Information on National CHM

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National CHM	
Web address (URL)	www.biodiv.be/liban
Title	Clearing House Mechanism of the Convention on Biological Diversity (website title: Le Centre d'échange d'information de la Convention sur la diversité biologique - Republic of Lebanon)
Brief description	A national website that provides effective global information services to facilitate the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 The CHM website will be the main platform for direct outreach, including periodic emailing to communicate updates as they become available;
Responsible organization	Ministry of Environment
Webmaster name	Ms. Lara Samaha
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Content management system (CMS)	PTK
Database system	PTK
Search engine	PTK
Available human resources for maintenance and development	Lara Samaha Zeina Hassane Jeff Gerges Patty Farah Mohamad Allaw (3 substantive, 2 technical)
Other comments	

Other national websites on biodiversity		
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www.moe.gov.lb	First, to give you a clear and concise image about the services provided by the Ministry and its role, and to give a glance on the environmental sector in general. Second, to facilitate the communication with the Ministry either to get information or to submit a proposal or a complaint. Third, to motivate in order to cooperate with this Ministry for the sake of the environment in Lebanon.	Lebanese government MOE
www.spnl.org	SPNL, the BirdLife national partner in Lebanon, aims at protecting nature, birds and biodiversity in Lebanon and to promote sustainable use of resources with people through reviving the concept of Al Hima	Ali Adel Osseiran
www.shoufcedar.org	Website of the largest Nature Reserve in Lebanon	Lebanese government MOE

Major national organizations involved in biodiversity		
Acronym	Full name	Role
MoE	Ministry of Environment	Governmental agency that manages national environmental issues
CNRS	Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique	National Scientific research centre
LARI	Lebanese Agricultural Research Institute	National Agricultural research institute

Comments on national situation
Currently, Lebanon's CHM has been created under the international CHM website, but the page's content is still under development. The CHM will be used as a platform to share information about biodiversity in Lebanon whether in the form of articles, events, news, pictures, and links to other websites and online libraries

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VISION The lack of data related to biodiversity is a major issue in Lebanon since it reduces the ability to manage

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threats to biodiversity. Additional research must be carried out to gather missing information and establish a centralized database in which all study findings are included. This centralized database (CHM) must be made accessible to the public and must be continuously updated. Once knowledge is transferred to the public and between concerned entities (public sector, ministries and NGOs), biodiversity related issues become easier to handle.   **OBJECTIVE** Rresearch on biodiversity is improved in Lebanon, and research outputs and biodiversity related reports are shared through a centralized platform (from both public and private institutions), which is updated and made accessible to the public (CHM)

Roadmap				
Priority	Objective	Activity	Responsible	Requirements
2	Biodiversity Research and Information Unit	Create a Biodiversity Research and Information Unit responsible for centralizing biodiversity related information and coordinating the works between the multiple stakeholders, mainly public, private, academics and NGOs	Lead: CNRS Others: Academic institution	OK: Can be done with existing resources
2	Identify priority areas	Identify priority areas of research in the biodiversity field	Lead: MoE, CNRS, MoA Others: Academia, Research institutions (public and private)	OK: Can be done with existing resources
2	Update the national Science Technology and Innovation Policy (STIP)	Update the national Science Technology and Innovation Policy (STIP) to include biodiversity as a priority and define the areas where research is needed within the biodiversity sector	Lead: MoE, CNRS, MoA Others: Academia, Research institutions (public and private)	OK: Can be done with existing resources

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2	Allocate larger budgets	Allocate larger budgets for research on biodiversity valorization: conservation, sustainable management, and economic valuation	Lead: CNRS Others: MoF	ARR: Additional resources required (support, cooperation)

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
    - o   OK: Can be done with existing resources
    - o   DR: Decision required
    - o   CR: Collaboration required
    - o   ARR: Additional resources required (support, cooperation)

Comments on roadmap

Cooperation opportunities / Type of support needed
This centralized database (CHM) will bbe accessible to the public and will be continuously updated. Once knowledge is transferred to the public and between concerned entities (public sector, ministries and NGOs), biodiversity related issues become easier to handle. The actions that have already been taken regarding this subject should be accomplished.

Thank you!