

1931

Henry
Aiganda
Lunganya

No.

17226

SUBJECT

CO 533/413

Fishing Survey of Lake Victoria

Previous

16254/30

Subsequent

17215/35

1. See to Gov's Conference _____ 12 March
State arrangements made by T.T. Bond to initiate
collection of statistics on annual yield of fisheries
Kenya and Uganda have not taken any
action yet

2. See to Gov's Conference _____ 25 March
Inshore fishery zone preservation (East Victoria)
(Fishing) regulations 1931 passed by T.T. Bond

3. See to Gov's Conference _____ 25 May
State as to proposals put forward by Gov of
Uganda and as to application for assistance
for technical development and

Mr Bondy has mentioned on
this on 16.2.54/30

Para. 4 contains a scheme
put forward as a basis for discussion
which it is not proposed to
implement till times are better
Mr Bondy has certain doubts
on this scheme. I can only
reply in the sense of his minute

As regards immediate
action T.T. are collecting statistics
of the export volume of fish in
through Mwanaza, but cannot
collect the more elaborate statistics
suggested on p. 15 of Mr Graham's

He suggests recording the Ngege in Kaimosi Harbours' statistics and the quantities of a separate kind at Mwanza, together with the remaining species recorded as "Others". It is explicitly stated that at Mwanza kinds of fish will not be distinguished, and it is at least doubtful that distinction is proposed elsewhere. I would submit that it should be ascertained for certain whether, at stations other than Mwanza there is to be distinction; and, secondly, at Mwanza and if necessary elsewhere that an effort should be made to secure the separate recording of at least a few of the most important kinds. I am, of course, not in a position to lay down which are the most important, but it appears obvious that these should at least include Ngege or Enasto (*Tilapia esculenta*), Mamba (*Protopterus*), Embete (*Mormyrus*); and that on account of its present importance, the second and third on the ground of possible development.

J. S. S. S.

9.2.32

N. Herlan: Have discussed

We must clearly suggest that the attempt sh^d be made to keep separate records of the more important kinds; but I do not gather that it is intended to complain as to the inadequacy of the steps here taken. In present circumstances I do not feel whether the sh^d be justified or not; in any case it would not be appropriate to complain to the Secretary

to the Governor's Conference. If a action
is apalling by some of the Governemnts

write an a draft here with

J Steel

11.2.32

WPT action

Certainly the intention of some of them. Draft with
in negotiation policy. Whole...

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To Conference of EA Govts. I am not sure

11.2.32

16 FEB 1932

WPT

To reply to No 6 etc

R59 25/7/32

I want two drafts of new language

again

marked
1/1/32
25/7

J Steel

WPT
J. Priestman

brought up wide minute above

11.2.32

Right

The time is not very far from
for a reminder to issue a report
to any statute in force. The need
is not another 3 months

16/4/32

J. Priestman

WPT

26/7/32

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C.D.
12 FEB
1932

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C.O.

Mr. Seel 21/2/32

Mr. Borley 11.2.32

Mr. Houston

Mr. Parkinson

Mr. Tomlinson

Sir C. Bollaugh

Sir J. Shuckburgh

Permt. U.S. of S. *Johnson*

Perly. U.S. of S. *Wainwright*

Secretary of State

17226/31 EA

15 Feb 1932

Sir

DRAFT

The Secretary
General of East African
Governors

I am to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (C/Sir/C 1) of the 22nd ~~th~~ December, and to state that he writes with satisfaction that a start has been made in the collection of statistics in regard to the fisheries at various points on Lake Victoria.

Yours faithfully
Sir Philip

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while (Norman), the
first account of its
present importance
and the second and third
on account of possible
development.

4. It is assumed
that you are arranging
for the collection of these
statistics recorded in the
different stations and the
keeping of a complete record

4. has been suggested that proper consideration
of the value of each station should
be made in the station work from
available data and that the records are
collected to cover each station and further
that the general nature of the system
and the general character of the work
is a general aspect of the complete record
is found.

