Lake Tanganyika: East Africa

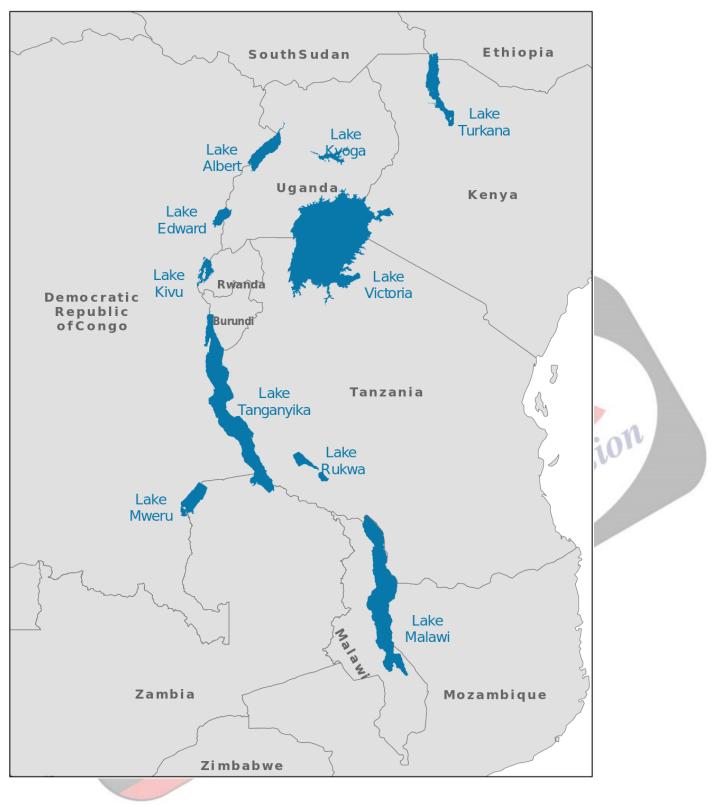
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As per a report by **Save the Children** (a humanitarian organisation), **migration in East Africa's Burundi** in recent years has been seen mainly **because of the rapid and significant rise of Lake Tanganyika.**

Key Points

- It is the second largest lake in eastern Africa. It covers about 12,700 square miles,
- It is the longest freshwater lake in the world and the second deepest after Lake Baikal in <u>Russia</u>.
- The lake is shared among four countries namely Burundi, Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Tanzania and Zambia
- It is situated on the line dividing the floral regions of eastern and western Africa, and oil palms, which are characteristic of the flora of western Africa, grow along the lake's shores.
- The largest rivers discharging into the lake are the Malagarasi, the Ruzizi, and the Kalambo. Its outlet is the Lukuga River, which flows into the Lualaba River.
- Rice and subsistence crops are grown along the shores, and fishing is of some significance.
 Hippopotamuses and crocodiles abound, and the bird life is varied.

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