Information on National CHM

Palau

National CHM	
Web address (URL)	none
Title	
Brief description	
Responsible organization	
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
www.**palau**pan**fund**.org	The Republic of Palau created an independent non -profit organization to serve as a financial trustee of the monies obtained to support the PAN to manage the funds from donations and arrival fees,. This nonprofit organization is called the PAN Fund.	Palau Protected Areas Network Fund

Other national websites on biodiversity		
Web address (URL) & title	Brief description	Responsible organization
www.picrc.org	The Palau International Coral Reef Center (PICRC) is Palau's leading research and aquarium institution with a mission to guide efforts supporting coral reef stewardship through research and its applications for the people of Palau, Micronesia, and the world. Our vision is people empowered with science and knowledge for effective marine conservation and management. Our work are locally and internationally relevant and contribute to better informed decision-making regarding use, management and conservation of marine resources.	Palau International Coral Reef Center
http://pcc.palau.edu/community/cre/	Site contains research findings of Palau's agricultural diversity	Palau Community College
the**micronesiachallenge**.blogspot.com/	Blog that reports on the efforts of biodiversity conservation of the 5 Micronesia jurisdictions (Palau included)	The Micronesia Challenge Steering Committee (Micronesia Regional Body)

Major national organizations involved in biodiversity		
Acronym	Full name	Role
PCS	Palau Conservation Society	National NGO engaged in conservation efforts designed to improve conservation status of Palau's biodiversity and enhance community outcomes.
BNM	The Belau National Museum (Natural History Program)	Implements Palau's national bird program which monitors the trends in Palau's bird population and health. Partners with gov'ts and communities to strengthen forest stewardship efforts.
TNC	The Nature Conservancy (Palau Field Office of the Micronesia Program)	Mostly engaged with providing technical support to biodiversity conservation efforts in Palau, as well as spearheading sustainable fisheries issues.

Comments on national situation
There is overwhelming support for the creation of a national clearing house mechanism for biodiversity in Palau. In fact Palau recognizes that in order for it to effectively implement its NBSAP it needs to collect, house and manage data better than it is currently doing. A GEF funded project is being implemented to ensure that the enabling framework and capacities that is needed to achieve this is in place. Aligning the development of Palau's CHM with this parallel process is an efficient way to optimize resources in support of mutual objectives.

Comments on national situation
Previously the limiting factor to putting together a CHM for Palau was the high technological requirements, the perceived cost of that technology, and a general lack of understanding about how to begin developing a clearing house portal. Fortunately, what seemed like substantial roadblocks are turning out to be surmountable with the Bioland tool.

Strategic Vision
Palau's Biodiversity CHM facilitates informed decision-making which underpins its NBSAP implementation.

Roadmap				
Priority	Objective	Activity	Responsible	Requirements
1	Minister of Natural Resources, Environment and Tourism calls for fast tracking the development of Palau's biodiversity CHM	• Give a presentation to King about need for creating CHM for biodiversity and linking it with the Palau CB2 work. • Palau's CBD focal point (King) advocates for fast tracking CHM • Work with King to present to Consortium and build constituency in sector for the CHM.	Gwen Sisior-alternate to focal point	OK
2	Palau has access to technology that allows it to easily develop and update CHM.	• Advocate for use of Bioland as tool for CHM web portal development • Work with CBD Secretariat and CHM team to make tool available to Palau	CHM-FP via input from Umai Basilius King Sam (CHM/FP)	OK
2	Content for CHM is identified and accessed	• Based on the bioland tool headers identify and aggregate content for Palau's CHM website (Content must be filtered by its relevance and applicability to NBSAP implementation)	King Sam (CHM focal point)	CR: Palau Conservation Society as per requirements of CHM content sub-consultancy
2	Palau CHM website launched	• MNRET works with partners (Conservation Consortium)to populate Palau Biodiversity CHM with content that was not captured in previous exercise • Website is launched (can be announced at cop)		

Roadmap				
Priority	Objective	Activity	Responsible	Requirements
2	Palau's CHM website is managed and updated in a timely fashion	• CHM focal point identifies tasks and skill sets needed to manage and update CHM website • CHM focal point secures training opportunity for uptake of skill set and assigns person to take on this responsibility. • Minister/Director or CHM focal point makes CHM responsibility part of standard operating procedures for MNRET.	CHM/FP- King Sam	DR: The Minister needs to sign off on this activity

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
I will be advocating the use of Bioland in the development of Palau's CHM. I think that this tool will allow the folks at MNRET to be able to manage and update the content so that portal is truly relevant to our NBSAP implementation.

Cooperation opportunities / Type of support needed
I think that the Bioland tool is user friendly and should be relatively easy for a skilled technician to understand it and teach it to others. If the Secretariat provides remote support for users it would make using this tool that much more attractive and accessible.

Thank you!