(Signed) N. T. ALLEN

MINISTRY OF
CONGOV. NAIROBI

OFFICE OF THE
CONFERENCE OF EAST AFRICAN GOVERNORS
P.O. BOX 607
NAIROBI

Ref. No. C/SUR/611

RECEIVED
18 JAN 1932
COL OFFICE

22nd December 1931

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your letter No. 17226/31 of the 10th August, 1931, on the subject of the collection of certain statistics with regard to the Lake Victoria fisheries, and to state that the matter has been referred to the various Governments concerned.

2. As was stated in my letter C/SUR/611 of the 12th March 1931 the Government of Tanganyika have arranged for the following statistics to be kept by the District Officer Mwanza:

- (a) Exports of dried fish in cwt. (Kinds not specified)
 - (i) from Mwanza Customs
 - (ii) via Rail
- (b) Sales of fresh and dried fish in Mwanza Town Market.

3. The Government of Kenya has made arrangements for the District Commissioner, Kisumu-Londiani, at Kisumu to keep the following statistics:

- (a) the weight of dried and fresh fish sold in Kisumu
- (b) the weight of dried and fresh fish booked from Kisumu Railway Station, showing the railway station of destination.

4. Similar statistics to those being kept by the District Officer, Mwanza, in Tanganyika Territory, cannot be collected at Kisumu since native dhows plying between Mwanza and Kisumu ports are free of customs formalities and

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FOR THE COLONIES
DORLING STREET, NAIROBI

Ref. No. C/SUR/C.1

RECEIVED
18 JAN 1932
COL OFFICE

22nd December 1931

Sir,

North
I have the honour to refer to your letter No. 17225/31 of the 10th August, 1931, on the subject of the collection of certain statistics with regard to the Lake Victoria fisheries, and to state that the matter has been referred to the various Governments concerned.

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As was stated in my letter C/SUR/C.1 of the 12th March 1931 the Government of Tanganyika have arranged for the following statistics to be kept by the District Officer, Mwanza:

- Wanted*
- (a) Exports of dried fish in cuts
(Kinds not specified)
 - (i) From Mwanza Customs
 - (ii) *to Be*
 - (b) Sales of fresh and dried fish in Mwanza Fish Market

3. The Government of Kenya has made arrangements for the District Commissioner, Kikuyu-Londiani, at Kisumu to keep the following statistics:

- (a) the weight of dried and fresh fish sold in Kisumu
- (b) the weight of dried and fresh fish hooked from Kisumu Railway Station, showing the railway station of destination.

4. Similar statistics to those being kept by the District Officer, Mwanza, in Tanganyika Territory, cannot be collected at Kisumu since native dhows plying between Kevironda Gulf ports are free of customs formalities and

fishing boats export direct from Seme and Mangane.

5. The Government of Uganda have made arrangements for the collection of statistics by the Provincial Commissioner of Buganda and the Eastern Province in accordance with the recommendations made by Mr Graham on pages 15 and 16 of his Report.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

R. G. Walker

SECRETARY TO GOVERNORS' CONFERENCE

C.O.

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Mr. Eastwood 6/7/31
Mr. Bagley
Mr. Parkins

DOWNING STREET



10 AUG 1931

Mr. C. Holliday
Mr. P. Shuckburgh
Mr. G. Scrimgeour
Mr. J. B. G. ...
Mr. J. ...
Secretary of State

DRAFT

(3)

THE SECRETARY
CONFERENCE OF E. A. GOVS.

Ham etc., to refer to your
letter HQ.C./Sur.C.1 of the 3rd May
1931, on the subject of Mr. Michael
Graham's recommendation regarding
the Lake Victoria fisheries.

