

## Information on National CHM

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Web address (URL)	<a href="http://www.biodiv.be/palestine">http://www.biodiv.be/palestine</a>
Title	<u>Clearing House mechanism of the State of Palestine</u>
Brief description	This national CHM website is established since 2016 as a commitment to the CBD
Responsible organization	Environment Quality Authority (EQA)
Webmaster name	Mohammed Mahassneh
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Content management system (CMS)	PTK
Database system	PTK
Search engine	PTK
Available human resources for maintenance and development	Two (substantive and IT)
Other comments	We are negotiating the transfer to Bioland CMS

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<a href="https://www.arij.org/">https://www.arij.org/</a>	<p>It is an NGO specialized in Environmental issues with concentration on Biodiversity and protected areas</p> <p>To disseminate information and knowledge to the Palestinian society..</p> <p>To actively participate in identification and understanding of the community problems.</p> <p>To identify and adapt the most appropriate technology to the needs and requirements of the community and the society.</p> <p>To achieve socio-economic development, through providing better access to food, and better management and utilization of land, water, and natural resources.</p> <p>To develop assessment and protection actions for Palestinian environment including biodiversity, water, soil and air.</p> <p>To play an active role in the development of the human resources needed to adapt and use technologies.</p> <p>To generate and attract income-producing opportunities for the community through technology transfer.</p>	Applied Research Institute-Jerusalem

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<a href="http://www.berc.ps/">www.berc.ps/</a>	<p>The Biodiversity &amp; Environmental Research Center 'BERC' was officially established in 2001, as a Non-Governmental Organization. Its main headquarters is at Til Village – Nablus.</p> <p>BERC mission is to enable better management of the earth's environment by increasing knowledge and understanding of biodiversity, environment, and related biotechnology.</p> <p>Our activities are centered on applied research and education in biodiversity, environmental sciences, applied biology and related applications of biotechnology.</p>	Biodiversity and Environmental Research Center

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<a href="http://www.wildlife-pal.org">www.wildlife-pal.org</a>	<p>PWLS is an active and professional NGO and non-profit organization working in research and education in nature conservation among the Palestinian society and the region</p> <p>PWLS believes that conservation education is the main pillar in the conservation movement. Therefore it has worked intensively in the field of awareness and education with different sections. A result of its success was the inclusion of environmental studies in the national education curriculum. PWLS was also part of the <i>National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan</i> for Palestine in conjunction with the Ministry of Environmental Affairs.</p>	Palestine Wildlife Society-Palestine

<b>Major national organizations involved in biodiversity</b>		
Acronym	Full name	Role
MOA	Ministry of Agriculture	Food security, Agriculture sector, Greening of Rangelands and plantation forests
EEC	Environmental Education Center	Raising the awareness of the public on Environmental issues
PMNH	Palestine Museum of Natural History	Keeping specimens, Biodiversity studies, field surveys and investigations

Comments on national situation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-urgent need for NBSAPP update and include the CHM</li> <li>-Need for updating and development of the CHM website and the CHM strategy</li> <li>-appoint an official NFP for the CHM</li> </ul>

Strategic Vision
<p><b>The Proposed Vision of the CHM of the State of Palestine:</b></p> <p><i>“To live in harmony with our environment and sustainably benefitting from our natural resources to achieve significantly the implementation of the NBSAPP and the CBD Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, through effective information and technologies services exchange and other appropriate means in order to promote and facilitate scientific and technical cooperation, knowledge sharing, and information exchange, and to establish a fully national operational network of partners“.</i></p>

Roadmap				
Priority	Objective	Activity	Responsible	Requirements
1- CHM / NFP	To keep contact with the CBD-CHM and other international CHM's	<b>Designate a CHM NFP with appropriate expertise</b>	EQA	Expert
3- Strategy	To develop an implementation strategy for the CHM	<b>Develop a national CHM implementation strategy as an NBSAP component</b>	EQA	Expert
3- National networking	To extend the national CHM links with other networks	<b>Strengthen links between the CHM and the existing networks and exchange mechanisms with national databases</b>	EQA	Expert

## 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	national stakeholders
The roadmap needs the consensus of the national stakeholders	

Cooperation opportunities / Type of support needed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- National workshop for the development and establishment of the CHM</li><li>- Updating and development of the CHM website and transfer to Bioland</li><li>- Strengthening the coordination among the Biodiversity related institutions</li><li>- National capacity building of the institutions and for human resources</li><li>-Resource mobilisation and funding securing for biodiversity</li><li>-Comprehensive national survey of biodiversity</li><li>-Mainstreaming of biodiversity</li><li>-Raising the awareness of the public</li></ul>

***Thank you!***