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Plastic ban, relief for Lake Victoria

The ban by Kenyan government on plastic bags manufacturing and use has been seen as an answer to the dwindling fish stocks in Lake Victoria. Plastic ban took effect in the country on 28 August, 2017.

“Plastic pollutants in the lake have been having damaging effects on aquatic life as well as on fishing and tourism activities,” said Dr. Paul Orina, Kenya Marine and Fisheries Research Institute assistant director

Dr. Orina added that the lake has been heavily affected by several pollutants which have curtailed the movement of fish in the lake. “Plastics block water ways and also interfere with the circulation of oxygen in the lake. Fish can easily be choked as a result of interference in air supply and free movement of water,” said Orina.

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