKA** .....

..... has this ..... **16TH** .. day of ..... **MARCH** .....

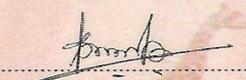
20 **16**..... been duly registered under Non-Governmental Organizations Act,  
2002 with Registration No. .... **00NGO/08484** ..... This certificate is subjected to

following condition/directions:

**That the aforesaid Organization shall operate in Tanzania Mainland** .....

**That the aforesaid Organization shall operate in accordance with its governing  
Constitution** .....

Issued this **16TH** ..... day of **MARCH** ....., 20**16** .....



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