

ABSTRACT

motivated by the need investigate the impacts and inundation occasioned by possible changes in the water levels. The methodology adopted for this study was historical land-use land cover mapping to map changes around the Lake region followed by change analysis to establish trends of land use/cover while considering any changes in the lake shoreline. The Lake Victoria bathymetric data were used to model the lake level rise from 0 - 4 m within GIS. The increased water volume due to lake water level rise was simulated by the GIS model and the impacts in different areas around the shore are quantified in terms of land use/cover affected. Results from the study reveal that the lake shoreline could have slightly reduced, some areas there was hyacinth effect. In addition, the Northwest, West, and Southwest of the Lake could be significantly affected by such floods.

INTRODUCTION

Lake Victoria basin is home to over 30 million people engaged in agriculture and diverse wildlife. These are exposed to flood risks especially with varying conditions characterised by short intense rainfall frequently, extreme weather events in the form of storms are a common occurrence. In addition, there is a projected lake level rise inundation along the shoreline as a result of heavy precipitation within the lake itself. Therefore, models predicting a wetter East Africa region (Munyaho et al., 2011), there is urgent need to assess the impacts of changing water lake levels along the shorelines, to quantify their effects on urbanisation, agriculture, environment, health, ecology among other aspects. In the long-term, climate change would affect the lake water volume due to several factors such as sedimentation from the catchment areas, temperature changes which would lead to water level increase (Neumann et al., 2015). Hence, this study will also investigate through GIS modelling the impacts of lake level changes and map out areas likely to be affected by resulting floods due to lake water volume increase.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the study are to: map the land use land cover trend around the lake shoreline, hence investigate changes on shorelines due to urbanization; model water dissipation with simulated lake water rise; and assess the environment hence analyse flood impact to quantify flood risk in the towns of Kampala and Jinja.

METHODS

The study used historical Land use land cover mapping: change analysis, Land use land cover trend analysis, GIS, and hydrological units. The study also used lake inundation mapping using simulated lake water rise from 0 - 4 m. The study also used analysis of Lake Inundation flood risk and GIS for flood risk analysis for Kisumu and Kampala.

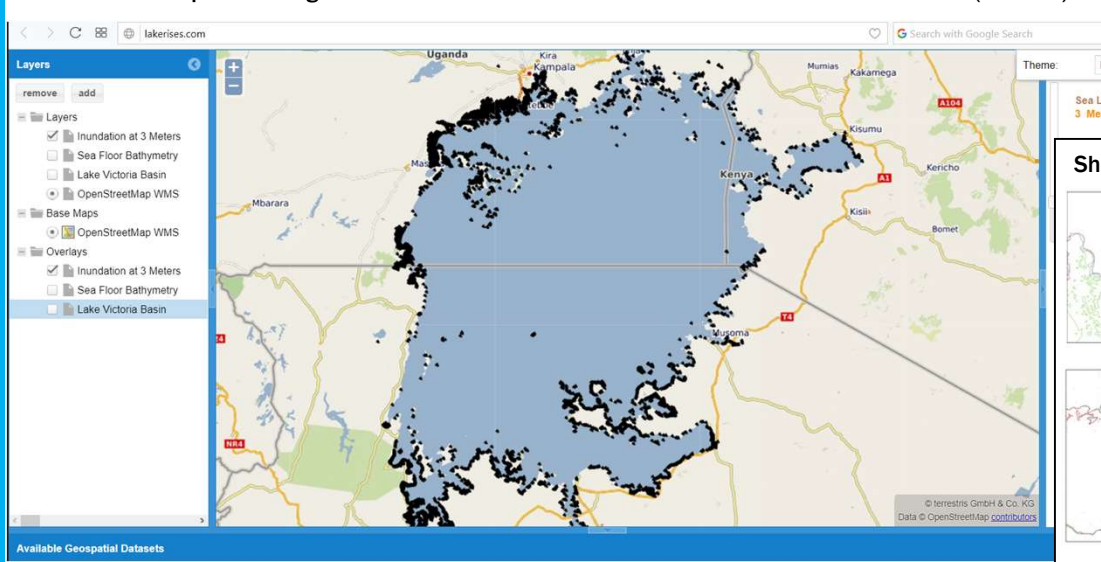
RESULTS: Land use Land cover

The study used historical Land use land cover mapping, trend analysis, and GIS to show coverage in Km².

