

Foreword

Throughout the last months we have been busy analysing the report of the mid-term evaluation (MTE) of LTBP. The report was carefully considered at all levels of the project, namely: the technical special studies, the national working groups, the LTBP management consortium, the Steering Committee and finally, the donors and executing agency. Representatives from all these groups met in Nairobi from 25-27 May 1999 for a Tripartite Review to discuss their findings. These discussions are summarised in this issue of *Lakeside*, in reports from the Project Co-ordinator and UNOPS, together with a summary of the principle recommendations from the MTE report that were accepted by the meeting.

Other articles in this issue deal with regional project activities, including: a report from the LTBP delegation sent to Malawi to attend the wrap-up conference of the Lake Malawi/Niassa Biodiversity Project; the pollution special study activities in Kigoma Bay; biodiversity special study activities carried out by a regional team, including an intensive taxonomic training course and a survey of Mahale Mountains National Park in Tanzania; news about the GIS which will be installed in the region in November, and finally, an account of Burundi's efforts to commemorate World Environment Day.

Finally, please do not hesitate to forward articles for the next edition of *Lakeside* to the Project Co-ordination Unit. We look forward to receiving your input!



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