Information on National CHM

Tuvalu

National CHM	
Web address (URL)	
Title	
Brief description	
Responsible organization	Environment Department
Webmaster name	N/A
Webmaster email	N/A
Content management system (CMS)	N/A
Database system	
Search engine	
Available human resources for maintenance and development	
Other comments	

Other national websites on biodiversity		
Web address (URL) & title	Brief description	Responsible organization
http://www.tuvalufisheries.tv/	This is the website for the Fisheries department	Fisheries department

Major national organizations involved in biodiversity		
Acronym	Full name	Role
TANGO	Tuvalu Association of NGOs	They implement some of the biodiversity related projects
Fisheries	Fisheries Department	They implement the fisheries component
Agriculture	Agriculture Department	They implement the agriculture component

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TNCW	Tuvalu National Council of Women	They usually involve in all biodiversity related project such as home garden, growing of mangroves etc
Kaupule council	Island Kaupule Council	They usually submitted a proposal every year to the Government for small scale project. Funded under the SDE- Special Development Expenditure.

Comments on national situation
Currently, Tuvalu have only designated the focal point for the national CHM but not yet established a web site for the Clearing House Mechanism. However, so far we are using the database as a mean of storing our information for the Department, which involve all other related environment issues such as climate change, waste, water, agriculture, fisheries and so on.
This training workshop on CHM have given us the opportunity that there is a need to establish a national CHM as this is one of the outcome of our Tuvalu National Biodiversity Strategic Plan. Given the urgent of the needs, the lack of personnel in the Department is our biggest challenges. The Department newly structure haven't been approved by the Cabinet in the past years and we hope it will be approved next year. Alternatively, the department relies on project in terms of recruitment an Information Knowledge Management Officer so that this officer will responsible in updating this database. The CCCPIR project funded by the GIZ is the first project that initiated the database for the department, however the project finished on December last year and so the Department is looking for the Ridge to Reef project to continue what have been done by the CCCPIR.
Ultimately, the Department is strongly need a permanent post for this position. This officer will overlook in implementation and update the national CHM

Strategic Vision
Tuvalu National Biodiversity Strategic Action Plan (TNBSAP) clearly stated that the establishment of a CHM will enable us to achieve our commitment and obligation that stipulated in the CBD.
However, it sad to know that the TNBSAP is now on the revision phase and we are 0% in achieve our CHM goals. Thus, this training workshop is a best time to implement our national CHM. Since I was the Acting Biodiversity Officer, firstly, I need to liaise first with my superior or the national focal point for CHM. I do believe that having CHM in place is one of a milestone for our TNBSAP.
The CHM tool that we used in the training is perfectly good tool to start our national CHM. However, we are appreciated if the tool can contextualise so that it can capture all the sectors that under the Department such as information on Environment Impact Assessment, Ozone Depleted Substance, Waste & Pollution substances (e.g POPS, Mercury), Land Degradation and Biodiversity. Information on Climate Change will not upload in this tools since Climate Change have their own unit by itself and also they have their own Information Officer in place. Last but not the least some information on NGOs that have some biodiversity related projects and activities.
The Department should enforced the procedure of sharing information so that the officer that responsible in manage or update the website have clearly understanding on his/her duties or roles. Also the Department should develop an MOU so that whenever there is information is shared each parties should satisfy and agreed before it published. This is a way of promoting transparency.
Once the tools is launch there should be an awareness training to stakeholders. This is to get them in the loop and also to understand the main purpose of the tools. The line Ministries should also aware in this tools so that the information can share across sectors. Thus, the mainstreaming of any biodiversity related issues into their plans and policies wouldn't be a problem.

Roadmap				
Priority	Objective	Activity	Responsible	Requirements
1	No CHM yet established	Used the CHM tool from the training workshop	National Focal Point	DR ARR
2	No personnel to manage and update the CHM	To include the information officer in the newly structure of the department every year Use existing and upcoming projects, their information officer to manage and update the CHM	National Focal Point	ARR,
1	Lack understand on the purpose of CHM	Conducted awareness training workshop to all relevant stakeholders and even line Ministries on the purpose of CHM	National Focal Point & Information Officer	CR, ARR
2	Procedure of sharing information needed to enforced	To look in what ways we can enforced this procedure, whether to make a regulation or use any existing one	National Focal Point & Information officer	CR, ARR, OK
2	To Develop an MOU	The Department need to develop an MOU whenever they collect or disseminate information. This is to promote transparency	National Focal Point and other relevant stakeholders	CR, ARR

Notes:
- Priority: 1=urgent, 2=high, 3=medium, 4=low; 5=very low
- Objective: challenge, issue, problem to resolve
- Responsible: organization or person in charge
- Requirements: Code + text
    - OK: Can be done with existing resources
    - DR: Decision required
    - CR: Collaboration required
    - ARR: Additional resources required (support, cooperation)

Comments on roadmap
This roadmap is only in a draft form or I might said just for this training only. The final roadmap is not only made by the national focal point or any one person. It need a collective efforts from all the stakeholders or anyone that will influence by the roadmap to involve in the planning process. This is because at the end of the day, everyone have a feeling of ownership to this tools and so they will contribute to the successful of this CHM

Cooperation opportunities / Type of support needed
The main support that we need now is the outcome of this training. The second support is the assistance from our ICT office

Thank you!