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IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by section 24 of the Water Act (Cap. 372), the Water Resources Authority in consultation with the Cabinet Secretary designates the following areas to be basin areas for purposes of the Act—

- (a) Lake Victoria North Basin Area;
- (b) Lake Victoria South Basin Area;
- (c) Rift Valley Basin Area;
- (d) Athi River Basin Area;
- (e) Tana Basin Area; and
- (f) Ewaso Ng'iro North Basin Area.

1. Counties

The county governments falling within the designated basin areas are as set out in the First Schedule.

2. Sub-Basins

Pursuant to section 24(2), the Authority designates the basin areas set out in the Second Schedule as sub-basin areas.

FIRST SCHEDULE

DESIGNATED BASIN AREAS

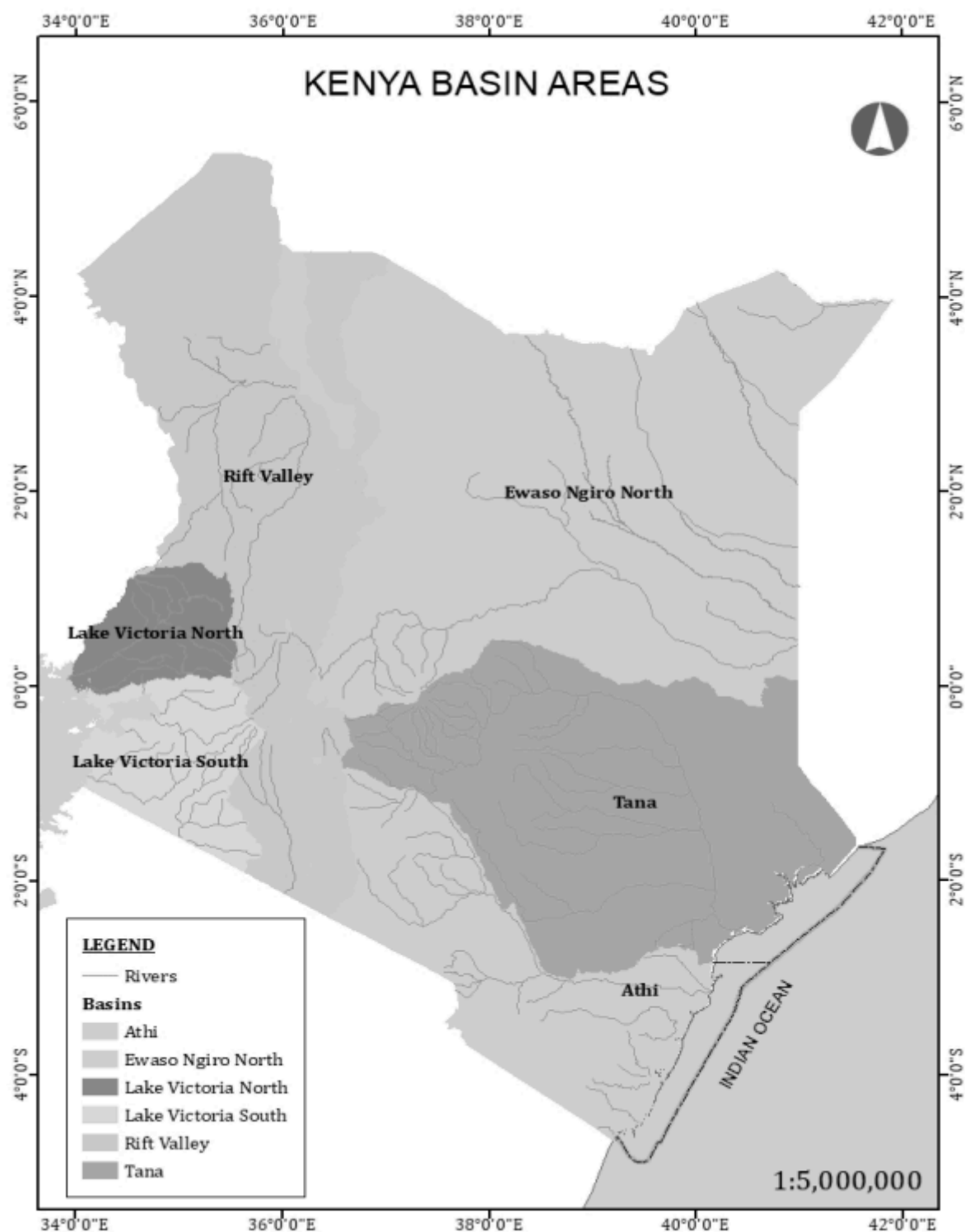
Part I – COUNTIES WITHIN RESPECTIVE BASIN AREAS

