

# NABU's PROJECT

## For People and Nature: Establishment of a UNESCO BIOSPHERE RESERVE at Lake Tana



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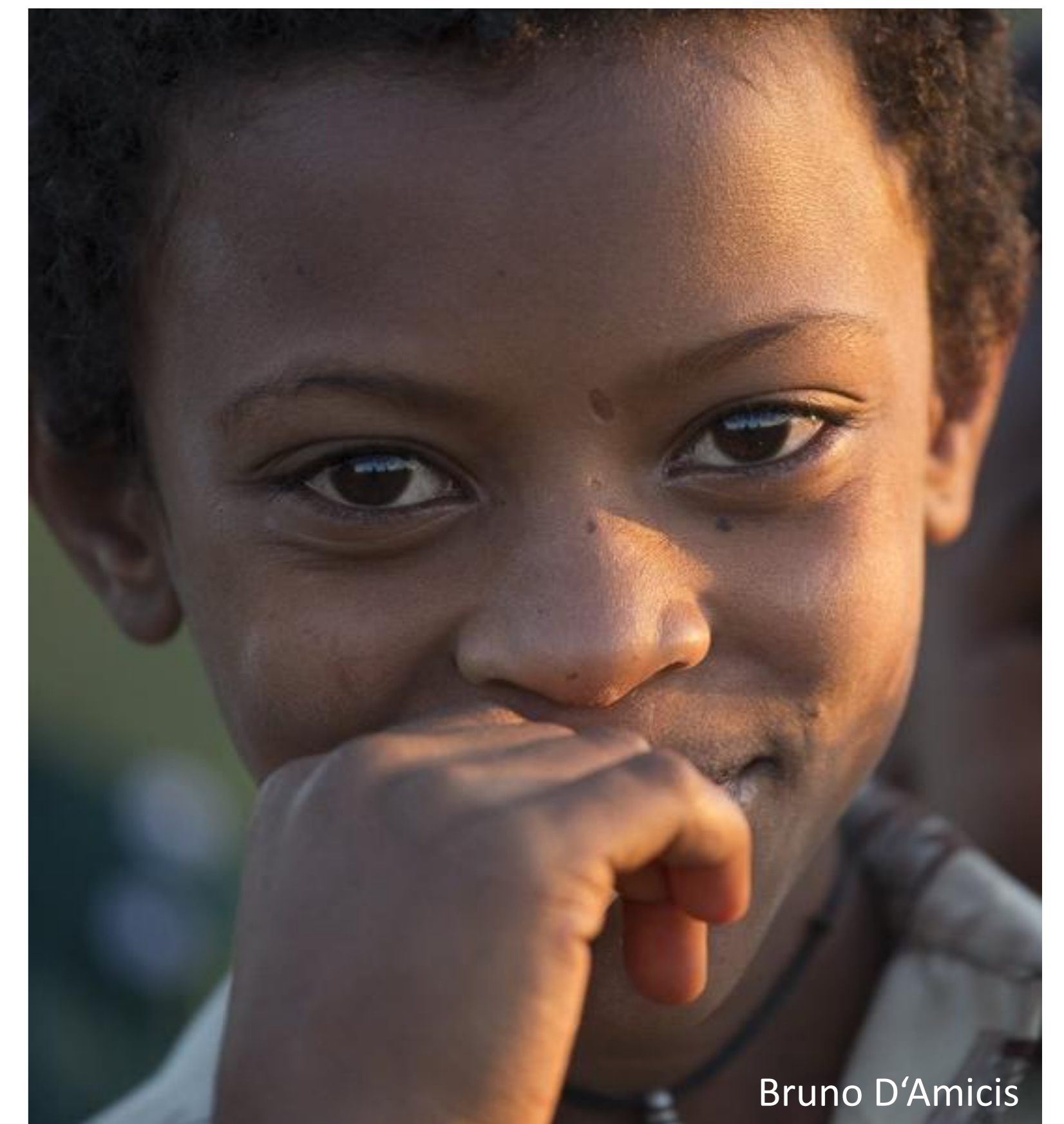
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### NABU, The Nature and Biodiversity Conservation Union is

- active in Ethiopia since 2006 e.g. establishment of one of Ethiopia's first biosphere reserves
- one of the oldest conservation organisations worldwide, backed up by >560,000 members
- supported at Lake Tana by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and works in cooperation with Michael Succow Foundation
- Working in close cooperation with national ministries like MoST, the Regional Government (Amhara, SNNPR), Zonal and Kebele Level actors



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### Project achievements - highlights

- Official recognition of Lake Tana as UNESCO biosphere reserve in June 2015
- Management structures established incl. Management Plan
- Participatory zonation and legal protection of core zones
- Additional income for local communities created by
  - introducing *Conservation Agriculture*
  - educating women for honey production
  - training people in producing herbal plants
  - developing ecotourism infrastructure
- Preservation of last forests by
  - reforestation with ~275,000 indigenous trees
  - Natural fencing against wild grazing livestock
  - introducing 1,000 energy saving stoves to families
- Conservation of four wetlands by
  - Introducing community management
  - offering alternative income schemes
  - capacity building at local and regional level