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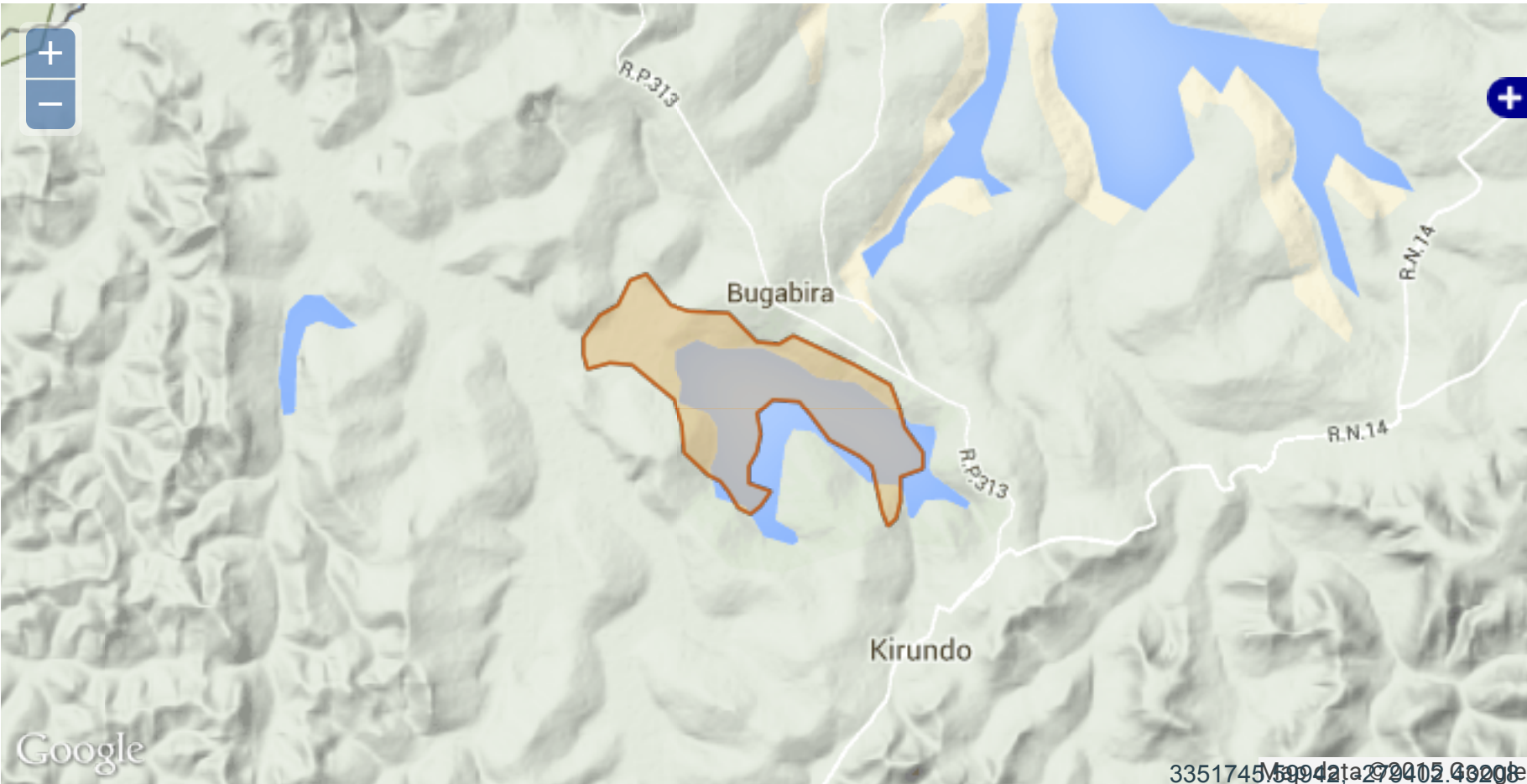
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Rwihinda Lake Managed Nature Reserve

Location	Burundi, Kirundo
Central coordinates	30° 4.00' East 2° 33.00' South
IBA criteria	A1, A3
Area	8,000 ha
Altitude	1,400 m
Year of IBA assessment	2001

Association
Burundaise pour la
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Oiseaux (Partner
Designate)



Site description Located in the north of Burundi, immediately north of the town of Kirundo close to the Rwandan border, Lake Rwihinda, known in the past as Lac aux Oiseaux (Bird Lake), lies a little way upstream of the Akanyaru wetlands (RW005), to the north-west. The area of the lake is 425 ha, but the total protected area has been extended to cover 8,000 ha.