<i>Name of Basin Area</i>	<i>Counties within respective Basin Areas</i>
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Athi Basin Area	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Kiambu2. Nairobi3. Kajiado4. Machakos5. Makueni6. Kilifi7. Taita Taveta8. Kwale9. Mombasa
Tana Basin Area Area	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Kirinyaga2. Nyeri3. Embu4. Muranga5. Tharaka Nithi6. Garissa7. Kitui8. Tana River9. Meru10. Lamu
Rift Valley Basin Area	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Nakuru2. Turkana3. West Pokot4. Baringo5. Elgeyo Marakwet6. Narok,7. Nyandarua

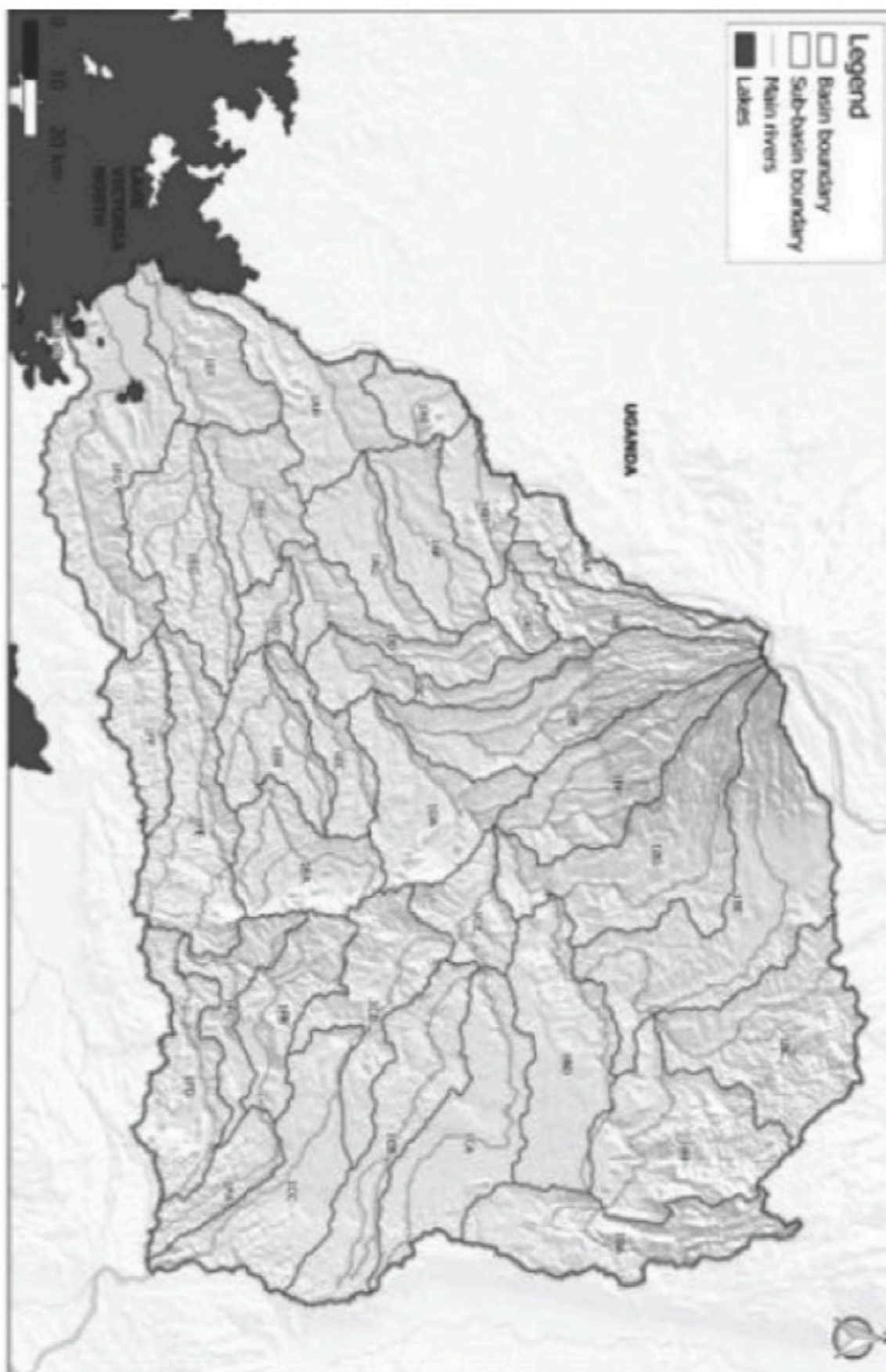
Lake Victoria North Basin Area	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Trans Nzoia2. Kakamega3. Bungoma4. Siaya5. Vihiga6. Nandi7. Uasin Gishu8. Busia
Lake Victoria South Basin Area	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Kisii2. Kisumu3. Kericho4. Nyamira5. Migori6. Homa Bay7. Bomet
Ewaso Ng'iro North Basin Area	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Laikipia2. Samburu3. Isiolo4. Mandera5. Marsabit6. Wajir