It is noted that the
Government of Uganda has put forward
a scheme of which details are furnished
in your letter as a basis for the
discussion of the action which can be
taken at a more convenient time to
implement Mr. Graham's recommendations.
The Secretary of State is in general
agreement with the proposals made, but
cannot suggest that the officer whose
appointment is suggested should not
in the first place, be required to
undertake the consideration and
introduction

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introduction of measures of preservation and control. Lord Passfield is advised that such a task could not in any case be attempted forthwith, since a considerable amount of material would have to be accumulated before a start could be made with the necessary researches, which would in all probability be of a protracted nature. The

collection and co-ordination of the statistics referred to on pages 15-16 of Mr. Graham's report will clearly be a matter of considerable difficulty, and it would seem advisable that, at first it should be attempted at a few of the chief landing places only. It

is also desirable that the collection of these statistics should be carried out by Government officials and not by any persons interested

financially in the fisheries, since reports

if possible, and only in the last resort

reports of such persons might for reasons of trade secrecy or other allied motives, tend to be less complete and reliable.

A. Lord Cassfield is also advised that a period of two years, which it is suggested should be occupied by the preliminary plans proposed, would not be sufficient for a proper development of the collection of statistics, and even if the collection has been fully organized, it would appear that some further provision will be required, though no doubt upon a lower scale to carry on the work as a routine operation.

B. It is possible that if a suitable man is obtained in the first instance, to begin the statistical work, he could later be employed for the work of devising and introducing methods of preservation and control. In the course

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it would appear that similar arrangements might be made at little or no additional cost by the Governments of Uganda and Kenya. His Lordship will therefore be glad if you would bring the matter to the notice of those Governments with the suggestion that they should ^{consider} make arrangements accordingly.

I am, etc.

Signed A. C. G. PARKINSON

TELEGRAMS
CONFIDY, NAIROBI

OFFICE OF THE
CONFERENCE OF EAST AFRICAN GOVERNORS

P.O. Box 60

NAIROBI

Ref No. C/SUR/G/1



End May, 1931

I have the honour to refer to my letter No. C/Sur/O.1 of the 12th of March which referred to the possibility of a joint application from the Governments of Kenya, Uganda and Tanganyika for assistance from the Colonial Development Fund to enable Mr. Graham's recommendations in respect of the Lake Victoria fisheries to be put into effect.

2. As the result of an enquiry from the Government of Uganda in November last as to whether they would be ready to participate in an application for assistance from the Colonial Development Fund to implement Mr. Graham's recommendations, the Governments of Kenya and Tanganyika indicated that they would be ready to consider the matter when they had been able to examine concrete proposals.

3. The Government of Uganda has now stated that in view of other and more pressing services for which assistance from the Colonial Development Fund is being sought, it cannot, at present, apply for assistance for the Lake Victoria fisheries.

4. The Government of Uganda has, however, put forward proposals as a basis for further discussion at a more favourable time as to the lines on which action should be taken in this matter. It recommends that in the first place an officer should be appointed, with the necessary clerical and other assistance, with the

following:

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DOWNING STREET,
S.W.1.

10 AUG 1931

Ans

following functions:-

- (1) To collect and co-ordinate the statistics referred to on pages 15 and 16 of Mr. Graham's report.
- (2) To consider methods of preservation and control (including the introduction of a Government monopoly in the supply of nets recommended by Mr. Graham) and to introduce in co-operation with the Governments concerned such measures of preservation and control as are immediately practicable with the staff available.
- (3) To estimate the cost of a more complete system of control and the amount of revenue which might be legitimately derived from the industry.

5. The duties of this officer would be mainly in the nature of a preliminary investigation into ways and means of carrying out Mr. Graham's recommendations and of generally developing the industry on a permanent basis. These investigations would be expected to extend over two years, with a total cost not exceeding, say, £5,000.

6. Since the Colonial Development Committee consider it advisable that Governments should themselves participate financially in any schemes for which assistance is granted from the fund, the Uganda Government suggest that the application should take the form of a request for a free grant of half the amount, subject to the Governments concerned providing half, and that the total expenditure should be divided between the Kenya, Tanganyika and Uganda Governments in proportion to the length of the littoral of the Lake lying within their respective territories.

