



COOPERATION THROUGH THE CLEARING-HOUSE MECHANISM OF THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

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Belgian Clearing House Mechanism

TECHNICAL AND SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION THROUGH THE CLEARING-HOUSE MECHANISM OF THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

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OVERVIEW PRESENTATION

- Introduction to the Clearing-House Mechanism
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Introduction to the Clearing-House Mechanism (CHM)

What is a Clearing-House?

- Various definitions:
- A central agency for the collection, classification, and distribution, especially of information; broadly: an informal channel for distributing information or assistance
- A central institution or agency for the collection, maintenance, and distribution of materials, information, etc.
- A central organization which collects and sends out information for other people or organizations.

→ Information exchange services



Introduction to the Clearing-House Mechanism (CHM)

Decision X/15 on the CHM (COP10):

- Adopts the mission, goals & objectives for the period 2011-2020

Encourages Parties to:

- Continue to establish national CHM
- Contribute to cooperation initiatives for the CHM
- Include support for the CHM when requesting GEF Funding for NBSAPs
- Encourages Partners to contribute to the CHM network.



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Decision X/15 on the CHM (COP10):

- To contribute significantly to the implementation of
 - the Convention on Biological Diversity
 - and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020
 - through
 - effective information services
 - and other appropriate means
 - in order to promote and facilitate
 - scientific and technical cooperation,
 - knowledge sharing,
 - and information exchange,
- and to establish a fully operational network of Parties and partners.

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Objectives:

- Goal 1: The central clearing-house mechanism provides effective global information services to facilitate the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020
- 1.3. Effective information exchange services are fully operational.



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Objectives (continued):

- 1.4. The CBD Secretariat facilitates the development of a network of experts and practitioners among Parties and partners.
- 1.5. Guidance is available for Parties and partners to exchange information through the clearing-house mechanism network

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Objectives (continued):

Goal 2: National clearing-house mechanisms provide effective information services to facilitate the implementation of the national biodiversity strategies and action plans.

- 2.1. All Parties have the capacity to sustain effective national clearing-house mechanisms.
- 2.2. High-quality national clearing-house mechanism websites are available.

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Objectives (continued):

- 2.3. National information is exchanged through the clearing-house mechanism network.
- 2.4. Parties collaborate and share knowledge through the clearing-house mechanism network.
- 2.5. Partners and the CBD Secretariat have contributed to the development of national clearing-house mechanisms.



Technical and scientific cooperation under the CBD

- Who are the people you want to collaborate with?
- How can you stimulate cooperation between them?
- What type of information do they need to choose their collaborators?
- What type of information do you want to make public?



Exchange of information to promote cooperation and public awareness at national level

- Information is available, but access to information is not always possible or easy:
- laws, research, “best practices”, trans-boundary, funding opportunities, who does what?
- Identify information gaps
- Validate the information
- Decentralised versus centralised

- Intellectual property rights.



Exchange of information to promote cooperation and public awareness at national level

- Improve public awareness on the Convention
 - Country studies, redlists, relation between the conventions
 - Target audiences: policy decision makers, youth, teachers, general public
 - Motivate the public by observation campaigns on biodiversity
 - Publish news and events on a regular basis on the website.

National CHM website

One of the tools available for the CHM

Information portals:

- On the Convention
- Implementation on national level of the CBD
- Information on biodiversity
- Cooperation
- Other sources of information on the Internet
- Use available information
- Create only new information that is not available elsewhere on the Internet (otherwise: link)

National CHM website

Make information available that is difficult to obtain inside and outside the country.

Most visited pages on the CHM websites:

- National reports
- News
- Events
- Country studies
- National strategies and action plans on biodiversity
- Actors
- Frequently asked questions about biodiversity.

National CHM website

1996 -2006: Parties developed own CHM

2006 – 2020: 60 + Parties used the Portal Toolkit (PTK)
developed by the EU and Member states

2010- now: Parties used common URL: <http://xx.chm-cbd.net>

2017 – 2020: Development of the Bioland tool by the
Secretariat of the CBD and the EU. Further development based
on decision COP14/25



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Welcome to the Clearing-House Mechanism website, Karibu Sana

The Website is under construction

The Clearing-House Mechanism (CHM) of the Convention on Biological Diversity has been established further to Article 18.3 of the Convention.

Further to decision X/15, its mission is to contribute significantly to the implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, through effective information services and other appropriate means in order to promote and facilitate scientific and technical cooperation, knowledge sharing and information exchange, and to establish a fully operational network of Parties and partners.

This mission is articulated around three major goals:



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Le site web est en cours de construction

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Le Ministère de l'Environnement organise un atelier national de formation des gestionnaires du Centre d'Echange d'Information sur la Biodiversité (CHM) sous la Convention sur la Diversité Biologique du 14 au 16 décembre 2015.

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- [Law 122 dated 23/7/2010: Establishment of the Mashaa Chnaniir Nature Reserve](#) [posted on: 01/04/2019]
- [Law No. 201 \(Establishment of Beit Lif Nature Reserve\) dated 18/11/2011](#) [posted on: 01/04/2019]

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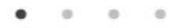
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Helping protect Canada's biodiversity, while encouraging the sustainable use of our biological resources, is a responsibility that all Canadians can share. With our population of more than 35 million people, we can play a role in preserving the immense natural wealth and valuable ecosystems from which we draw significant social, economic and environmental benefits. Bordered by three oceans, the second-largest nation in the world, Canada is rich in biodiversity, and we depend on it for our survival.

We invite you to celebrate the [UN Decade on Biodiversity \(2011-2020\)](#) and to explore this website. Learn about our country's biodiversity and actions Canada is taking to conserve our biological resources.

Partnering in biodiversity

This is the website of the federal, provincial and territorial working group on biodiversity. It profiles biodiversity information, news and events. This website reflects the shared responsibility for biodiversity in Canada and the commitment of federal, provincial and territorial governments to achieve the goals and objectives of the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity through a collaborative approach. This site also serves as Canada's national biodiversity [Clearing House Mechanism](#).



Thank you!

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