Part II – KENYA BASIN AREAS

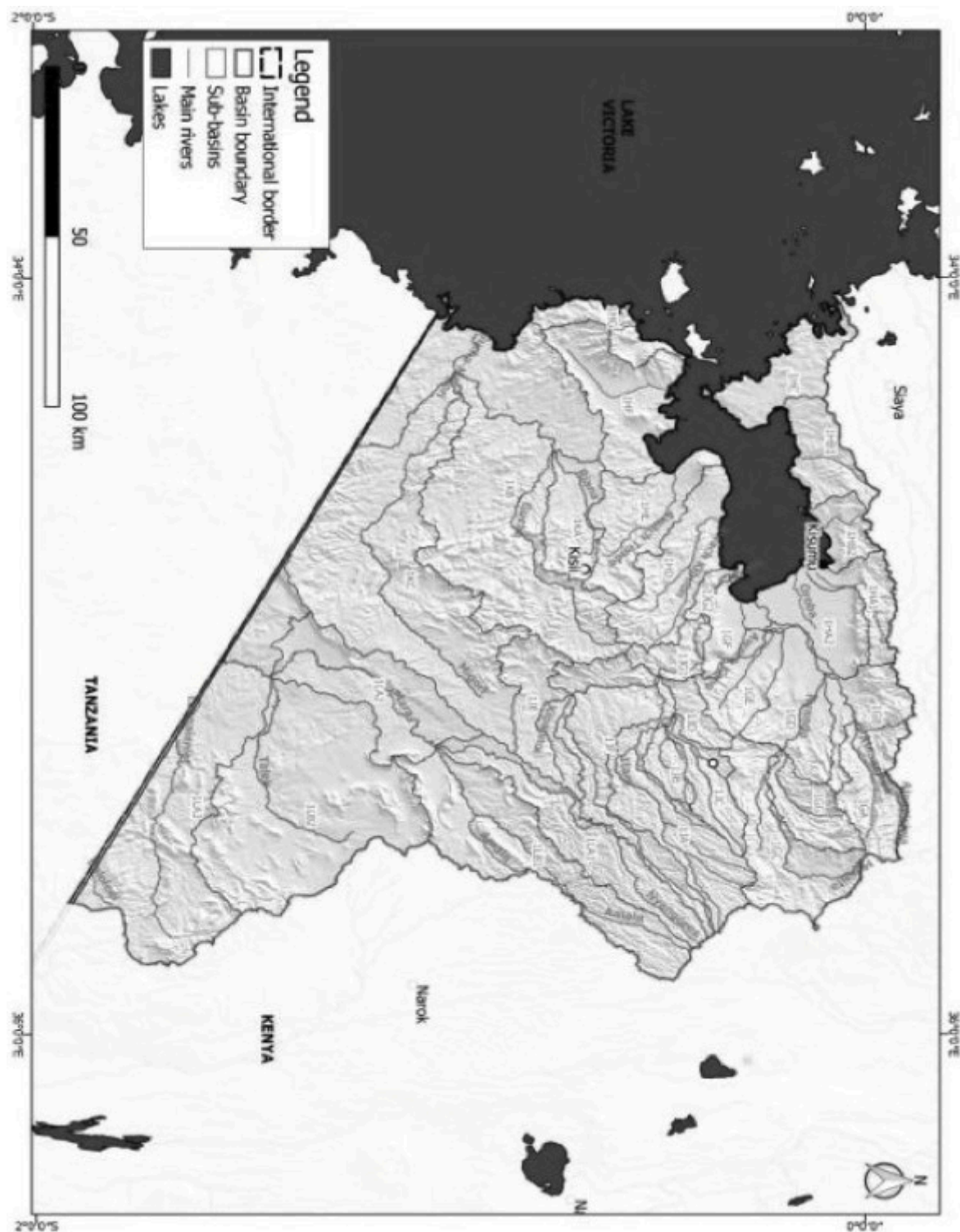


Part IIB – DRAINAGE NETWORKS WITHIN BASIN AREAS

The drainage network and sub-basins