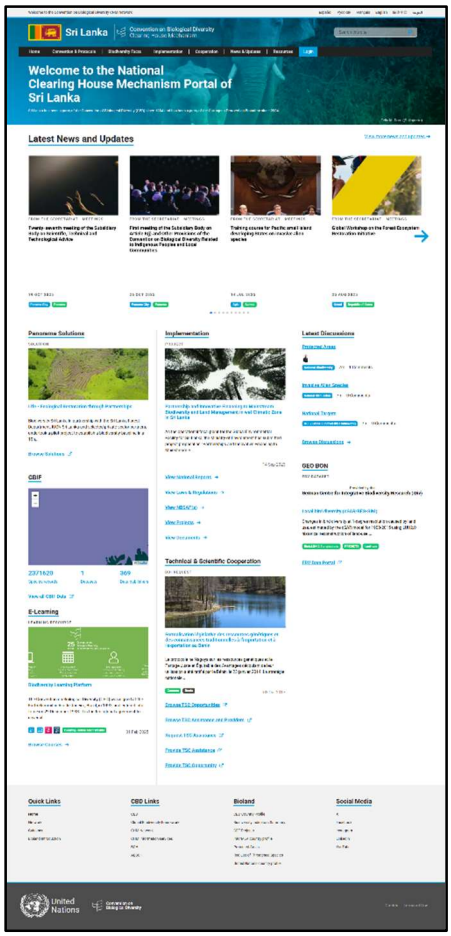
Bioland 2 – Quick Guide to the home page

Introduction

Bioland 2 is an updated version of Bioland – a Drupal-based turnkey platform for a national clearing-house mechanism website. It continues to be offered to the CBD Parties for free, backed by SCBD IT team and by the CHM Helpdesk.



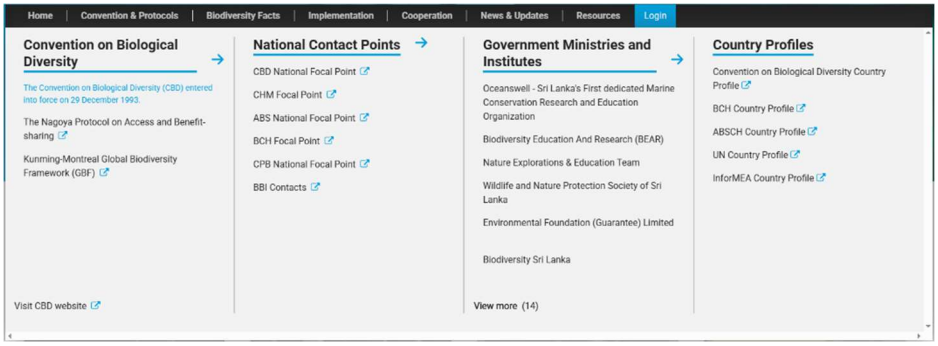
Apart from the technical update of the platform, the focus of Bioland 2 is on better visual experience, much stronger integration with central CHM and external Biodiversity partners.

For those Parties, upgrading from Bioland 1, the new interface will be a mix of familiar and new features. In this Quick Guide, we will focus on the home page, with other guides covering the specific functionalities and workflows.

Mega-menu

One of the big new features of Bioland 2.0 is an upgrade of basic static menus to dynamic mega-menus. There are 6 mega menu drop-downs as well as "*Home*" and "*Login*" links.

Submenu "Convention & Protocols"

