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Supplementary Materials for

Navigating the complexities of coordinated conservation along the river Nile

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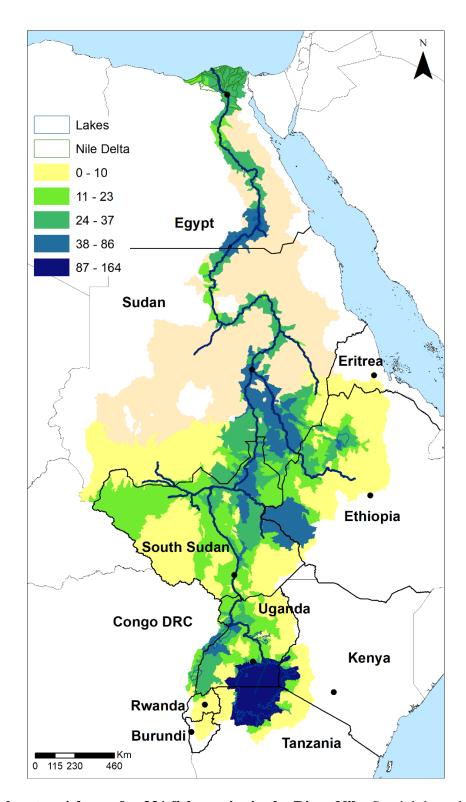


Fig. S1. Freshwater richness for 331 fish species in the River Nile. Spatial data obtained from the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

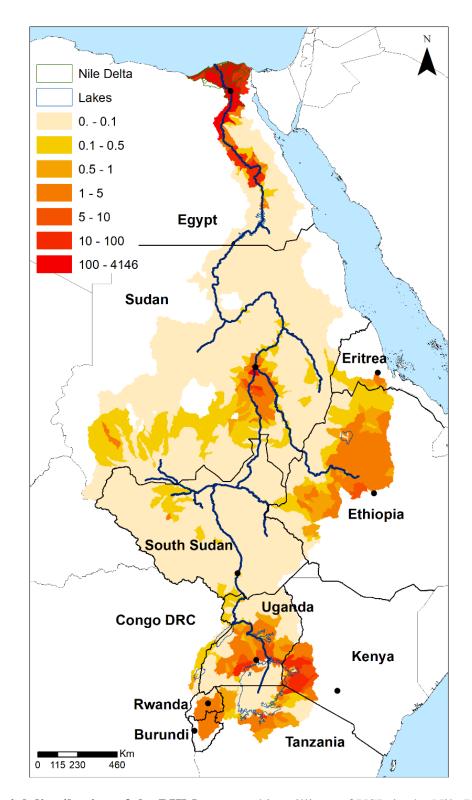


Fig. S2. Spatial distribution of the BHM measured in millions of USD in the Nile Basin.

Table S1. Demographic and trade data for each Nile basin country (listed in order from north to south).

						Exports			Imports		
		2012	2012 GDP			2012 Total	2012 Total exports to	Percentage	2012 Total imports from	2012 Total imports from Nile	Percentage
	2012	GDP	per	Purchasing	Number	exports to	Nile basin	of exports	world	basin	of imports
	Population	(USD	capita	Power Parity	of Shared	world (USD	(USD	to Nile	(USD	(USD	within Nile
Country	(millions)	billions)	(USD)	(PPP)	borders	millions)	millions)	basin	millions)	millions)	basin
Egypt	84.0	253.9	3024.2	1.9	3.0	29417.0	1112.1	3.8	69865.6	459.5	0.7
Sudan*	35.3	51.6	1459.8	2.0	7.0	3810.0	98.1	13.3	7511.6	98.1	9.6
Eritrea	5.6	3.1	556.9	6.3	3.0	403.3	no data	no data	383.5	no data	no data
Ethiopia	86.5	39.9	461.3	6.5	6.0	2891.3	33.9	1.2	11912.9	33.9	1.9
South Sudan	10.4	10.4	997.0	1.5	6.0	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data
Uganda	35.6	24.7	693.4	1057.7	5.0	2357.4	788.1	33.4	6044.1	788.1	11.9
Kenya	42.7	40.7	952.2	38.0	5.0	5259.2	1931.2	36.7	15191.5	1931.2	3.3
DRC**	69.6	18.1	260.7	550.8	10.0	5647.4	115.7	2.0	5307.0	724.0	13.6
Rwanda	11.3	6.8	598.9	257.0	4.0	505.7	181.9	36.0	1624.3	181.9	29.6
Burundi	8.7	2.5	282.4	563.5	3.0	242.7	19.5	8.1	1003.1	194.3	19.4
Tanzania	47.7	29.9	628.3	665.6	8.0	5547.2	507.8	1.8	11715.6	507.8	6.5

^{*}Economic data for Sudan includes South Sudan. Trade statistics obtained from: http://www.trademap.org/. Population and GDP statistics obtained from UNECA African Statistical Year Book 2013. Purchase Power Parity (PPP) data obtained from the World Bank: data.worldbank.org/indicator and from http://databank.worldbank.org/data/reports.aspx?source=2&series=PA.NUS.PPP&country **Democratic Republic of Congo