of the Lake Victoria North Basin Area



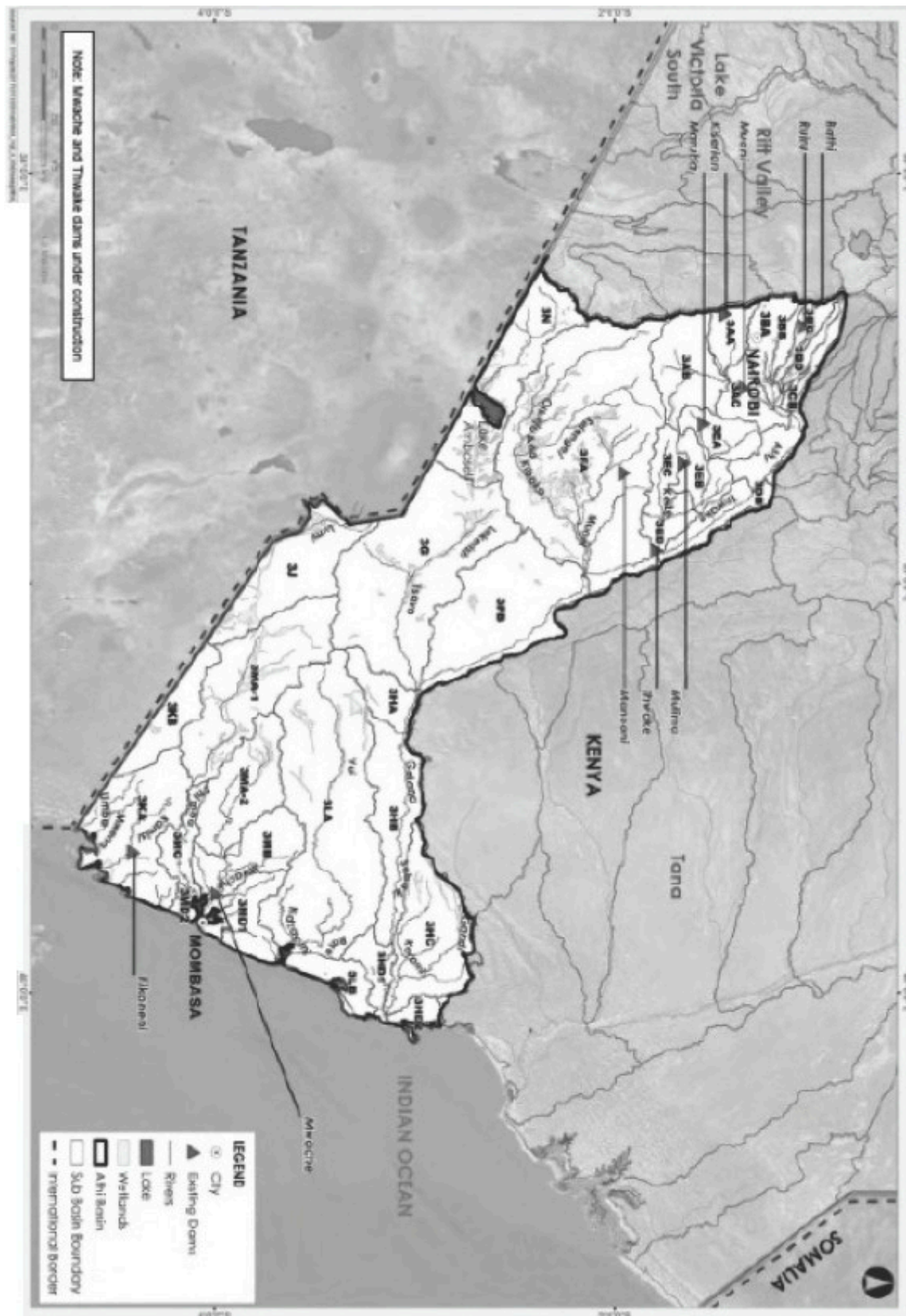
The drainage network and sub-basins of the Lake Victoria South Basin Area



