

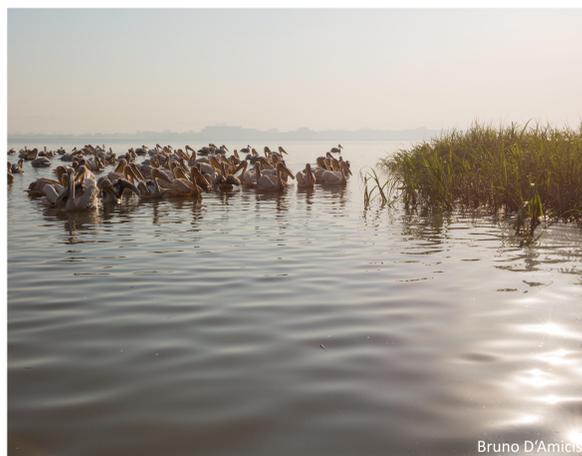
LAKE TANA BIOSPHERE RESERVE



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The Lake Tana Biosphere Reserve (LTBR)

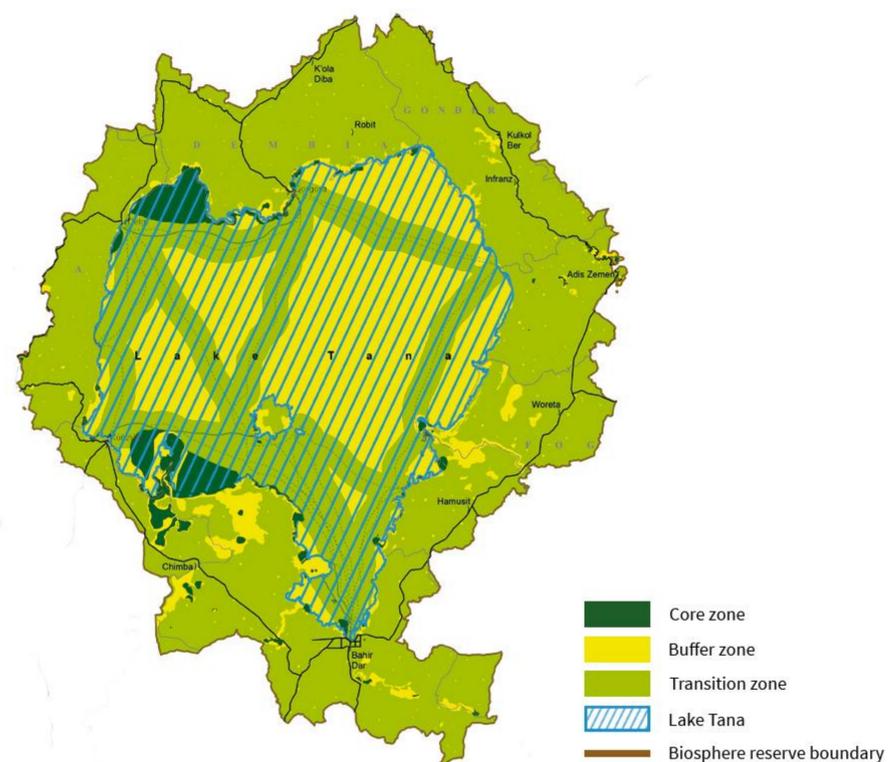
- covers the biggest lake in Ethiopia
- provides 50% of the country's freshwater
- hosts the source of the Blue Nile River
- secures the livelihood of 2,5 million people through ecosystem services (water, fish, papyrus, etc.)
- is part of the *Eastern Afromontane Biodiversity Hotspot* with
 - more than 300 birds species
 - 21 endemic fish species
 - >180 woody plant species

Biosphere reserves are zoned in

- **core zones:** strict nature protection, no human use
- **buffer zones:** limited human use
- **transition zones:** development areas, sustainable human use

UNESCO biosphere reserves

- are model regions that promote and enable nature conservation and sustainable development.
- are made possible by active cooperation between people, government, universities and civil society.



Zonation of the Lake Tana Biosphere Reserve