Key Biodiversity See Box and Table 3 for key species. In the past, this site held large numbers of breeding *Phalacrocorax carbo*, *Anhinga rufa*, *Egretta ardesiaca*, *Ardea melanocephala* and *Nycticorax nycticorax*. Large numbers are rarely observed today, however, due to decreasing water-levels, fishing and agriculture. There are records of *Ardeola idea*, *Circus macrourus*, *Falco naumanni* and *Gallinago media*. In addition, one species of the Guinea–Congo Forests biome, five of the Afrotropical Highlands biome and two of the Zambezian biome have been recorded, while a third, *Calamonastes undosus*, used to do so, but is now possibly extinct locally due to habitat loss (see Table 3). Indeed, the current status of a number of species at Rwihinda is uncertain.

Non-bird biodiversity: None known to BirdLife International.

Populations of IBA trigger species

Species	Season	Period	Population estimate	Quality of estimate	IBA Criteria	IUCN Category
Red-faced Barbet <i>Lybius rubrifacies</i>	resident	1999	unknown	-	A3	Near Threatened
Ring-necked Francolin <i>Scleroptila streptophora</i>	resident	1999	present	-	A3	Near Threatened
Papyrus Gonolek <i>Laniarius mufumbiri</i>	resident	1999	present	-	A1, A3	Near Threatened
Carruthers's Cisticola <i>Cisticola carruthersi</i>	resident	1999	present	-	A3	Least Concern
White-winged Scrub-warbler <i>Bradypterus carpalis</i>	resident	1999	present	-	A3	Least Concern
Papyrus Yellow Warbler <i>Chloropeta gracilirostris</i>	resident	1999	present	-	A1, A3	Vulnerable
Sharpe's Pied-babbler <i>Turdoides sharpei</i>	resident	1999	present	-	A3	Least Concern
Red-chested Sunbird <i>Nectarinia erythrocerca</i>	resident	1999	present	-	A3	Least Concern
Northern Brown-throated Weaver <i>Ploceus castanops</i>	resident	1999	present	-	A3	Least Concern
White-collared Oliveback <i>Nesocharis ansorgei</i>	resident	1999	unknown	-	A3	Least Concern

IBA Monitoring


Monitoring summary			
Year Of Assessment	Threat status score	Condition status	Action status score

	(pressure)	score (state)	(response)
2013	high	not assessed	low
Was the whole site covered?	✓	State assessed by	unset
Accuracy of information	Unknown		

Threats to the site (pressure)					
Threat Level 1	Threat Level 2	Timing	Scope	Severity	Result
Over-exploitation, persecution and control of species	fishing & harvesting aquatic resources - unintentional effects: subsistence/small scale	happening now	whole area/population (>90%)	slow but significant deterioration	high

Conservation actions taken at site (response)			
Conservation Designation	Management Planning	Conservation Action	Result
Whole area of site (>90%) covered by appropriate conservation designation	Unknown	Unknown	low

Protected areas

Protected area	Designation	Area (ha)	Relationship with IBA	Overlap with IBA (ha)	
Lac Rwihinda	Nature Reserve	8,000	is identical to site	8,000	

Local conservation groups The local conservation group below is working to support conservation at this IBA.

Name	Year formed
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Habitats

IUCN habitat	Habitat detail	Extent (% of site)
Wetlands (inland)		27%
Shrubland		45%
Forest		27%

Land use

Land-use	Extent (% of site)
agriculture	-
fisheries/aquaculture	-
nature conservation and research	-

References Bider (1973), Debonnet (1991), Verschuren (1977).

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