

Project Update: January 2023

We are thankful to The Rufford Foundation for this small grant to implement the project "Conservation initiatives to protect the critically endangered Kampango (*Bagrus meridionalis*) in Lake Nyasa through community education and empowerment, Tanzania". We have started the implementation of the project by meeting with stakeholders including artisanal fishermen, fisheries officers, community organisations such as Social Health Environmental Management Organization (SHEMO), and district government authority. We have already received a permit from the District Executive Director (DED) to begin the implementation of education campaign to local communities living adjacent to Lake Nyasa. This campaign aims to empower and educate local communities about management of Lake Nyasa and conservation of *Bagrus meridionalis*.



Preliminary Survey of Critically Endangered Kampango (*Bagrus meridionalis*) in Lake Nyasa at Lake Nyasa.

Currently, the ongoing activities:

Conservation education to local communities adjacent to Lake Nyasa, fishermen, and fisheries officers about Kampango and the impact of human activities, i.e., illegal fishing and pollution. This aims to raise awareness of and voluntary compliance to sustainable fishing by local fishermen in order to reduce the extinction risk of Kampango and improve its population.



The endangered Kampango.