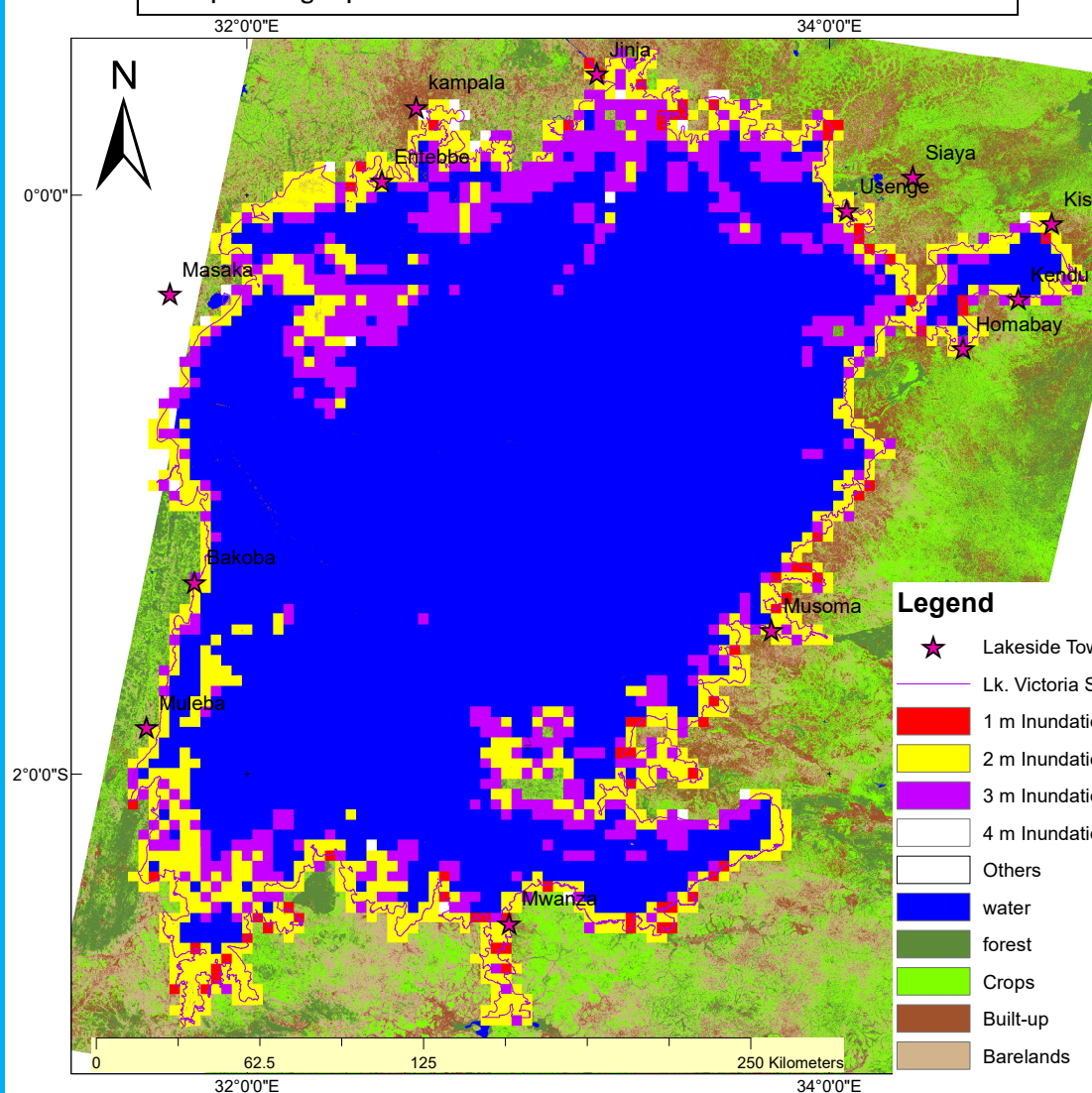
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RESULTS

Web Map Visualizing inundation under different simulated lake water rise scenarios (1 – 5 m)



A map showing Impacts of Lake water rise on the different Land uses Land cover



DISCUSSION: A table showing the impact of inundated areas under different land uses/cover (Areas in Km²)

	1m rise	2m rise	3m rise	4m rise
Water	518.3109	6190.913	12902.72	12796.943
Forest	112.6197	1739.655	2366.32	2350.0638
Crops	127.2798	1703.003	2277.045	2324.4615
Built-up	172.8234	1629.821	2070.217	2148.3072
Bare lands	174.2283	1685.823	2040.494	2112.8562

CONCLUSION

The major findings of the study are the anticipated lake water rise and the resulting floods around the lake shoreline. The study found that the lake shoreline would rise by 4 kilometers in some areas, which would impact various land uses.

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