AN INVESTIGATION OF THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC BENEFITS OF LAKE KARIBA TO NYAMHUNGA COMMUNITY

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ABSTRACT

The research is intended to find the socio-economic benefits of Lake Kariba to residents of Nyamhunga Township in Kariba. To find out these benefits a survey was carried out. The survey was carried out using a set of questionnaires, interviews and observations. The questionnaires were administered by the researcher who gave the respondents and came back after three days to collect them. The questionnaires targeted household heads. Interviews were used with key informants who were human resource managers of companies operating in Kariba and regulatory authorities. Observations were done by the researcher throughout the period of researching. It was found out that residents enjoyed some benefits from the Lake. The benefits include uninterrupted water and power supply. People also enjoy the natural beauty of the area as well as water sport, game and bird viewing. The area is also associated with a lot of infrastructural developments which residents enjoy.