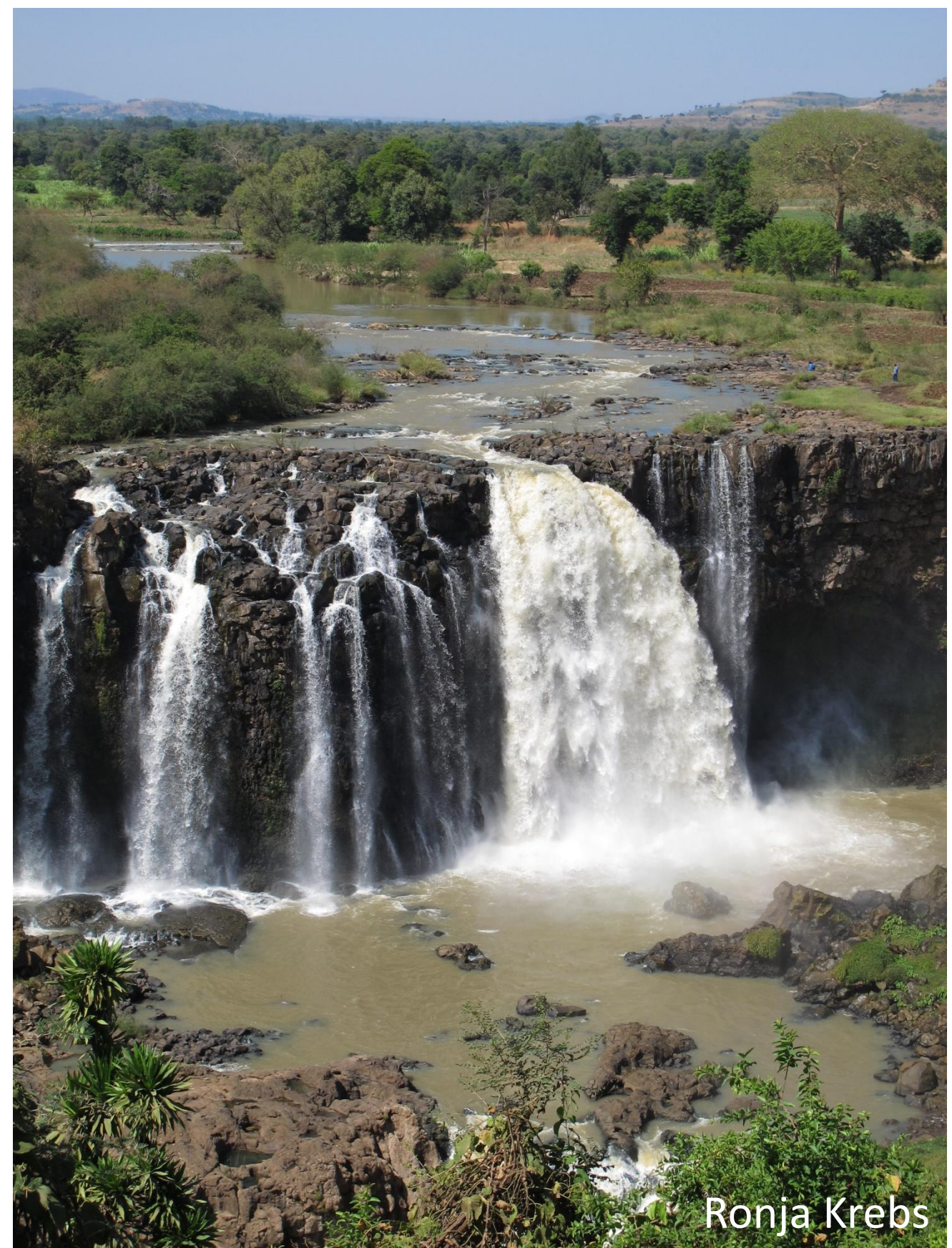
