Demo project

Biogas production using water hyacinth (Echiornea crassippus) and other organic wastes

Water hyacinth will be collected from the water body of Lake Tana and utilized, together with agricultural residues - producing electricity paired with environmental protection measures. The project developer wants to save Lake Tana with collaborative efforts and sustainably use this Majestic renewable resource from Generation to Generation.





Country: Ethiopia

Developing Consortium: Bahir Dar University and Lake Tana and other Water bodies Protection and Development Agency (PIs: Dr Nega Tassie and Dr Ayalew Wondie). Project Team members: Dr Solomon Libsu; Dr Dessalegn Ejigu; Mr. Getu Alemayehu; Mr. Hailemaryam Zewdu; Mr. Tewekel Mohammed and Mr. Ato Solomon Girmay

Biogas utilization Combined Heat-Power

Feedstock Water hyacinth Manure

Electricity production (est.) 13 GWh per year

Operation Grid injection



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