

SOUTHERN NYANZA DIOCESE - CHURCH OF KENYA

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Languages - Swahili, English and local
languages.

Nyanza means a large body of water
especially a lake. This Nyanza Region
is wrapped around a large body of
water called Winam Gulf.



Homa Bay, is a town on the South Shore of Winam Gulf, of Lake Victoria in
Western Kenya.

Near Homa Bay is Thimlich Ohinga, one of the most significant archaeological
sites in East Africa. The name means thick bush with stone enclosures in the
local Luo language.

Homa Bay is also near Mount Homa and Ruma National Park noted for Jacksons
Hartebeests and Rare Roan Antelope. Ruma National Park was established in
1966 on the flat floor of the seasonally watered Lambwe Valley National
Reserve. The Lambwe region is infested with tsetse fly which is fatal to man
but not to wild game.

Winam Gulf is a shallow inlet, 35 miles long 15 miles wide, connected to the main
Lake Victoria by Rusinga Channel, 3 miles long, at the NE corner of Lake
Victoria.

Within the Winam Gulf sit Rusinga Island and Mfangano Island.
Rusinga Island is birthplace of famous politician Tom Mboya assassinated in 1969.
Mfangano Island home to Rock Paintings showing signs of centuries of
habitation in a gently scooped cave on North Coast of Island.

Fishing - a male activity and Smoking of Fish - a female activity are important
occupations in this area.

Most of this information I obtained from my East African Handbook. I have
researched it thinking it will help our prayers if we know a little of the area
where our Wave of Prayer Mothers' Union members live and work and endeavour
to encourage families living in their area of Southern Nyanza Diocese. It is
found in the East of Kenya on the shore of Lake Victoria.