

# THE MYSTERY OF THE MOVING /FLOATING ISLAND ON LAKE VICTORIA.

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# COMPOSITION OF FLOATING ISLANDS.

Floating islands are characterized by;

- Organic soils, which vary in depth from a few inches to a few feet.
- A colony of aquatic and sometimes upland plants.
- Moving islands are created in the following ways:
  - Floating islands are common on lakes where water levels vary seasonally.
  - At low tides, plants at the shore anchor onto loose organic soil, knitting their roots around the soil to create a firm mat.



# COMPOSITION OF FLOATING ISLANDS contd.

- Moving islands are created in the following ways:
  - As water levels rise, the plants pull much of the soil material, hence giving rise to a floating mass complete with soil and vegetation.
  - This is similar to the way floating masses are created on lakes that suffer from the effects of prolonged drought.
    - ❖ For these, the exposed sediments dry out following a dry spell, and so, only the highly buoyant peat and sprouting vegetation will rise up consequent upon rapid saturation.



# ABOUT THE MYSTERIOUS FLOATING ISLAND ON LAKE VICTORIA.

- The first half of June 2015 had a story of a mysterious floating island on Lake Victoria.
- Since it was reported, the island has migrated from one site to another, mainly between Ggaba landing site, Port Bell - Luzira and Miami Beach.
- Some people have named this particular island Jaja Magezi, presumably in an attempt to give the superstitious school-of-thought some credit, shows how desperate many of us are to provide a suitable answer to this “mystery”. Lugumira (2015)

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