7. The report of the officer mentioned above should enable the Governments concerned to decide whether or not a permanent Lake Fishing Authority should be set up and the

cost.

cost of establishing effective control as compared with the revenue likely to be derived from the development of the industry. It would then be for consideration whether the scheme should be prosecuted by the Governments on a contributory basis from their own revenues, or whether further assistance should be sought from the Colonial Development Fund.

8. The Governments concerned have been informed of the situation and when further action is taken in the matter a further communication will be addressed to you.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,


SECRETARY
COLONIALS CONFERENCE

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Ref. No. C/SUR/C.1.

OFFICE OF THE
CONFERENCE OF EAST AFRICAN GOVERNORS

P.O. Box 601

NAIROBI.

25th March 1931.

RECEIVED
20 APR 1931
COL. OFFICE

Sir,

No. 2 of 16257/30

I have the honour to refer to your letter no. 16254/30 dated 17th October 1930 on the subject of the recommendations made in Mr. Michael Graham's Report on his fishery survey of Lake Victoria and in continuation of my letter C/Sur/C.1 dated 28th June 1930 to forward for your information a copy of a regulation made by the Governor of Tanganyika Territory in respect of the size of the nets to be used for fishing in Lake Victoria which will come into force on the 1st October next.

The rules regarding the mesh of nets to be used for fishing in Lake Victoria will now be the same for all three territories, except that in Tanganyika for the Lago-Victorianus the use of a smaller mesh is permitted.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

C. G. L. Allen

SECRETARY TO GOVERNORS' CONFERENCE.

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR THE COLONIES,
THE COLONIAL OFFICE,
DOWNING STREET, S.W.1.

THE GAME PRESERVATION ORDINANCE (Cap. 86 of the Laws)

THE GAME PRESERVATION (LAKE VICTORIA) (FISHING) REGULATIONS
1931

In exercise of the powers conferred upon him by Section 3 of the Game Preservation Ordinance, the Acting Governor has been pleased to make the following Regulations :-

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Game Preservation (Lake Victoria) (Fishing) Regulations 1931 and shall come into force on the 1st day of October 1931.

2. No person shall fish in the waters of Lake Victoria with any net the mesh of which is less than five inches unless the thread of which it is composed is as thick or thicker than the flax twine known as 30/3^{ply} and no net shall be used in which the thread of the meshes is composed of separate strands liable to come apart during use. Provided that for the purpose of fishing for the Lake Victorians (commonly known as Ningu) the use of nets of a smaller mesh is permitted.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY'S COMMAND

S. B. B. McELDERRY

Acting Chief Secretary to Government

Dar es Salaam,

9th March 1931.

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Office of the
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P.O. BOX 201
NAIROBI

Ref. No. C/SUP/C.1.

12th March 1931

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14 APR 1931
CONFERENCE

Sir,

No. 162/1694/

I have the honour to refer to your letter No. 16254/30 of the 17th October, 1930, in which you ask if any steps have been taken by the Governments of Kenya, Tanganyika and Uganda to institute the collection of statistics as to the annual yield of the fisheries in Lake Victoria.

The Government of Tanganyika have arranged for the following statistics to be kept by the District Officer, Mwanza:--

- (a) Exports of dried fish in cwt. (Kind not specified)
 - (i) from Mwanza Customs
 - (ii) by mail
- (b) Sales of fresh and dried fish in Mwanza Town Market.

but the Government has not found it possible to undertake the collection of the figures suggested in paragraph 4 (Page 25) of Mr Graham's report as the staff and organisation for the purpose does not exist and cannot, in present circumstances, be provided.

4. The Governments of Kenya and Uganda have not taken any action in connection with the collection of statistics as they have not the staff available to under-

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take this work and they consider it desirable that such action should await the establishment of an authority competent to deal with the various recommendations contained in Mr Graham's report.

5. The question of a possible joint application by the three Governments concerned for assistance from the Colonial Development Fund to enable Mr Graham's recommendations to be put into effect is now under consideration, and a further letter will be forwarded to you as soon as any conclusion has been reached on this question.

I have the honour to be,

/ Sir,

Your obedient servant

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT