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**Governing Wetlands: Wetland Management, Conflict
and the Role of Institutions in Namulonge, Wakiso
District, Uganda**

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This MA research project aims at identifying sources of conflict over wetland management in Namulonge, Wakiso District, Uganda and how these conflicts can be transformed in a way that is conducive to both, the protection of wetland resources and the resource users’ livelihood security. It is part of the GlobE research project “Wetlands in East Africa – reconciling future food production with environment protection”, Work Package A3 “Socio-Economic Evaluation”.

Uganda, the first country in Africa that developed a national wetland policy, joined the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands in 1988. However, conflicts over the protection or use of wetlands between the government wetland management authorities and the adjacent communities or investors are by no means exceptional and rare incidents. Conservation and protection of wetlands has remained a controversial issue and has been at the centre of political debate.

The purpose of this study is therefore to explore, describe and explain human-environment relations in regards to wetlands by the example of Namulonge wetland, by taking into consideration patterns of resource use, environmental awareness of users and governing and managing institutions/rules and organisations. It also seeks to identify types of conflicts over Namulonge wetlands and approaches to conflict resolution in order to come up with recommendations that take into consideration both, biodiversity protection and human security needs.



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