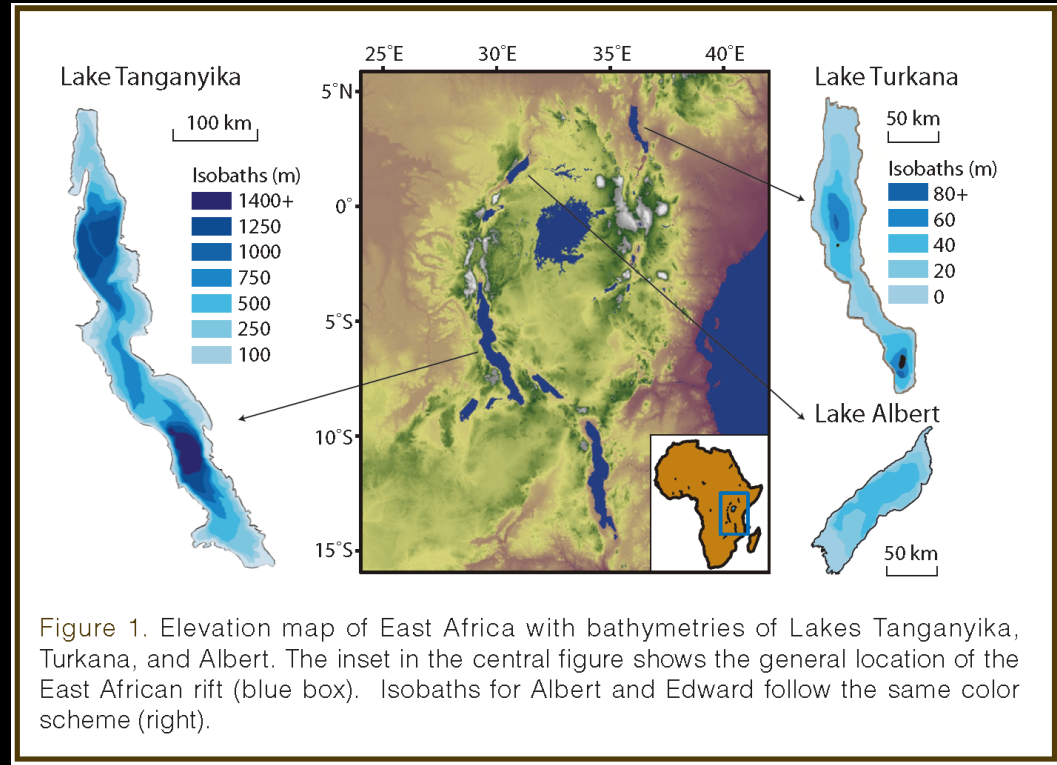


Scientific Drilling in East African Rift Lakes: 2011 Workshop (NSF-EAR)



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Current/Recent Drilling Projects:

Hominid Drilling 2013

Lake Malawi 2005

Forthcoming Drilling: Lake Tanganyika

Science Questions to be Addressed thru Studies of Long Cores

- **What are the dynamics of late Miocene-Pleistocene**
- **(last 7 Myr) African climate? (termination of a permanent El Niño, closure of the Indonesian seaway, the onset of Northern Hemisphere Glaciation....development of East African rift topography)**
- **What is the sensitivity and spatial variability of East**
- **African hydrology and temperature to orbital-scale**
- **climate forcings?**
- **How do the rates and amplitudes of East African climate change on millennial to decadal time scales?**

Science Questions to be Addressed thru Studies of Long Cores

What are the rates of border fault slip in the rift basins, and how they are constrained by geothermal gradients and volatile concentrations?

What are the relationships between long-term fault slip rates and short-term seismic hazards?

What are earthquake recurrence intervals?

How do long-term erosion rates, sediment budgets and accumulation, and their temporal variability help to constrain rates of crustal cycling?

Eruptive histories of the most violent of the EAR volcanoes (Rungwe)

Prospective sedimented highs in Lake Tanganyika

