

Information on National CHM

[BHUTAN]

National CHM	
Web address (URL)	http://www.biodiv.be/bhutan
Title	Clearing House Mechanism of Bhutan
Brief description	
Responsible organization	National Environment Commission Secretariat
Webmaster name	IT officer
Webmaster email	
Content management system (CMS)	
Database system	
Search engine	
Available human resources for maintenance and development	One
Other comments	The CHM team needs to be re-structured accordingly to the work force.

Other national websites on biodiversity		
Web address (URL) & title	Brief description	Responsible organization
www.nbc.gov.bt		National Biodiversity Centre
www.biodiversity.bt		National Biodiversity Centre
www.nec.gov.bt		National Environment Commission Secretariat
www.moaf.gov.bt		Ministry of Agriculture and Forests

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MoAF	Ministry of Agriculture and Forests	Competent National Authority for ABS, Biosafety, ITPGRFA etc.
NECS	National Environment Commission Secretariat	UNFCCC Focal Point/ UNCBD Focal Point
NBC	National Biodiversity Centre	ABS NFP/ ITPGRFA Focal Point
BAFRA	Bhutan Agriculture and Food Regulatory Authority	BCH Focal Point

Comments on national situation
<p>Bhutan has developed a national CHM website but information flow is absolute limited and mainstreaming the process is an on-going dialogue happening.</p> <p>There are many actors playing major roles in the conservation efforts and to certain level, the national task force creation for NBSAP has enabled a platform for better coordination among these actors, while the work on national CHM has been limited, further dialogues will be taking place to take the agenda forward.</p>

Strategic Vision
<p><i>“Strengthen and maintain Bhutan CHM to make information on biodiversity easily accessible”</i></p> <p>Information is key for successful biodiversity conservation and sustainable utilization initiatives. There are many biodiversity conservation actors involved in various areas/fields who generate as well as require various biodiversity and its related information. To enable them to deliver more efficiently all these biodiversity information generated by various organizations needs to be made easily accessible as possible.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">VISION</p> <p style="text-align: center;">“National CHM operational and sustainable”</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OBJECTIVE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">“To have a easily accessible and sustainable CHM”</p>

Roadmap				
Priority	Objective	Activity	Responsible	Requirements
Informing the CBD NFP on the learnings and need of separate NFP.	Change the NFP	Bi-lateral meeting	NBC	DR
Coordinati on Meeting	CHM team	Conduct stakeholder meeting	NECS+ NBC	CR+ Consensus among the stakeholders and working mechanism
Strengthen CHM	Mainstream CHM	Present the use of Bioland tool and upgradation of CHM	Identified party	DR + in acceptance of the upgradation and sharing of data

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
Although there is a functional CHM but it is limited and the first step is to bring the stakeholders on board and create awareness on its importance and need. Then setting up the right team for CHM and mainstreaming it is the current priority. Once that is completed, upgradation of the current CHM will be proposed.

Cooperation opportunities / Type of support needed
<p>At the initial stage, the cooperation within national stakeholders and building networks is crucial element which will be enhanced through the NBSAP task force.</p> <p>Once the national decision is taken on the choices available, Technical support as well as financial resources will be required for making the CHM successful.</p>

Thank you!