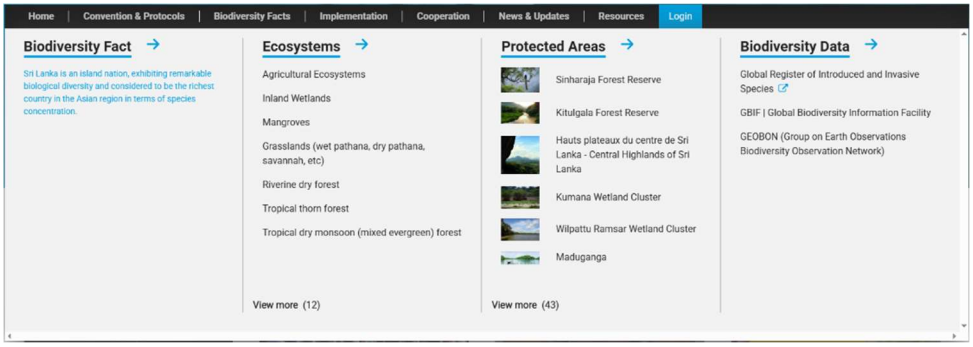


The submenu *"Convention & Protocols"* collects the most essential information about the Country's relationship to the Convention on Biological Diversity. It has the links to the Convention itself, to the Country's various National Contact Points, to the list of the Government Ministries and Institutes and to Country Profiles on CBD and Partner websites.

Some of these links were previously only in the footer, now they are also promoted prominently in the megamenu, to ensure discovery.

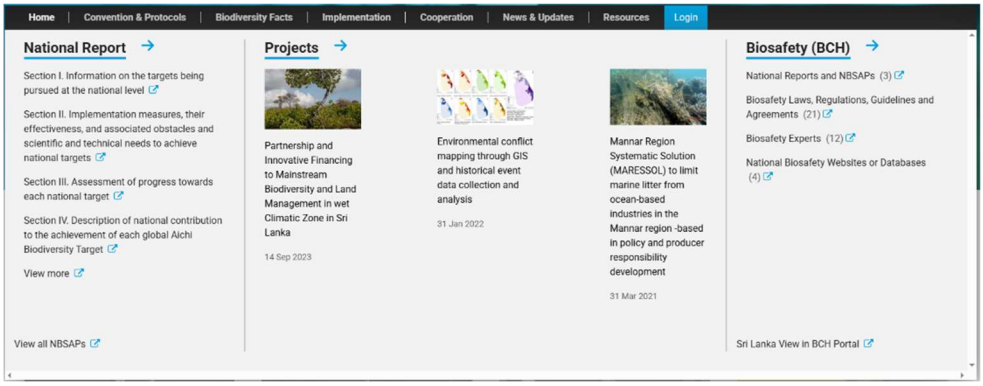
The content of the "*Government Ministries and Institutes*" section come from the content populated within this National CHM Website (Bioland 2 instance). For those upgrading from Bioland 1, the content will be automatically migrated. Only several entries are displayed, the full list can be accessed by clicking on "View more".

Submenu “Biodiversity Facts”



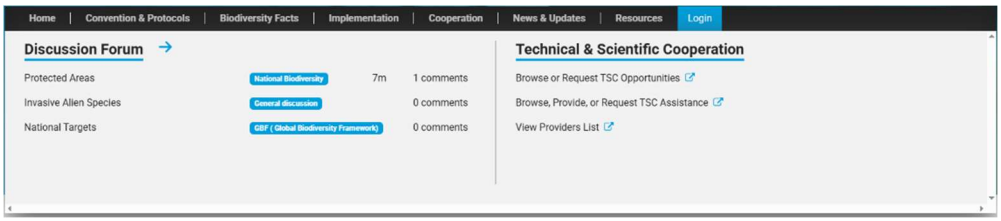
The submenu “*Biodiversity Facts*” focuses on baseline facts about the country, including ecosystems, protected areas and biodiversity data, available on the partners’ site. The entries in Ecosystems and Protect Areas sections come from the entered/migrated content on the site and “View more” links can be followed for the full lists. Other content can be edited via the menu administration interface.

Submenu “*Implementation*”



