Information on National CHM

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National CHM	
Web address (URL)	www.biodiversity.gov.ck **Framework site - incomplete**
Title	Biodiversity Cook Islands – Te Ao Ora Natura o te Kuki Airani
Brief description	
Responsible organization	National Environment Service
Webmaster name	
Webmaster email	
Content management system (CMS)	Wordpress
Database system	
Search engine	
Available human resources for maintenance and development	2
Other comments	

Other national websites on biodiversity		
Web address (URL) & title	Brief description	Responsible organization
www.environment.gov.ck	Gov. website	NES
cookislands.bishopmuseum.org/search.asp	Gov. Species database	NHT
www.agriculture.gov.ck	Gov. website	MOA
www.mmr.gov.ck	Gov. website	MMR
www.maraemoana.gov.ck	Gov. website	Marae Moana
www.culture.gov.ck	Gov. website	MoCD
tiscookislands.org	Environment NGO	TIS
www.picionline.org	Environment NGO	PICI
www.aitutakiconservation.com	Environment NGO	ACT

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Major national organizations involved in biodiversity		
Acronym	Full name	Role
NES	National Environment Service	CBD/ABS/CHM NFP, Projects implementation
MMR	Ministry of Marine Resources	Inshore and offshore fisheries
MOA	Ministry of Agriculture	Agriculture, Invasives, ITPGRFA, Ex situ
NHT	Natural Heritage Trust	CI BD database, technical species expert
OPM - MM	Marae Moana Division – Office of the Prime Minister	Cook Islands Marine Park, PA
MoCD	Ministry of Cultural Development	TKP, ABS
TIS	Te Ipukarea Society	Environment NGO, bird projects implementation
PICI	Pacific Islands Conservation Initiative	Environment NGO, turtle projects
HOA	House of Ariki	Traditional leaders, ABS
KN	Koutu Nui	Traditional leaders, ABS

Comments on national situation
In the process of developing a CHM under the NBSAP Project and with oversight from the National Biodiversity Steering Committee. Framework site has been developed using WordPress (www.biodiversity.gov.ck) and it remains to be seen whether we will continue developing using the WordPress CMS or look to join the Bioland/Drupal CMS.

Strategic Vision

COOK ISLANDS CHM VISION
An informative, user-friendly and up-to-date portal that consolidates all biodiversity related efforts within the Cook Islands and that is actively used by our people.

OBJECTIVES

- To consolidate and link together relevant Cook Islands biodiversity information from all partners in a centralised space, with a focus on national and local levels

- To provide a platform for access to biodiversity information to the public to facilitate awareness and communication

- To use this information to support decision making, facilitate scientific, technical and local cooperation.

- to provide a mechanism for exchanging and integrating information on biodiversity between global, regional and national partner organisations.

Roadmap				
Priority	Objective	Activity	Responsible	Requirements
1	Decide on a CMS	Further exploration into both Bioland and Wordpress CHM sites to test customization capabilities and ease of information upload	NES	Editing access to both sites.
1		Present both current and Bioland CHM options to key CHM personnel, in order to decide on which CMS to pursue.	NES	DR
2	Develop site map	Develop agreed site map of framework and menu options and identify sources of information/input	NES with CHM partners	DR, ARR
2	Develop CHM Business Plan	Develop and agree on a CHM Business Plan including for roles and responsibilities (Site Manager, Content Managers, organisation CHM focal points), set up, coordination, information sharing agreements, resources, etc. ISA's may have to be separate doc.	NES with CHM partners	Biodiversity partners **buy in** and support ARR
2	Source IT requirements	Establish ICT and storage requirements for CHM and procure.	NES/OPM-ICT	DR, CR, ARR

Strategic Vision				
2	Train CHM personnel	Train identified personnel with NES as Site Managers and Content Managers in chosen CMS	NES/IT support	DR,CR, ARR
2	Complete CHM framework	Complete development of CHM framework in chosen CMS	NES/IT specialist	**Time**, personnel + **technical support**
2	Complete CHM site	Develop and input static content, linkages and current events/news, upload of relevant documents, projects, databases, resources etc	NES with CHM Partners/ IT support	**Time**, personnel + technical support
2	Establish coordination mechanism	Set up Environment Communications Group (or similar) of CHM focal points/ media officers and determine best means for regularly feeding biodiversity relevant information into their websites and the CHM, shared messages, linkages to FB pages and partner websites.	NES (Secretariat)	**Biodiversity partners buy in and support, time, + personnel**
3	Launch CHM	Raise awareness of the CHM by officially launching the website and promoting it across all partners' websites and FB pages. Perhaps jointly with Biodiversity Day May 22nd.	NES + CHM Partners	Completed and launch ready CHM!! CR, ARR
3	Upkeep of the CHM	Regular meetings of the coordination mechanism to review how information is flowing into the website and any changes needed to framework.	NES (Secretariat)	CR, ARR
3	Report on CHM	Keep the NBSC apprised of CHM development and progress for feedback and oversight of CHM.	NES (Secretariat)	ARR
4	Establish Content Managers in Key Partner organisations (long term goal)	Identify and train CHM focal points in key partner organisations to be Content Managers responsible for the upload of their own documents.	NES (Secretariat)	CR, DR, ARR

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
Work in progress – needs to be confirmed with the team back home.

Cooperation opportunities / Type of support needed
Dependant on CMS chosen but technical support to assist with customization and setting up of the CHM framework in line with the agreed site map, as well as during input of data/information/resources. Still challenges to be worked out before the CHM framework and server space can be complete. Formation of a technical level coordination mechanism for updating and maintaining content of the CHM e.g. Environment Communications Group will be needed to bring stakeholders into the CHM. Support is needed from the Biodiversity Partners to support the CHM and send their updates to NES for upload.

Thank you!