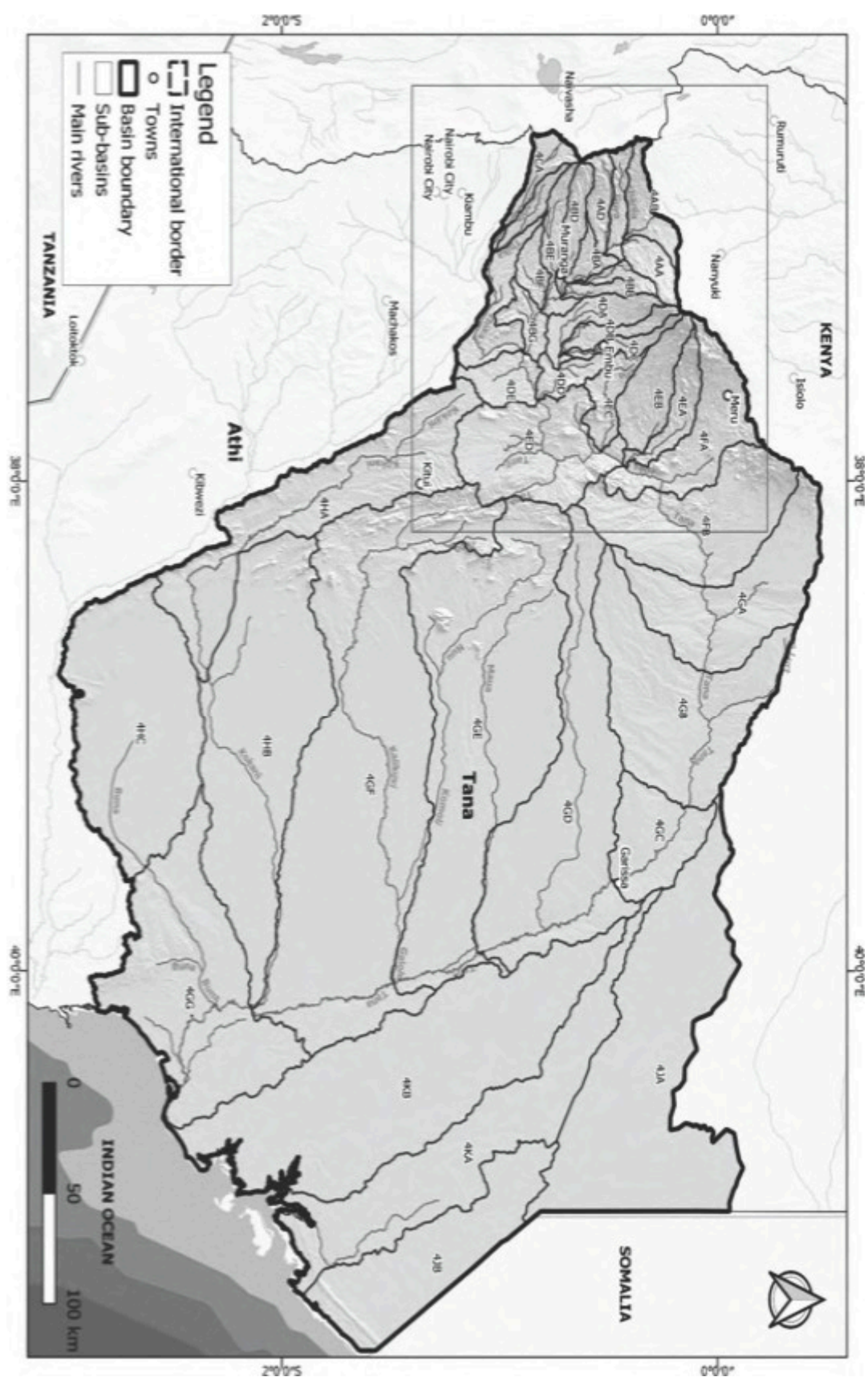
The drainage network and sub-basins of the Rift Valley Basin