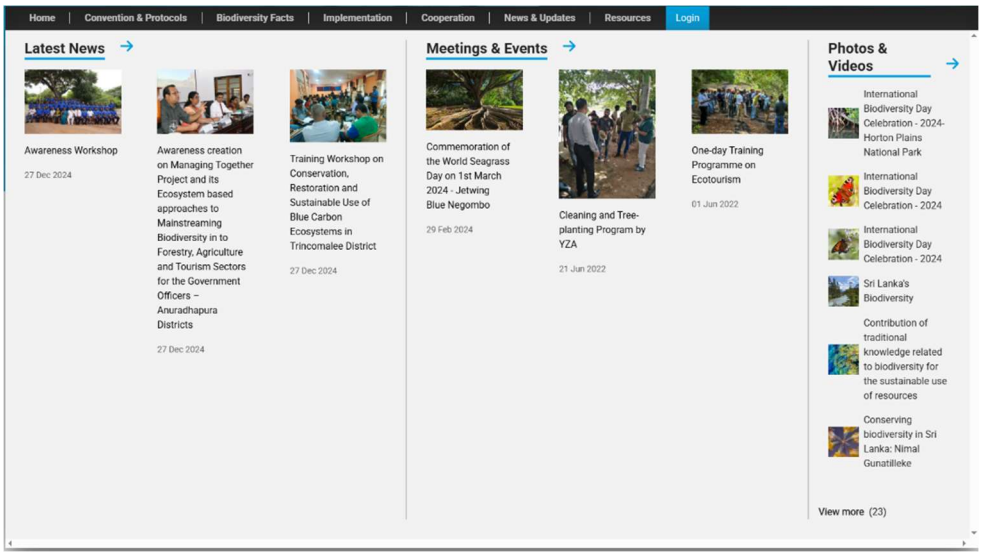
The submenu “*Implementation*” is all about the current progress. There is information from the National Report 6, imported via the new interoperability mechanisms. The central part is a couple of projects and link to the full list. Finally, there are links to the Country’s various types of information on the Biosafety Clearing-House Mechanism portal.

Submenu “Cooperation”



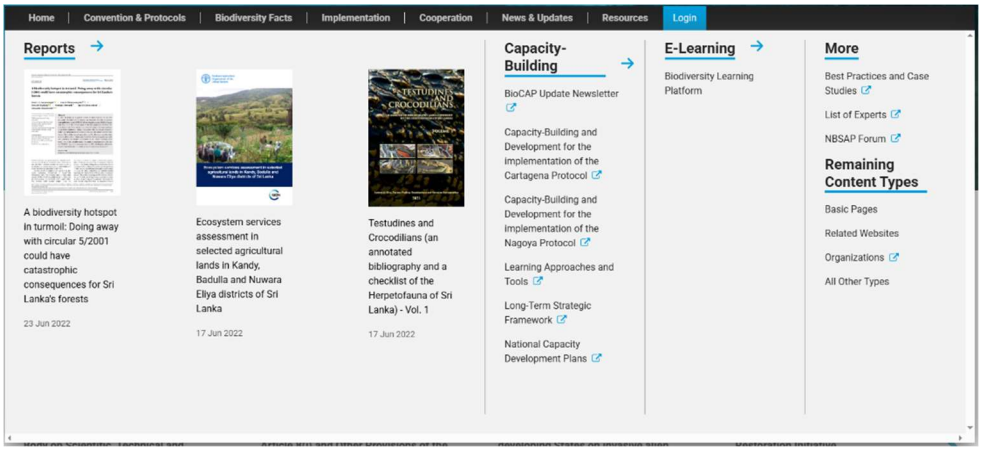
The submenu “*Cooperation*” contains latest updates on the discussion forums for this site, as well as the links to the Technical & Scientific Cooperation portal, with links directly to the Opportunities, Assistance and the full providers list.

Submenu “News & Updates”



The submenu “*News & Updates*” shows latest News, Events (including Meetings) and Media (Photos, Videos). While News and Events are already very prominent on the home page, this menu is available across the whole website, so serve as a useful quick-access view of the latest information. Additionally, the menu provides direct links to dedicated pages of the content.

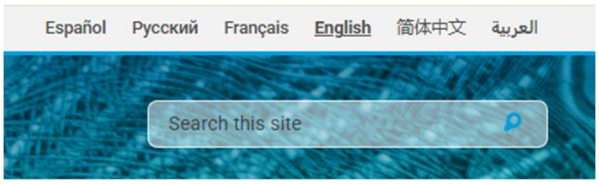
Submenu “Resources”



The final submenu “*Resources*” pulls latest entered/migrated reports, provides links to Capacity-Building information and framework, various available E-Learning material on the site and a small section of internal and internal links.

