

Information on National CHM

[PHILIPPINES]

National CHM	
Web address (URL)	http://chm.ph/
Title	Philippine Clearing House Mechanism for Biodiversity
Brief description	<p>The Philippine Clearing House Mechanism (CHM) is established to facilitate the sharing of data and information on the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity between and among the various stakeholders in the country. This is part of the Philippine commitment to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) which created the Clearing House Mechanism pursuant to Article 18.3 of the Convention. The CHM aims to contribute significantly to the implementation of the CBD by promoting and facilitating technical and scientific cooperation among Parties, other Governments and stakeholders.</p> <p>Sharing of information is done through a web-based information system using this website (http://www.chm.ph)</p>
Responsible organization	Biodiversity Management Bureau
Webmaster name	John Elson Alerta
Webmaster email	giovanni.elson@gmail.com
Content management system (CMS)	Joomla
Database system	n/a
Search engine	n/a
Available human resources for maintenance and development	yes
Other comments	After the publishing of the website there was minimal update and no maintenance was done due to lack of technical staff.

Other national websites on biodiversity		
Web address (URL) & title	Brief description	Responsible organization
www.bmb.gov.ph – Biodiversity Management Bureau	The official website of the Biodiversity Management Bureau	Biodiversity Management Bureau
www.denr.gov.ph	The official website of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources	Department of Environment and Natural Resources

Major national organizations involved in biodiversity		
Acronym	Full name	Role
DENR	Department of Environment and Natural Resources	<p>DENR is tasked to formulate and implement policies, guidelines, rules and regulations relating to environmental management and pollution prevention and control.</p> <p>Formulate implement and supervise the government's policies, plans and programs pertaining to the management, conservation, development, use and replenishment of the country's natural resources and ecological diversity; and</p> <p>Promulgate and implement rules and regulations governing the exploration, development, extraction, disposition, and use of the forests, lands, minerals, wildlife, and other natural resources.</p>
FPE	Foundation for the Philippine Environment	Partner in activities related to biodiversity conservation
FFP	Forest Foundation Philippines	Provides Grants to Projects that Aim to Conserve, Maintain or Restore the Philippine Tropical Forests
ACB	ASEAN Center for Biodiversity	An intergovernmental regional centre of excellence that facilitates co-operation and co-ordination among the members of ASEAN, and with relevant national governments, regional and international organisations on the Conservation and Sustainable use of biological diversity, ...
CI-Philippines	Conservation International Philippines	is a non-government organization whose mission is to conserve the earth's living heritage and global biodiversity

Comments on national situation
<p>1.Philippine CHM :</p> <p>The Philippine Clearing House Mechanism has been active and supportive in giving technical guidance and expertise in the development of various country reports and action plans. They had been active participants in the crafting of the Philippine Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan 2015-2028 and are currently invited to attend the workshops for the preparation of the 6th National Report (6NR) to CBD.</p> <p>In terms of data sharing, more collaborative efforts should be done to encourage partners to upload their data at the Philippine CHM website.</p> <p>The Philippine CHM should be strengthened by conducting more meetings and capacity building activities.</p>

Comments on national situation**2.Philippine CHM Website**

The existing Philippine CHM website which was developed last 2009 needs enhancement. Due to the lack of a webmaster or a technical staff hired specifically for the maintenance of information, it has minimal information and was rarely visited. Biodiversity information was instead posted/published at the official website of the office.

Two options are to be discussed with agency heads on how to enhance the CHM website:

- 1.Design and develop a new CHM website using available CMS ; or
2. Adopt the Bioland Tool

Since the newly designated webmaster might be busy and might not be able to handle the migration of the existing and posting of new information in the new CHM website that would be agreed upon, funding will be available for hiring IT technical staff for the migrating, posting and updating of the information at the new CHM website.

Strategic Vision**VISION**

By 2018, an Strengthened Philippine CHM will be in place with an enhanced and functional CHM website available online

OBJECTIVES

Our objectives are centred around the establishment of a national clearing house mechanism that will:

1. Facilitate the sharing of data and information on the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity between and among the various stakeholders in the country;
2. contribute significantly to the implementation of the CBD by promoting and facilitating technical and scientific cooperation among partners, other governments agencies and stakeholders.
3. Facilitate the implementation and alignment of the activities of our PBSAP towards the overall attainment of the Aichi Targets 2011-2020

Roadmap

Priority	Objective	Activity	Responsible	Requirements
1	Strengthening of the national CHM	Consultations and meetings with partners and relevant stakeholders to identify Priority Activities and Strategies.	Biodiversity Management Bureau ,BIOWEB.PH, NGO's, NBSAP Focal person Other Partners	CR,DR,CR
2	Review of country CHM biodiversity information sharing mechanism	Consultation with partners and stakeholders.	NBSAP Officer, Conservation Division, Environment, Climate Change	CR,DR,CR

Roadmap				
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3	Enhancement of the Philippine CHM website	1.Consultation with partners – done last December 2017 2.Discussion on whether to adopt the Bioland Tool or Enhance it with other CMS 3. Hiring of additional IT staff	BMB, BIOWEB.PH, NGO's, NBSAP Focal person Other Partners BMB Technical staff	OK,CR,DR CR,ARR
4	Allocate available Funding for the enhancement of the CHM website and future activities	Requesting for the allocation/inclusion of the funding for the activities from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources	BMB Planning and Budget Officers, DENR Budget Officer	OK,DR
5	Launching of the enhanced CHM website	1. Soft-Launching - Presentation of the enhanced website to partners 2. Formal Launching of the enhance CHM website.	BMB, BIOWEB.PH, NGO's, NBSAP Focal person Other Partners	OK,DR

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
The overall direction for the roadmap is to have an strengthened national CHM with identified activities and strategies to make it more effective as technical advisers and implementors of our NBSAP. Next is to encourage our partners to provide more effective and accessible information about national biodiversity thru the CHM website. In order to provide accessible information, the enhancement of the CHM website has to be done , proposing functionality of the bioland tool as alternative to other CMS. Funding support for all the proposed activities also needs to be worked out with the financial officers.

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- * Sharing of technical know-how between countries through exchanging of national experiences.
- * Continued financial support for sustainability of national CHM
- * Technologies provided to support the NBSAP implementation process.
- * Continuous technical support from CBD on how to enhance the website (using Bioland Tool)

Thank you!