The drainage network and sub-basins of the Athi River Basin Area:



The drainage network and sub-basins of the Tana Basin Area



The drainage network and sub-basins of the Ewaso Ng'iro North Basin Area



SECOND SCHEDULE [para. 2]**SUB-BASIN AREAS**

S/No.	Sub-Basins in Lake Victoria North Basin Area	Sub-Basins in Lake Victoria South Basin Area	Sub-Basins in Rift Valley Basin Area	Sub- Basins in Athi Basin Area	Sub- Basins in Tana Basin Area	Sub-Basins in Ewaso Ng'iro North Basin Area
1.	1AA	1GA	2AA	3AA	4AA	5AA
2.	1AB	1GB	2AB	3AB	4AB	5AB
3.	1AC	1GC	2BA	3AC	4AC	5AC
4.	1AD	1GD	2BB	3BA	4AD	5AD
5.	1AE	1GE	2BC	3BB	4BA	5BA
6.	1AF	1GF	2BD	3BC	4BB	5BB
7.	1AG	1GG	2CA	3BD	4BC	5BC
8.	1AH	1HA	2CB	3CB	4BD	5BD
9.	1BA	1HB	2CC	3DA	4BE	5BE
10.	1BB	1HC	2D	3DB	4BF	5CA
11.	1BC	1HD	2EA	3EA	4BG	5CB
12.	1BD	1HE	2EB	3EB	4CA	5CC
13.	1BE	1HF	2EC	3EC	4CB	5DA
14.	1BF	1HG	2ED	3ED	4CC	5DB
15.	1BG	1JA	2EE	3FA	4DA	5DC
16.	1BH	1JB	2EF	3FB	4DB	5DD

17.	1CA	1JC	2EG1	3G	4DC	5EA
18.	1CB	1JD	2EG2	3HA	4DD	5EB
19.	1CC	1JE	2EH	3HB	4DE	5EC
20.	1CD	1JF	2EJ	3HC	4EA	5ED
21.	1CE	1JG	2EK	3HD1	4EB	5FA
22.	1DA	1KA	2FA	3HD2	4EC	5FB
23.	1DB	1KB	2FB	3J	4ED	5GA
24.	1DC	1KC	2FC	3K	4FA	5GB
25.	1DD	1LA1	2GA	3LA	4FB	5H
26.	1EA	1LA2	2GB	3LB	4GA	5J
27.	1EB	1LA3	2GC	3MA	4GB	
28.	1EC	1LB1	2GD	3MB	4GC	
29.	1ED	1LB2	2H	3MC	4GD	
30.	1EE		2J	3MD1	4GE	
31.	1EF		2KA	3MD2	4GF	
32.	1EG		2KB	3N	4GG	
33.	1FA		2KC		4HA	
34.	1FB				4HB	
35.	1FC				4HC	
36.	1FD				4JA	
37.	1FE				4JB	

38.	1FF				4KA	
39.	1FG				4KB	
40.	1AA					

Notes:

The Sub Basin Code/Identification has the following components:

- First digit represents the Basin i.e. 1 for Lake Victoria (North and South), 2 for Rift Valley, 3 for Athi, 4 for Tana and 5 Ewaso Ngiro North
- The Letters immediately after the digit represent the major sub division of the Basin; and
- The subsequent letter represents the minor sub-division of the Basin (a sub division of the major sub division)