Header

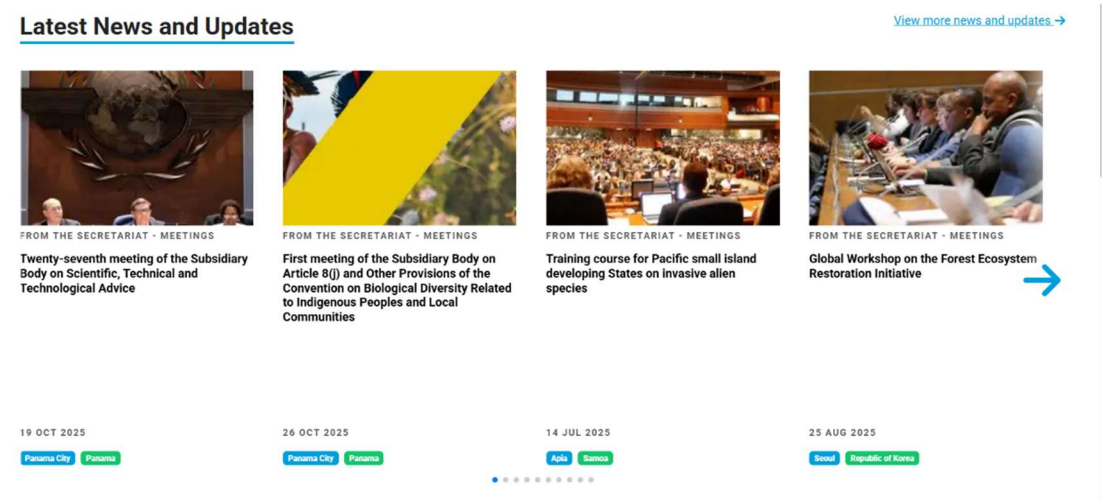
Above the mega menu, there is a header. Apart from the static elements of Country name, logo and CHM Network link, it contains the Language Switch bar, and the custom site search.



The website supports interface and content creation in all 6 Official UN languages. A content item preserves the equivalence between the translation and will show the content in the chosen language if available with the fallback to English, when the translation is missing. An individual National CHM Portal can choose which languages they want to show content in, from the official 6.

The custom site search allowing searching both the content created locally and that imported from the Secretariat via the interoperability protocols. It also allows to select specific content type, once on the search results page. A number of links from the menu and page modules use the search functionality under the covers to list the items.

Section "Latest News and Updates"



The first big section on the home page is "*Latest News and Updates*". It combines News and Events, both those entered on the website itself and those it receives via the new interoperability with the central CBD website.

Ten entries are displayed, though only a couple can fit on the screen. The rest can be seen by using a dot pager at the bottom of the section, by using visible navigation arrow on the right and – once used – on the left, or even by dragging on the entries in the carousel.

For each entry, several pieces of information are shown, to allow quick review:

1. A cover image. If the image is not provided by the entry, it is picked automatically.
2. A source and type of the entry, such as whether it is from the secretariat or the website and whether it is News item or an Event/Meeting
3. The title of the entry
4. The description, where available
5. The date
    a. For news items it is a creation date
    b. For events, it is the date of the event, possibly still in the future
6. The tags, associated with the entry, when available

Clicking on the image or the title will go to the original entry's page for full details. It may be on the CBD website or on the National (this) site.

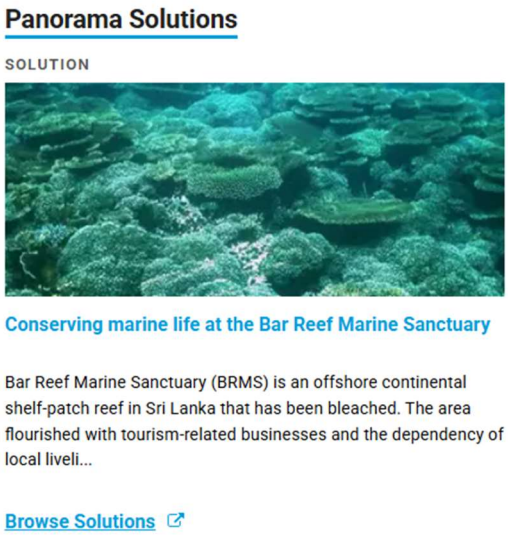
To see more than 10 entities, the link “View more news and Updates” goes to the dedicated web page. The web page shows the local and Secretariat content separately, to make it easier to navigate.

