

Vanuatu National Clearing House Mechanism Presentation- 13-17 June 2016 Novotel, Nadi, Fiji



Vanuatu is a South Pacific Ocean nation made up of roughly 80 islands

Total Area : 12,200 sq km

Capital: Port Vila

Population: 252,763

Official languages: French, English, Bislama



Current situation



- If your country has not yet established its national CHM, why is it so and what are the current barriers to its establishment?
- **Vanuatu has not yet established a CHM.**
- **Reasons –**
 - *The Department of Environmental Protection and Conservation (DEPC) has a joint website with the Ministry of Lands.*
 - *The DEPC is being placed under the Ministry of Climate Change.*
 - *The DEPC is developing its own website and will incorporate CHM*
 - *This is the first CHM workshop we have attended and we hope to learn about how to develop our own.*



Strategic vision



- What are the major issues related to your national CHM, and how do you think they could be resolved?
- How do you think your national CHM could be established or improved to support the implementation of your NBSAP?
 - *The CHM will focus specifically on Vanuatu's Biodiversity.*
 - *It will carry information on- species and ecosystems, policies and legislations, invasive species, biodiversity educational materials, biodiversity databases, important biodiversity related dates and events*
 - *It will also host the Vanuatu biodiversity network /forum (Government, NGOs, Private Sectors, Communities, Individuals, Schools...)*
 - *The CHM is being listed as an activity in the new Environment Policy as well as the National Sustainable Development Plan (NSDP)*
- How is the future of your national CHM being considered in the context of your NBSAP and its next revision?
 - *The CHM will play an important role in capturing biodiversity information and statistics to assist with reporting as well as awareness to the public on the status of biodiversity and issues relating to biodiversity*
 - *The newly approved DEPC structure has a communications Officer Position, which we hope will administer the CHM.*



Cooperation and support



- What kind of (national, regional or international) support would be most beneficial to establish or develop your national CHM?
 - *We will need templates and examples to guide the development of Vanuatu CHM.*
 - *Technical guidance & Support*
 - *Access to national Data for the baseline creation.*
- How would you like the CBD Secretariat to guide your country in the establishment and development of your national CHM?
 - *CBD will be needed to assist review the Vanuatu CHM.*
 - *Technical advice and support*



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