

## Information on National CHM

### Saint Lucia

(Updated on 2013-09-20 by Mr. Chad Hunte)

National CHM	
Web address (URL)	<a href="http://www.biodivslu.org">www.biodivslu.org</a>
Title	Biodiversity Website
Brief description	
Responsible organization	MSDEST
Webmaster name	Chad Hunte
Webmaster email	Chad.hunte @ govt.lc
Content management system (CMS)	Unknown
Database system	
Search engine	Php, Javascript search
Available human resources for maintenance and development	3
Other comments	

Other national websites on biodiversity		
Web address (URL) & title	Brief description	Responsible organization
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Major national organizations involved in biodiversity		
Acronym	Full name	Role
WRMA	Water Resource Management Agency	Management of the island's water resources
Forestry Dept	Forestry Department	Flora and fauna conservation/preservation

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MSDEST	Ministry of Sustainable Development, Energy, Science and Technology	Management of the biodiversity and CHM

<b>Comments on national situation</b>
<p>The CHM was housed at <a href="http://www.slbiodiv.org">www.slbiodiv.org</a> and was managed by the Biodiversity Unit of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries. A webmaster at the ministry helped manage the content of the website. The website had some challenges with the hosting of the domain and the website address was changed to <a href="http://www.biodivslu.org">www.biodivslu.org</a>. The website also had challenges with the hosting of the domain and has remained dormant for some time. Efforts are again underway to reactivate the website under the new ministry. It will be managed by the biodiversity unit in the ministry but a webmaster has still to be decided upon.</p> <p>The Ministry of Agriculture had a webmaster trained by the CBD at different workshops in CHM management. This individual is no longer available to the biodiversity unit since we are in the new ministry and capacity is to be built. The secretary of the biodiversity unit has very limited capacity in the management of the CHM and her capacity is to be further enhanced. The information services provided by the CHM were to point to national management of biodiversity, the Country Study Report, the national biodiversity strategy and action plan, meetings attended, documents related to biodiversity. Still exist. Time for webmaster to manage the content of the website. Payment for hosting of the website.</p>

<b>Strategic Vision</b>
<p>Place in the new ministry</p> <p>Priority to CHM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information provided</li> <li>• Assisting with socio-economic development goals</li> </ul> <p>Development of National Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• on the development of the CHM</li> <li>• Trained people can contribute to CHM</li> <li>• The national CHM should keep a running log of the implementation of the NBSAP, in terms of how all actions related to biodiversity management in the country relate to the NBSAP and any successes achieved and challenges faced should be communicated via the CHM</li> <li>• Further details on the future of the CHM and the NBSAP are still to be detailed as the project continues especially through stakeholder consultations but it should be used as a place for</li> </ul>

<b>Strategic Vision</b>	
<p>discussions by stakeholders on issues faced in implementing the NBSAP. Considerations in 2 above should also be taken on board.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gain government controlled email for biodiversity unity, for sustainability.</li> <li>• Sign Memorandum of Understanding with related Agencies to facilitate the timely submission of the biodiversity data</li> <li>• Partner with ministry of tourism, to gain support and additional funding.</li> <li>•</li> </ul>	

<b>Roadmap</b>				
Priority	Objective	Activity	Responsible	Requirements
1	webmaster	Update CHM website	Code + text	OK
2	Under studying current co-ordinator	Identifying a competent person to work with current co-ordinator. Retention of institutional knowledge	MSDEST	CR
3	Training/sensitization and awareness 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)

<b>Comments on roadmap</b>

**Comments on roadmap****Cooperation opportunities / Type of support needed**

## Capacity building

- Implementation of Content Management [wordpress]
- Developing and Managing databases with mysql and php

## Template

- Assist other countries
- Capacity building in content management on the website, capacity building in developing and managing databases on biodiversity on the website, assistance with a dedicated webmaster. Saint Lucia began a database to help biological resource users monitor their use of biological resources. Some resource users were trained in use of the database. Help in that regard from the regional and international community would be greatly appreciated to move that feature along in the CHM.
- Saint Lucia could provide help in showing countries how to build an information network after it has developed its experience with the monitoring of resource use through the database on the CHM

***Thank you!***