Knowledge modules

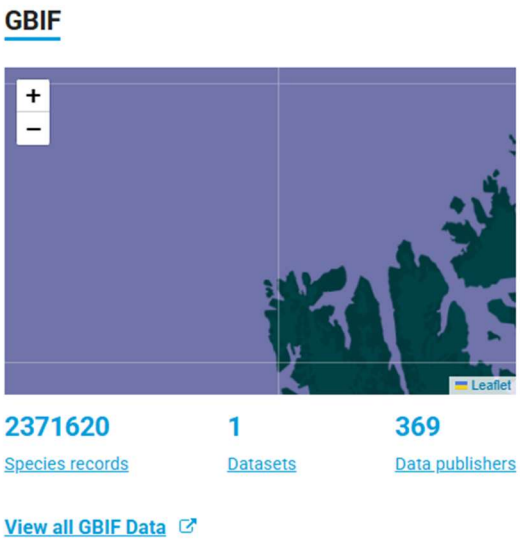
Below the news, there is a series of modules organized in 3 columns. They provide some information relevant to the country and useful links to the partners or deeper within the site.

Partner modules

These are modules that extract information from partners via interoperability API and present it in one place for discoverability purposes.



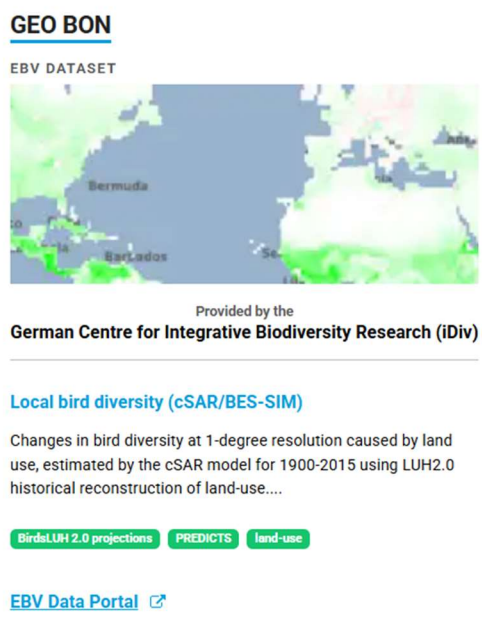
Panorama Solutions module showcases a new item from https://panorama.solutions/en with the links back to the showcase as well as to the general browse interface.



The Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF) maintains species occurances records, aggregated from multiple sources.

Bioland 2 includes a zoomed-in map, and information on records, datasets and publishers for the current country.

Clicking individual links go to the corresponding filtered search. Clicking on “View all” goes to the GBIF’s country page with complete information



The Group on Earth Observations Biodiversity Observation Network (GEO BON) provides Essential Biodiversity Variables.

The module showcases a sample dataset and allows to link back to the dataset itself and to the general navigation portal.

