



Lake Tanganyika: East Africa

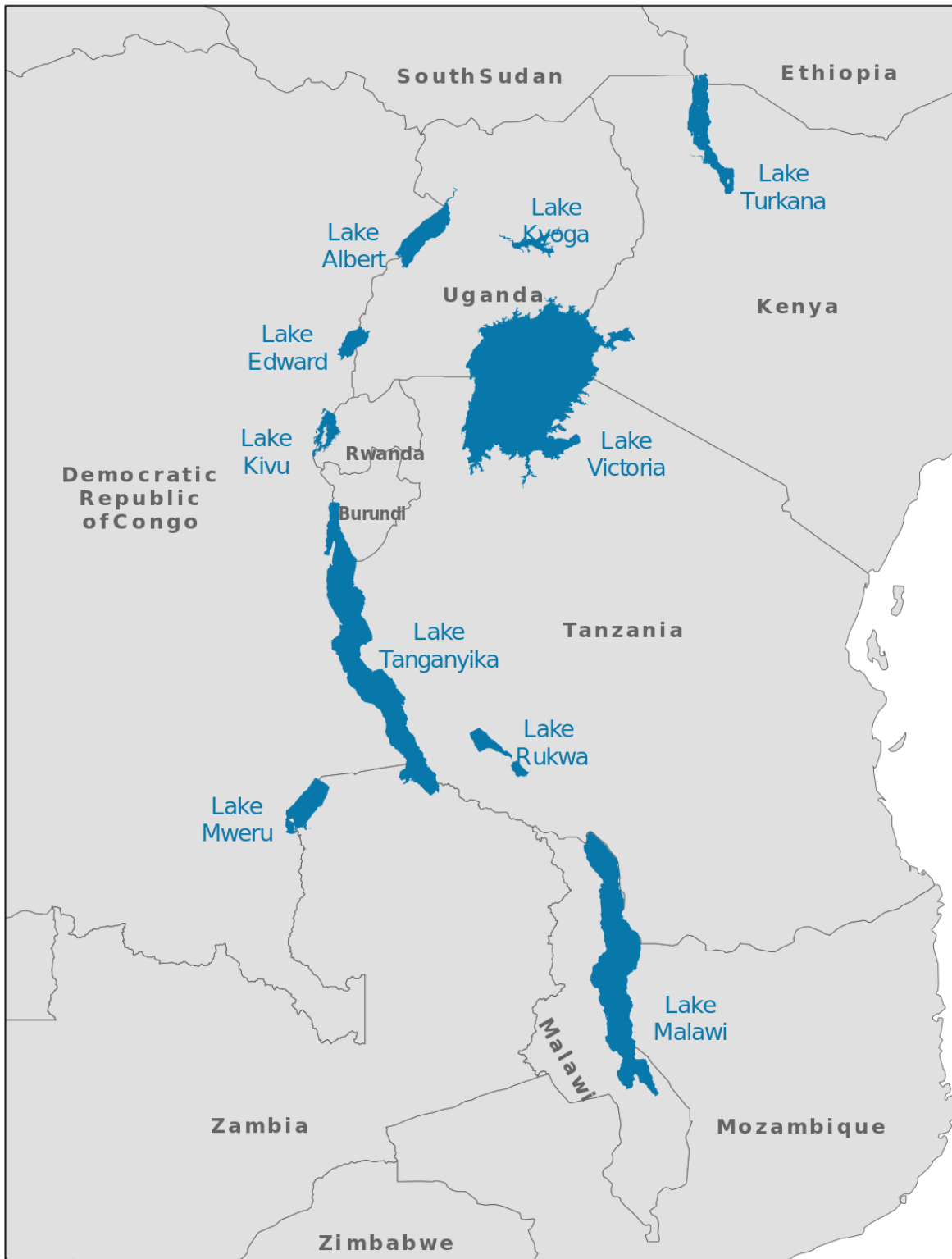
Why in News

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 [Russia](#)**.
- 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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