

Lessons from Lake Malawi

Explore the history of fisheries management in Lake Malawi and what lessons this can teach for sustainable fishing futures in Malawi and beyond.

Thursday, 19 October 2023 – 11:00 (UK time) 12:00 (Malawi time)

Location: The Business Centre, Edinburgh City Chambers and on Zoom **Duration:** 90 minutes + additional networking for those participating in-person.

Programme		
Time UK / MW*	Item	Speaker/s*
10:30 UK	In-person welcome and briefing	Natasha Maluza, Communication and
		Engagement Officer, SMP
11:00 UK / 12:00 MW	Welcome	Stuart Brown, Interim CEO, SMP
	Meeting overview	
11:05 UK / 12:05 MW	Introduction to the Project	Dr David Wilson, Lecturer in History,
		University of Strathclyde
11:10 UK / 12:10 MW	A brief history of colonial fisheries	Dr David Wilson
	governance (summarising archival	
	research)	
11:15 UK / 12:15 MW	A brief history of Mbenji Island fisheries	Prof Bryson Nkhoma, Professor of
	management (summarising oral history	Environmental and Agricultural History,
	research)	Mzuzu University
11:20 UK / 12:20 MW	Fisheries Analysis in Mbenji and	Dr Elias Chirwa is Senior Lecturer in
	Surrounding Waters (summarising	Fisheries and Aquatic Science and Head
	environmental sampling findings)	of Department in the Faculty of
		Environmental Science, Mzuzu University
11:25 UK / 12:25 MW	Tracing Pollutants in the Sediment	Prof Tracy Morse is Professor of Public
	(summarising sediment analysis)	Health, University of Strathclyde
11:30 UK / 12:30 MW	Recommendations	Dr David Wilson
	(providing executive summary)	
11:35 UK / 12:35 MW	Next Steps	Prof Tracy Morse
	(dissemination, One Health approach,	
	and ideas)	
11:40 UK / 12:40 MW	Members' comments, questions and	All attendees
	contributions	
12:20 UK / 13:30 MW	Closing remarks	Stuart Brown, Interim CEO, SMP
12:30 UK / 13:30 MW	Meeting closes	
12:30 UK	Networking and social	In person attendees only
13:00 UK	Event ends	

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*all times are approximate

*Speakers:

Mzuzu University (Malawi):

- Dr Elias Chirwa is Senior Lecturer in Fisheries and Aquatic Science and Head of Department in the Faculty of Environmental Science with expertise in fisheries management and aquatic ecology.
- Prof Bryson Nkhoma is Professor of Environmental and Agricultural History as well as Head of History and Heritage Studies with expertise in precolonial, colonial, and postcolonial interventions related to agriculture, irrigation, food security, and Indigenous knowledge.

University of Strathclyde (Scotland):

- Dr Charles Knapp is Reader in Environmental Science and a water-quality environmental scientist with expertise in ecology and genetic analyses to explain trends in a historical context.
- Prof Tracy Morse is Professor of Public Health who was previously based in Malawi for 20 years where she led an interdisciplinary team addressing the determinants of health.
- Dr David Wilson is Lecturer in History, Principal Investigator of the "Lessons of Lake Malawi" project, and Co-Investigator with One Ocean Hub; his expertise focuses on histories of colonialism, law, fisheries science, and marine governance.