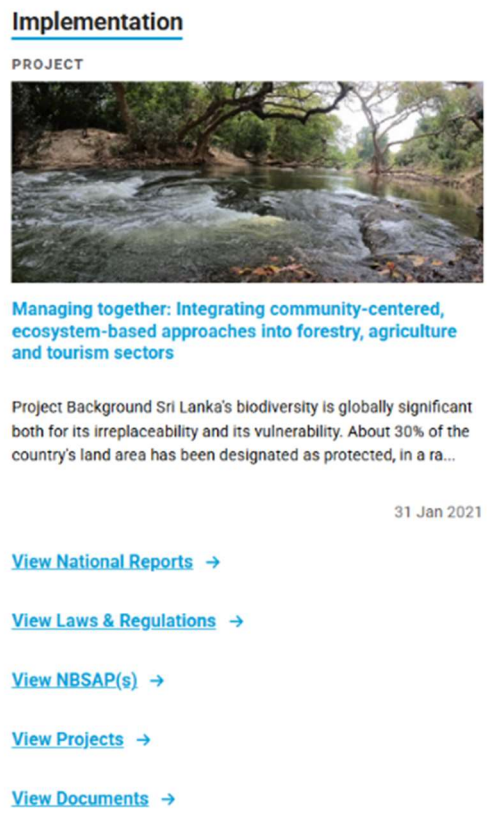
CBD Modules



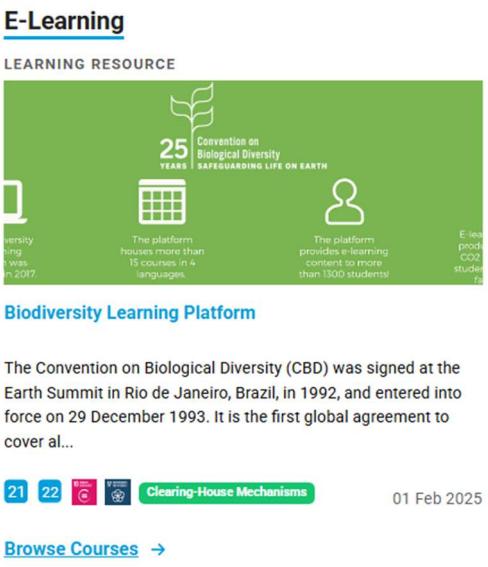
Technical & Scientific Cooperation (TSC) programme operates a Bio-Bridge Initiative (BBI) platform that is a tool for facilitating technical and scientific cooperation. The platform is an integral part of clearing-house mechanism.

This module showcases one of the BBI Requests, links back to the record and also provides several other links into different workflows of BBI.

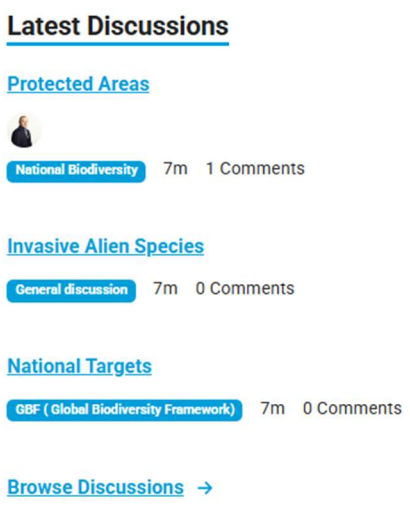
Site modules



Implementation module similarly to *Implementation* menu, showcases one of projects and provides links it its details as well as the links into other Implementation-related document collections,



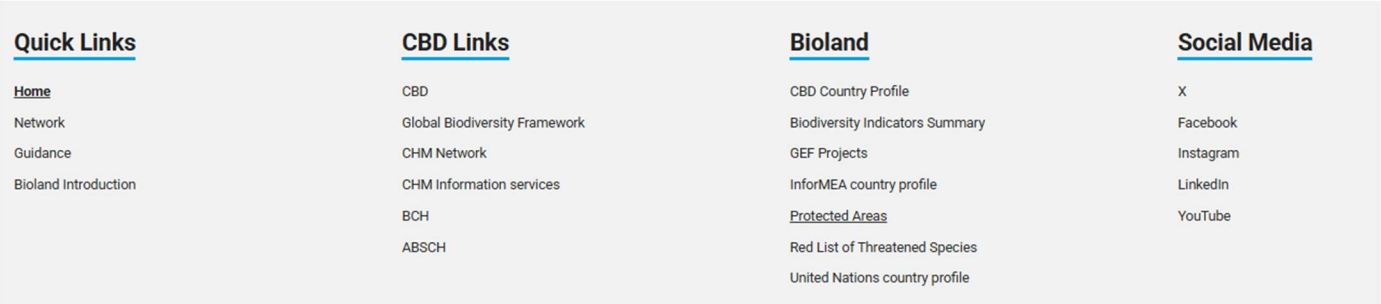
This module showcases one of the E-learning course items entered on the site and links to its details as well as to the full list of courses.



Forums is one of the new features of Bioland 2, allowing interactive discussion between the site visitors.

This module lists the latest discussions and provides links directly to them as well as to the general forum page.

Footer



At the bottom of each page of the website, there is a footer with the links that go within the website, to important pages on CBD and its protocol sites, to partner pages for the Country and to the Social Media accounts for the country. All of the links can be controlled by the site's Content Managers. If a footer section is completely irrelevant (such as "Social Media"), it can be hidden all together.