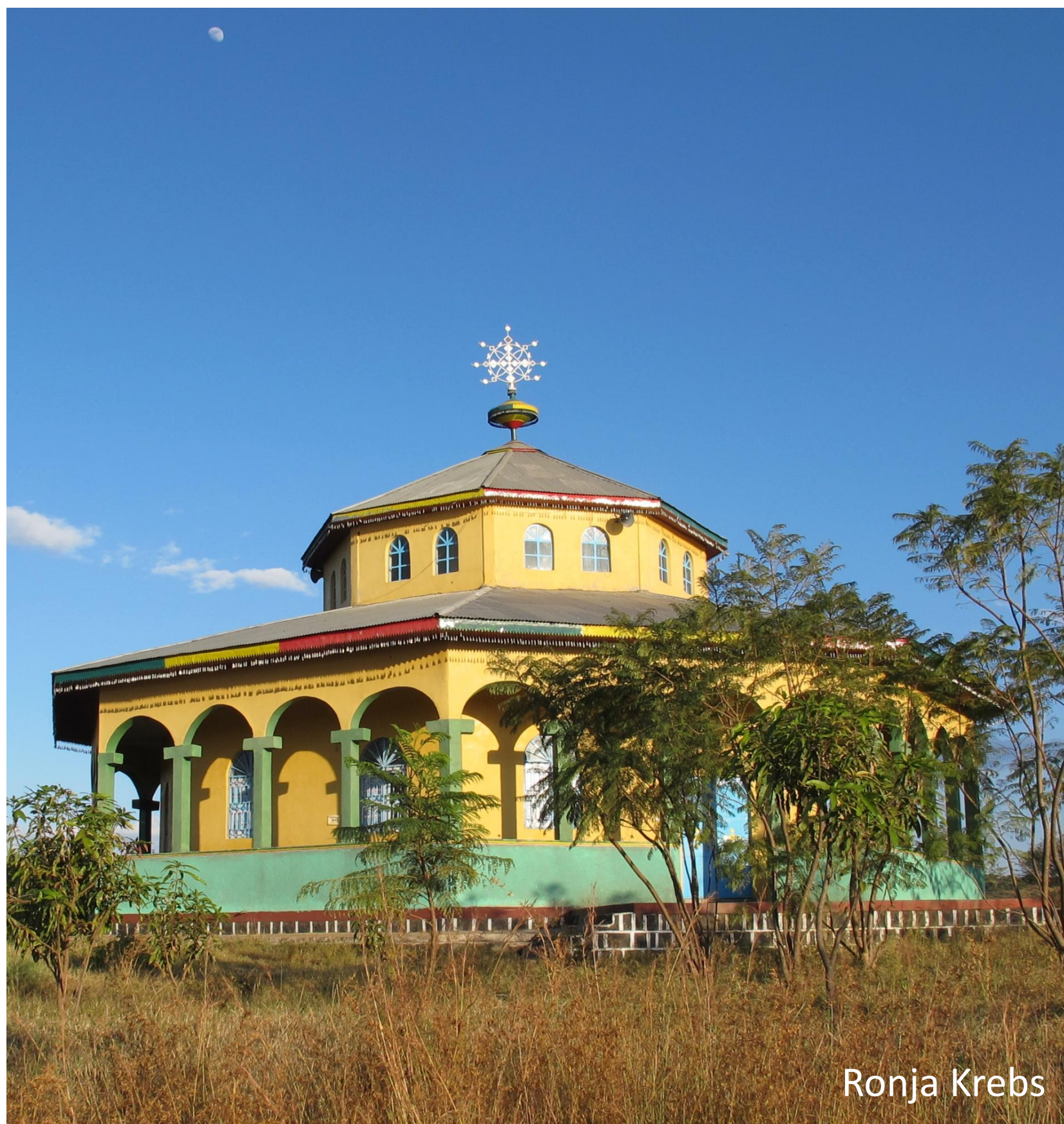


