

# Fresh Water Fish: Abundance and Distribution



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## Short Communication

Lake Victoria is the second largest lake in the world. The lake has been having declining fish stocks. However, the latest fish survey, carried out between September and October 2017 indicates that Fish particularly Nile perch has increased from 393,335 metric tonnes to 457,248 metric tonnes this year. In the entire East Africa, fish grown from 0.85 million tonnes in 2016 to 1.12 million tonnes in 2017. Reasons put forward for the increase in Nile perch are due to the fight against illegal fishing, increased education, patrols of water bodies as per [1]. There has also been an increased concern regarding the use of fish finders which deplete the fish stocks but since they regulate they contrast fishing hence increasing the Nile perch [2]. The ban of fish nets by the Ministry has limited the lowest of immature fish harvests. Much as swim bladder trade is being discouraged as it leads to fish extinction According to the report, fish courts such as that on Buganda Road have been vital to the increase of the

Nile perch. Haplochromines (Nkejje) also increased from 0.47 million tonnes to 0.73 million tonnes over the past year while Tilapia fell across the region from year. While Tilapia fell across the region from 1.31 million tonnes to 0.7million tonnes this year. This is because of harvesting near the shores In conclusion, a host of factors have led to a change in tend of the Nile perch. It was on the down ward trend but increased monitoring, regulating fish nets, control of swim bladder harvesting, establishment of fish courts as per the case of Uganda have drastically improved on Nile perch distribution and abundance across countries bordering lake Victoria namely Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania [3].

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