Table S2. General geographic and protected area statistics for each of the Nile basin countries. Countries are listed from North to South

	Area of	Area of Country in	Percentage	Area Protected in	Percentage of Protected	Area Protected in	Percentage of protected
Country	Country (km²)	Nile Basin (km²)	of Country in the Nile Basin	Country (km ²)	areas in each country (km²)	Nile Basin (km²)	areas in the Nile Basin
Egypt	987702	239172	24.2	161049	16.3	65333	6.6
Sudan	1880789	1216033	64.7	26476	1.4	26269	1.4
Eritrea	123944	24963	20.1	6602	5.3	918	0.7
Ethiopia	1144968	359265	31.4	229221	20.0	76024	6.6
South Sudan	626505	618680	98.8	16619	2.7	16619	2.7
Uganda	241434	234191	97.0	35976	14.9	35974	14.9
Kenya	597807	49002	8.2	89120	14.9	10411	1.7
Congo DRC	2402901	19145	0.8	242938	10.1	57867	2.4
Rwanda	25370	20854	82.2	2530	10.0	2530	10.0
Burundi	27284	13200	48.4	959	3.5	959	3.5
Tanzania	941829	116442	12.4	300526	31.9	84196	8.9
Totals	9000533	2910945	32.3	1112016	12.4	377100	4.2

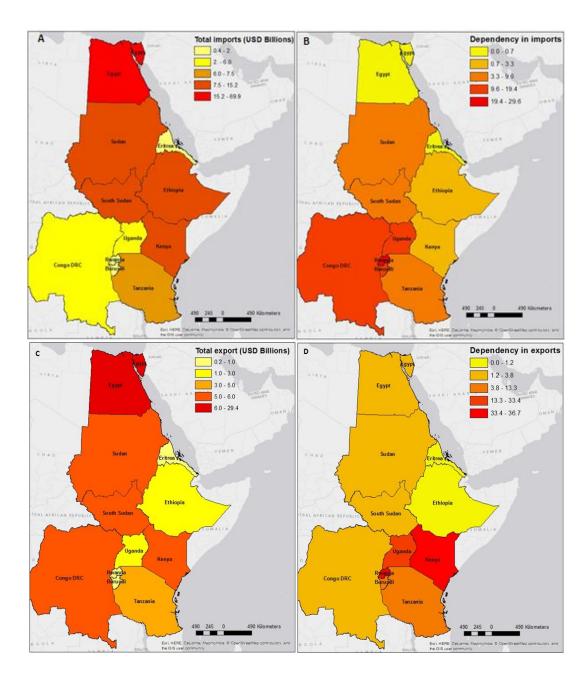


Fig. S3. Distribution of economic variables in the Nile basin in 2012. (**A**) Total annual imports in billions of US dollars. (**B**) Dependency on imports calculated as the percentage of imports from Nile Basin countries. (**C**) Total annual exports in billions of US dollars. (**D**) Dependency on exports calculated as the percentage of exports sent to Nile Basin countries.

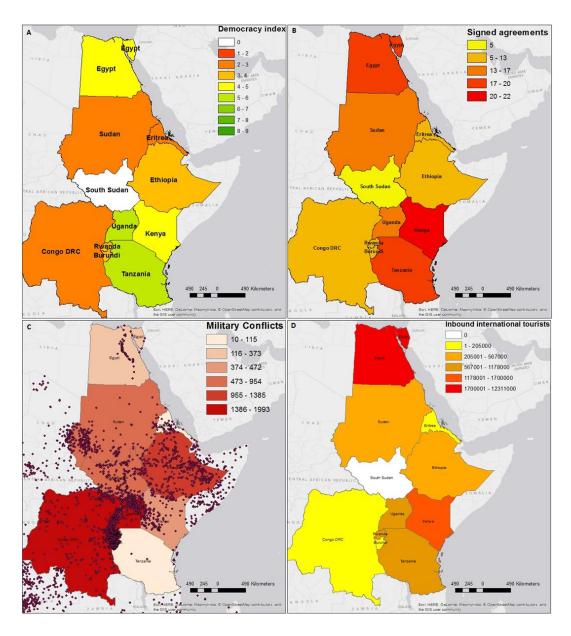


Fig. S4. The distribution of socioeconomic and political factors in the Nile basin. (A)

Democracy index. (**B**) The number of signed international agreements relating to conservation and the environment. (**C**) The number of military conflicts between 1989 and 2010, each point represents an individual conflict. (**D**) Number of inbound international tourists in 2012. We used the Corruption Perceptions Index, derived from the World Resources Institute (https://www.transparency.org/cpi2013/) and the Democracy Index 2011 from the Economist Intelligence Unit

(www.eiu.com/public/topical_report.aspx?campaignid=DemocracyIndex2011). There was no data available for South Sudan.