

Information on National CHM

Bahamas

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National CHM	
Web address (URL)	www.bahamaschm.org
Title	Bahamas Clearing House
Brief description	
Responsible organization	BEST Commission (Ministry of Environment and Housing)
Webmaster name	
Webmaster email	
Content management system (CMS)	
Database system	
Search engine	
Available human resources for maintenance and development	
Other comments	

Other national websites on biodiversity		
Web address (URL) & title	Brief description	Responsible organization

Major national organizations involved in biodiversity		
Acronym	Full name	Role
BNT	The Bahamas National Trust	Quasi-Government organisation responsible the national protected area systems of the country as well as conservation efforts and research support
TNC	The Nature Conservancy	Provides support to the country for the protection and conservation of terrestrial and marine environments. Supports many national and regional projects that The Bahamas is involved in.
BREEF	Bahamas Reef Environment Educational Foundation	Non-profit organisation who aims to encourage marine environmental stewardship in the country. It has many training courses for teachers who would like to incorporate environment into the classroom, eco-certification programs and school programmes.

Comments on national situation
The Bahamas had a national CHM in the early 2000s, but currently there is no CHM or website that is up and running. There is information available through many projects and research efforts that have been going on through the years, and this will need to be combined and compiled for the CHM.

Strategic Vision
Help adopt the facilitation of the NBSAP

Roadmap				
Priority	Objective	Activity	Responsible	Requirements
1	Recap	Meet with Director Weech (Focal Point) to recap on the outcomes of the week's meeting to bring him up to speed on the current situation regarding the CHM and possible ways forward.	Stacy Gray	OK
2.	Lessons Learned	Meet with Deon Stewart to find out how the previous CHM was set up and why it is now defunct.	Stacy Gray	OK

Roadmap				
Priority	Objective	Activity	Responsible	Requirements
2.	Explore possible platform.	Meet with Sharrah Moss Hackett of Click 242 Nature to find out how the application operates, and discuss the possibility of building on the app to create a fully functional CHM for The Bahamas.	Stacy Gray	OK,CR
3	Find Funding			
3	Begin Process	Start engaging stakeholders to discuss the way to gather information, make decisions on the CHM etc.		

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

Cooperation opportunities / Type of support needed
<p>The Bahamas will be in need of financial and technical support. Although the expertise in gathering the data is there, there needs to be a dedicated IT/IS person who will have the capacity to dedicate at least four hours a week to ensure that the site is up and running as need be. It would be beneficial if this IT person also has knowledge and understanding of the environmental, science and technology issues within The Bahamas.</p>

Thank you!