

Information on National CHM

MALAWI

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National CHM	
Web address (URL)	www.chmmw.org
Title	Malawi Clearing House Mechanism
Brief description	<p>The CHM for Malawi was developed sometime between 2006 and 2008 under the GEF/UNEP project. The CHM is currently coordinated by the ministry of Environment and Climate Change Management under the Environmental Affairs Department. So far the government has developed guidelines for cooperation and participation of Institutions in CH.</p> <p>Initially thirteen staff were trained on the background, establishment and management of CHM although due to staff turnover most of them are no longer available.</p>
Responsible organization	Environmental Affairs Department
Webmaster name	Not known
Webmaster email	eadinfo@sdpn.org.mw (Currently not accessible)
Content management system (CMS)	Not known
Database system	Not known
Search engine	Not known
Available human resources for maintenance and development	Yes
Other comments	Need to access or change the Content management system (CMS), Database system etc.

Other national websites on biodiversity		
Web address (URL) & title	Brief description	Responsible organization
www.nccpmw.org - National Climate Change Program website	A website of the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Management.	Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Management

Major national organizations involved in biodiversity		
Acronym	Full name	Role
EAD	Environmental Affairs Department	Coordinating the improvement of sustainable management and utilization of the environment and natural resources
DOF	Department of Forestry	Increasing the Malawi's forest cover and incomes from forestry products and services for the people of Malawi and positively contribute to the improved environment, natural resource and climate status in Malawi.
FRIM	Forestry Research Institute of Malawi	
NHBGM	National Herbarium and Botanic Gardens of Malawi	Botanical Research: -Ethanobotany; Systematic/ taxonomy; Ecological Surveys; Propagation of seedlings and Ecological restoration programmes
LEAD-SEA	Leadership for Environment and Development for Southern and Eastern Africa	Inspire leadership for sustainable development i.e. Training and capacity building; climate change projects; consultancies
WESM	Wildlife and Environmental Society of Malawi	Natural Resources Management: Environmental education (community clubs, wildlife clubs in schools and communities)
CURE	Coordination Union for the Rehabilitation of the Environment	
WFC	World Fish Centre	Research on aquatic sciences (Fish and any aquatic life) including water. The biology of fish, aquaculture and genetics. Conduct research that reduces poverty and improves quality of life
MEET	Malawi Environment Endowment Trust	
MMCT	Mulanje Mountain Conservation Trust	A biodiversity management project. Aims to facilitate through DoF all functions of biodiversity conservation in Mulanje mountain
MZUNI	Mzuzu University	Teaching and academic research
Ripple Africa	Recognising Individual Potential promoting Local education in Africa	
ICRISAT	International Centre for Research in Agroforestry Technologies	Conducting Research and promoting agroforestry technologies
MPGRC	Malawi Plant Genetic Resources Centre	Conserving Plant genetic resources for food and Agriculture; Contributing to crop diversification; Serve as building blocks in production of new varieties; Contribute to sustainable management of agriculture eco-system

Comments on national situation	
1.	The CHM website was developed under a project supported by GEF/UNDP and was supposedly to be coordinated by the National Commission for Science and Technology of Malawi. However the coordinating responsibilities changed to Environmental Affairs Department. Handovers were not properly done and in the process some of the log in information is not available leading to the lack of updating of the site.
2.	There is need for training and placement of IT personnel in focal point organisations to ensure update of the website.
3.	There is need for awareness and capacity building in stakeholder institutions to strengthen them so that they nurture the CHM and facilitate information flow.
4.	Continuous training in information system technologies i.e. website content management systems, archiving of information and metadata development to keep pace with advancements in information technologies

Strategic Vision
An effective CHM strategy for biodiversity developed and implemented

Roadmap				
Priority	Objective	Activity	Responsible	Requirements
1.	Finalise the revision of the NBSAP with inclusion of the CHM strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Convene meetings of stakeholders to develop the strategy Incorporate CHM considerations in the (2011-2020) NBSAP under review 	Biodiversity NFP	OK
1.	Reorganise the CHM website to align it with recommended format	Convene meetings to review and update the website		ARR
2.	Place and orient IT personnel in stakeholder institutions on CHM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recruitment of IT personnel Training of ICT personnel 	Biodiversity NFP Responsible stakeholders	DR CR
2.	Periodically review and update the website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collect and validate information to update website 	Biodiversity NFP	CR 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
 - 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

Thank you!