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LAKE TANA BIOSPHERE RESERVE



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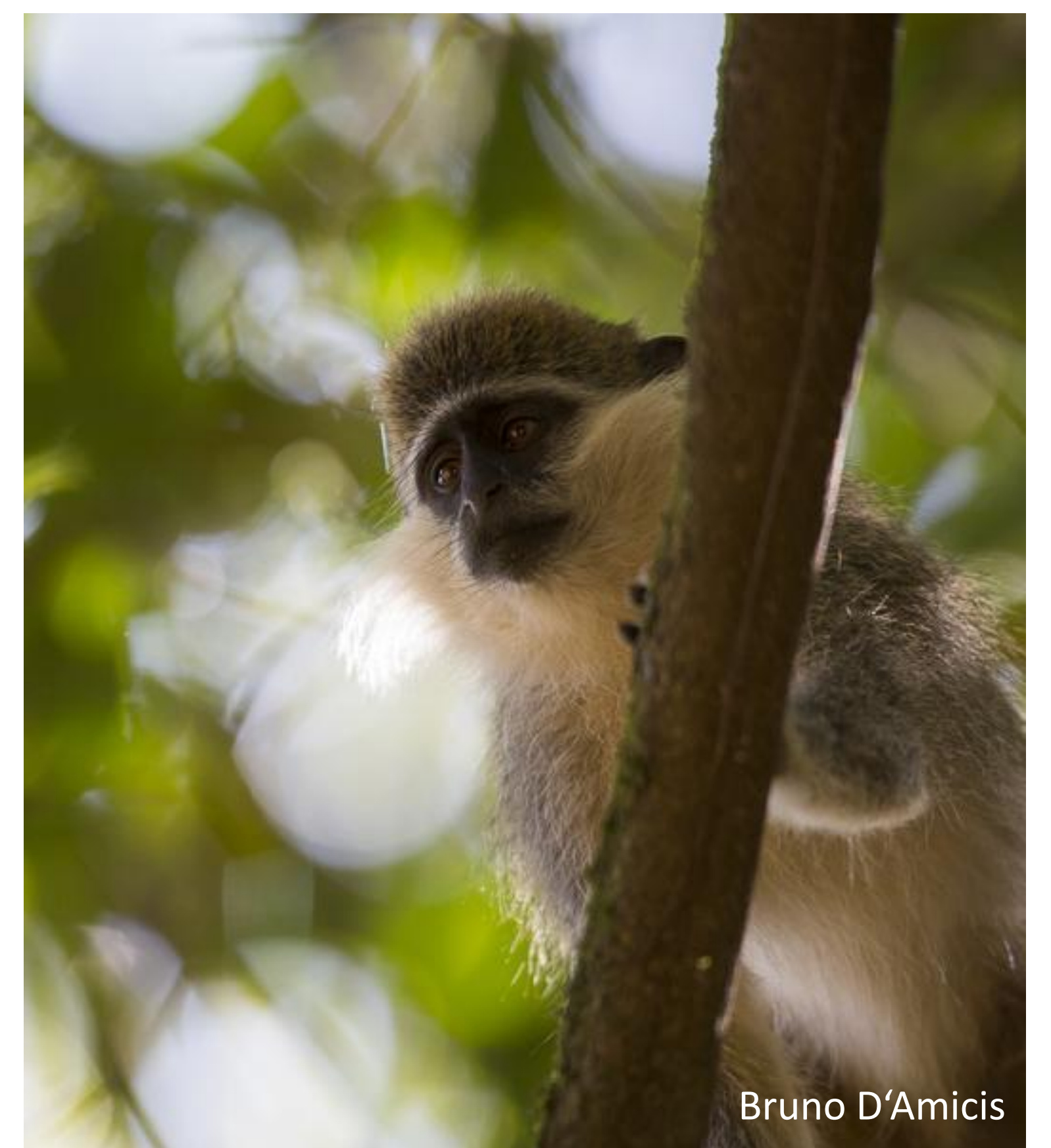
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Natural highlights

- **important ecosystems:** freshwater lake, estuaries and streams, traditional agricultural lands, wetlands; church forests
- **spectacular landscape:** Ethiopia's largest lake, in total 37 islands, Blue Nile Falls, hot springs
- **unique flora and fauna:**
 - around 300 bird species
 - hippos, Nile monitors, monkeys
 - 21 endemic fish species to Lake Tana
 - over 180 woody plant species
- **very important resting and feeding site for birds that migrate between Europe, Asia and Africa**

Cultural highlights

- **rich history stretching back to the 13/14th century**
- **political and spiritual centre of the Ethiopian Christian faith**
- **historical monasteries on twenty islands, some dating back to the 13th century**
- **handcrafts, annual festivals, lifestyles of the local community (coffee ceremonies, local markets, etc.)**
- **Bahir Dar ("by the sea" in Amharic) is the regional capital of Amhara, bustling town**



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