



St. Vincent and the Grenadines

Aspirations for the National Clearing House
Mechanism

Overview of the Current Situation

- ▶ SVG does not currently have a national clearing house mechanism
 - ▶ The 4th National Report identified the creation of a CHM as a priority for improving implementation of the Convention.
 - ▶ The development of a CHM is a component of our NBSAP Revision and 5th National Report Umbrella Project.
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- ▶ The CHM would be the responsibility of the Environmental Management Department, MoHWE but several government departments would provide information (Forestry, National Parks, Agriculture, NGOs)
 - ▶ The MoHWE has a dedicated IT team which could provide technical support. However, day-to-day content management would be the responsibility of the EMD. (Training necessary)
 - ▶ There is capacity for the MoHWE's website to be linked to a CHM.
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The Ministry Of Health, Wellness And The Environment Is Embarking On The Development Of A Comprehensive Water Safety Plan



The Ministry of Health, Wellness and the Environment is embarking on the development of a comprehensive water safety plan for St. Vincent and Grenadines, with funding from the Pan American Health Organisation, PAHO.

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Georgetown Smart Hospital Officially Opened



The Georgetown Smart Hospital was officially opened on Saturday, 7th September 2013 as the Government continues to provide improved health care facilities to nationals.

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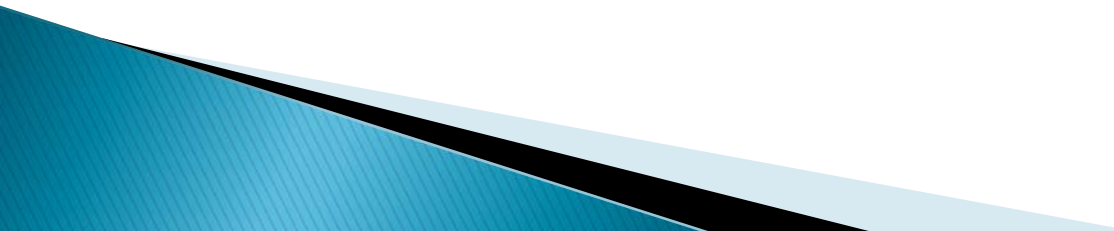
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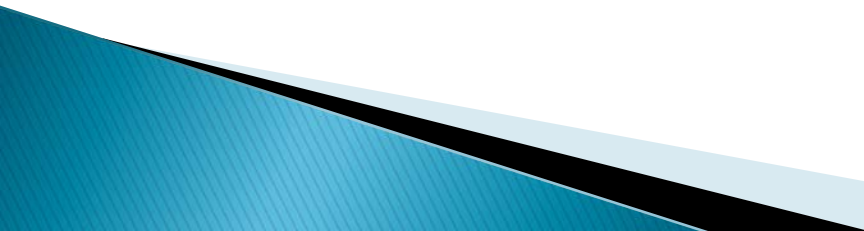
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Strategic Vision

To develop a fully-functional Clearing House Mechanism which would:

- make key biodiversity information and knowledge available to both governmental and non-governmental stakeholders and the general public ,
 - enable them to track the implementation of the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (including activities undertaken by various stakeholder agencies), and
 - track progress towards the achievement of the National Targets
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- ▶ The CHM should contain reports on activities being undertaken nationally which contribute to different objectives of the NBSAP
 - ▶ The CHM should be popularized (links to social media?) to ensure that implementation of the NBSAP remains in focus.
 - ▶ The CHM should be regularly updated.
 - ▶ The CHM could be utilized to distribute draft copies of the revised NBSAP for public consultation. Comments can be emailed to the EMD via a submission form available on the CHM website.
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Cooperation and Support

- ▶ Capacity Building for Institutional CHM Focal Points
 - ▶ Identification of Sustainable Financing to support sustained CHM operation
 - ▶ Strengthening the biodiversity information-gathering system (re. Status and Trends)
 - ▶ Building a national reference library/ repository for biodiversity information (inc. Issue of data repatriation and digitization of old records).
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