

Information on National CHM

EGYPT

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National CHM	
Web address (URL)	http://www.EgyptCHM.org (Current) http://www.eeaa.gov.eg/nbd/chmegypt (Old)
Title	Egyptian Biodiversity CHM
Brief description	Egypt CHM is a network of Egyptian government and partner organizations facilitating scientific and technical cooperation through information exchange. CHM promotes the information and services available on this network.
Responsible organization	Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency (EEAA) - Ministry of State for Environmental Affairs (MSEA).
Webmaster name	Haitham Farouk
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Content management system (CMS)	-, (for 2014, it will be the latest version of Joomla 3.x)
Database system	-, (for 2014, it will be MySQL and MSSQL)
Search engine	-, (for 2014, it will be Google)
Available human resources for maintenance and development	Eng. Haitham Farouk, MSc. Dr. Ayman Hamada Dr. Khaled Allam Dr. Elbially Hatab
Other comments	

Other national websites on biodiversity		
Web address (URL) & title	Brief description	Responsible organization
http://www.eeaa.gov.eg/NBD/NBU	Egypt Biodiversity	EEAA-MSEA
http://www.eeaa.gov.eg/arabic/main/Protectorates.asp http://www.eeaa.gov.eg/English/main/Protectorates.asp	Egypt Protected Area in Arabic Egypt Protected Area in English	EEAA-MSEA
http://www.epasp.org/	Strengthening Protected Area Financing and Management Systems Project	EEAA-MSEA

Other national websites on biodiversity		
Web address (URL) & title	Brief description	Responsible organization
http://www.mpcpegypt.com/	Medicinal Plants Project	EEAA-MSEA
http://www.biomapegypt.org/	Biodiversity Monitoring & Assessment Project	EEAA-MSEA
http://www.eeaa.gov.eg/English/main/protect_bird.asp	Important Bird Areas (IBAs) of Egypt	EEAA-MSEA
www.egbch.com	Egypt biosafety news	NCS-EEAA

Major national organizations involved in biodiversity		
Acronym	Full name	Role
MALR	Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation	
NRCs	National Research Centres	
MOT	Ministry of tourism	
	National Universities	

Comments on national situation
<p>The CHM supervised by Biodiversity Division, Nature Conservation Sector (NCS), Governmental body.</p> <p>Little capacities with low IT resources under a weak organizational structure.</p> <p>Lack of Awareness and understanding the CHM.</p> <p>Miss coordination with different stockholders related to biodiversity.</p>

Strategic Vision
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - upgrade organizational structure, new staff recruitments, resource mobilization plans and fundraising - Mainstreaming of biodiversity values in the developmental sectors, plans for cooperation between stakeholders, CHM focal points within the various stakeholders - Sustainability of CHM and capacity building. - the major stakeholders should have certain degree of access to the website to upload their efforts and progress towards achieving the NBSAP goals and targets. Another section to give brief account on the national action plans and a periodically updated account on the progress and achievements. - The NBSAP would be uploaded to the CHM website with means of measuring the progress of implementation of the national action plans.

Roadmap				
Priority	Objective	Activity	Responsible	Requirements
1	Define information architecture	Workshop to define information architecture	Director of Biodiversity Division & NBSAP	ok
1		Mainstreaming the content of site with different stakeholders	Director of Biodiversity Division	ok
1		define the fund	NBSAP	ok
1	build up the web site	Tender expert to build up the web site	NBSAP	ok

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
The current NBSAP is already revised and the new one is being prepared. The new one will contain an evaluation and monitoring plan

Cooperation opportunities / Type of support needed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • how to development of NBSAPs and related actions. • we can provide methodology for define the habitat by using GIS and RS for neighbour countries. • Capacity building on Protected area management. • Nature Resource management. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The necessary hardware and software for CHM. ➤ Capacity building on how to sustain the CHM and other related websites

Thank you!