

Information on National CHM

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National CHM	
Web address (URL)	
Title	
Brief description	
Responsible organization	Department of Environment
Webmaster name	Mr. Siosua Latu
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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
Ecc.gov.to		Department of Climate Change

Major national organizations involved in biodiversity		
Acronym	Full name	Role
DoE	Department of Environment	Overall manage of biodiversity
MAFF	Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry	Provide Information in regards to Biodiversity
MLNR	Ministry of Lands & Natural Resources	

Comments on national situation	
❖	Department of Environment & Climate Change under the Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Lands & Natural Resources and we managed to have a Portal which established in 2014.
❖	This portal was installed by GIZ Project to Climate Change Division as one of their output in related to share of Climate Change Resilience
❖	Use that portal for sharing of our information regarding NBSAP
❖	Less access to the portal due to Department of Climate Change moved to another building and they had taken their server, resources and staff too.

Strategic Vision	
❖	Tonga Plan CHM Focal Point within 3 months
❖	Tools can be used Bioland
❖	Content of CHM will be in line with National Biodiversity Strategy
❖	Department of Environment will be updating National CHM on a regular basis

Roadmap				
Priority	Objective	Activity	Responsible	Requirements
1	CHM National Focal Point	Designate CHM National Focal Point	Department of Environment (Siosua Latu)	DR
2	Preparation of National CHM website	Coordinate with CBD Secretariat for preparation of official National CHM Website	Department of Environment (Siosua Latu)	CR
2	Assignment of Roles & Responsibilities	Assign roles and responsibilities within the Department for the updating national CHM	Department of Environment (Siosua Latu)	DR
2	National CHM website launch	Finalise the contents in order to launch the website	Department of Environment (Siosua Latu)	DR

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

- Should have a meeting with stakeholders to see the update of the biodiversity from their perspective Ministry.
- Should increase public awareness through media like television, radio, school visits and community consultations.

Cooperation opportunities / Type of support needed

- ❖ SPREP & CBD should help us in promoting and facilitate technical & scientific cooperation, knowledge sharing and information exchange.
- ❖ Need technical assistance from SPREP and local expertise to our Information Staff on how to upload information on Portal.
- ❖ Coordination among the relevant Ministries including non-govt organization are very important in this work.

Government should also commit to the establishment of our Portal in order to assist us with sharing our Biodiversity information effectively and successfully

Thank you!