

## Information on National CHM

### ARMENIA

| National CHM  |  |
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| Web address (URL)   |  |
| 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 |                   |                          |
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| www.mnp.am                                     | <p>The Republic of Armenia Ministry of Nature Protection is a republican body of executive authority, which elaborates and implements the policies of the Republic of Armenia Government in the areas of environmental protection and sustainable use of natural resources. MNP has a wide scope of authority for natural resources management protection, which is fulfilled through various structural and separated sub-divisions of the Ministry (divisions, agency, including 6 water basin management authorities, state environmental inspectorate)</p> <p>The Bio-Resource Management Agency provides services in the field of biodiversity conservation and resource management.</p> | RA Ministry of Nature Protection |
| www.hayantar.am                                | <p>“Hayantar” provides conservation, protection, reproduction, use, registration, stock taking and inventory, cadastre maintenance of forests, improvement of forest productivity and forest soil fertility, sustainable use of forest resources. It also covers the following business activities – timber harvesting, processing and marketing, growing and marketing of planting stocks, non-timber forest use, as well as processing and marketing of the aforementioned bio-resources, agricultural land use for food production, processing and marketing; provision of recreation and tourism-related services, provision of consultancy services and information.</p>                 | Ministry of Agriculture          |

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| www.armstat.am                                 | <p>Main functions are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>to collect, process, summarize and publish statistical data,</li> <li>to co-operate with state and local self-government bodies in collection of statistical information,</li> <li>to develop and improve statistical methodologies, and coordinate data collection and dissemination according to international standards and classifications,</li> <li>to organize statistical surveys,</li> <li>to ensure data security and statistical confidentiality,</li> <li>to provide users with statistical information,</li> <li>to co-operate with international organizations and national statistical offices.</li> </ul> | National Statistical Service of the Republic of Armenia                              |
| www.sczhe.sci.am<br>www.botany.sci.am          | <p>Main Fields of Activity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>studies and conservation of Armenia's flora, vegetation and plant resources,</li> <li>development of scientific fundamentals to improve of basic forest formations of the Republic, physiological and ecological fundamentals of ontogenesis of higher plants, introduction and acclimatization of plants;</li> <li>elaboration of scientific fundamentals of tree planting in settlements;</li> <li>studies of the dynamics of variation in Armenia's vegetation cover to identify and investigate ecosystems of global value that comprise endemic and relict plant species.</li> </ul>                           | The Institute of Zoology and of Botany SNCO under the RA National Academy of Science |

| <b>Major national organizations involved in biodiversity</b> |   |  |
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| Acronym  | Full name   | Role   |
| BMA  | The Bioresources Management Agency under the RA Ministry of Nature Protection | The protection and management of the sustainable use of fauna and flora, protected areas, including forests. |

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| Hayantar   | “Hayantar” SNCO of the Ministry of Agriculture                                       | The protection and use of forests, not included in the protected areas.   |
|  | The Institute of Zoology and of Botany SNCO under the RA National Academy of Science | Studies and conservation of Armenia’s flora, vegetation and plant resources, development of scientific fundamentals to improve of basic forest formations of the Republic.<br>Elaboration of scientific fundamentals of tree planting in settlements. |
| NSS  | National Statistical Service of the Republic of Armenia                              | Data owner and provider at national level.  |

| <b>Comments on national situation</b>   |
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| During last decade several steps were made towards the creation of CHM prerequisites, some work was done, but there was no progress in the following years. Country currently has no CHM. |

| <b>Strategic Vision</b>   |
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| <p>The establishment of the national CHM portal as a network promotes scientific and technical cooperation between institutions, organizations and individuals involved in the research or the protection of biodiversity. It will be a basis for better coordination, information sharing and technology transfer, as well as exchanging the national information between stakeholders which will contribute to the implementation of obligations of the Convention.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Designation of the national focal point for the CHM</li> <li>• Identification of the national structure to coordinate the development of the CHM with participation of a relevant biodiversity-related organization and stakeholders</li> <li>• Preparation of the realistic national implementation strategy for the CHM</li> <li>• Improvement of the technical capacities: capacity building and technical equipping of organizations</li> <li>• Development of the information exchange mechanism with relevant national sources of biodiversity information.</li> </ul> |

| <b>Roadmap</b> |                                 |                        |             |              |
|----------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Priority       | Objective                       | Activity               | Responsible | Requirements |
| 1              | Absence of National Focal Point | Designation            | MNP         | OK/DR        |
| 2              | Website/CHM                     | Creation/Establishment | MNP         | DR/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**

Taking into account that country currently has no CHM, and for the establishment of CHM it is a very important issue to have a Focal Point which will coordinate these works. Appointment of Focal Point will create an opportunity to collaborate with stakeholders and other related biodiversity organizations. It is very important to have a support and cooperation in creation of CHM website.

**Cooperation opportunities / Type of support needed**

- Provide guidance to the Country on how to develop their national clearing-house mechanisms, taking into account a variety of implementation options
- Organize capacity-building workshops to assist Country in developing national clearing-house mechanisms, including through partner organizations at the national or regional levels, and based on the special capacity-building needs of the country and on the status of the national clearing-house mechanisms.

***Thank you!***