



# The Clearing House Mechanism

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# Introduction to the Clearing House Mechanism (CHM)

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## 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

# 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

# The Clearing House Mechanism (CHM)



## 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.

# The Clearing House Mechanism (CHM)



## Decision 15/16 on the CHM (COP15):

- Decides to extend the work programme of the clearing-house mechanism (2021-2030)
- Requests the Informal Advisory Group on Technical and Scientific Cooperation to provide the Executive Secretary with advice on the development and implementation of the work programme for the clearing-house mechanism in support of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework
- Urges Parties to develop or upgrade their national clearing-house mechanism websites using the Bioland tool

# Cooperation and the CHM

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## Within the EU

- CHM Network between the MS and the associated countries (2000 – 2016 active)
  - Yearly meetings
  - Development of joint activities like “Spring is coming”
- Development of the CHM Portal Toolkit (2006 – 2018)
  - Training to use the PTK
  - 10-14 European Countries used it
- Development of the Target Checker Tool (TCT)
  - Used by Commission, Swiss and Belgium for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> national reports, Mid-term report EU Strategy 2011-2020
  - Further Development as DART (funding EU and Swiss)



# Cooperation and the CHM



## Other regions

- CHM Network
  - ASEAN Region
  - Francophone and Anglophone partner countries of Belgian Development cooperation
  - Several regional meetings elsewhere on ad-hoc basis
- Use of the CHM Portal Toolkit
  - > 50 countries received training and used it in different ways
- Use of the Target Checker Tool (TCT) and DART
  - 14 countries used TCT
  - DART used by several countries

# Cooperation and the CHM



## Partners

- International organisations and networks
  - UNEP-WCMC,
  - GBIF,
  - INFORMEA and others
- Sharing information and development of tools
  - Integration of data in PTK toolkit and Bioland
  - Compendia
- Biobridge Initiative
  - Mainly through funding of South-Korea
  - Yearly calls

# Cooperation and the CHM



## Global CHM

- CHM of the Secretariat of the Convention

<https://chm.cbd.int>

### CBD Online Reporting Tool

The CBD online reporting tool enables Parties to enter, review and, when appropriate, submit information requested in the guidelines for national reports.

[GO TO CBD ONLINE REPORTING TOOL »](#)

### ABS Clearing-House

The Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House (ABS Clearing-House, ABSCH) is a platform for exchanging information on access and benefit-sharing established by Article 14 of the Nagoya Protocol, as part of clearing-house mechanism under Article 18, paragraph 3 of the Convention.

[GO TO THE ABSCH.CBD.INT »](#)

### BCH Clearing-House

The Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH) is a mechanism set up by the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to facilitate the exchange of information on Living Modified Organisms (LMOs) and assist the Parties to better comply with their obligations under the Protocol.

[GO TO THE BCH.CBD.INT »](#)

### Financial Reporting Framework

The financial reporting framework, adopted by decision XII/3, is intended for use by Parties for providing baseline information and reporting on their contribution to reach the global financial targets, under Aichi Biodiversity Target 20, as adopted by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention at its twelfth meeting, in accordance with Article 20.

[SUBMIT REPORT »](#)

### Reference records

The CHM's reference records hosts a wide variety of resources relevant to the implementation of the CBD and its protocols, including books, documents, capacity-building materials, meeting or conference proceedings, videos, news services, websites and databases, and others.

[CONTRIBUTE »](#)

### The Convention website

The Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity was established (Article 24) to support the goals of the Convention. Its principal functions are to prepare for, and service, meetings of the Conferences of the Parties (COP) and other subsidiary bodies of the Convention, and to coordinate with relevant international bodies.

[VIEW CBD.INT »](#)

# Cooperation and the CHM



## Global CHM

- CHM of the Secretariat of the Convention  
<https://chm.cbd.int>
  - CHM network  
<https://www.chm-cbd.net>
  - Biobridge Initiative hosted

## National CHMs

Introduction to National CHMs with map in tab 1 and list of websites in tab 2 (view)

The list of available CHM network sites

CHM website	Link
Australia	<a href="http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity">http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity</a>
Austria	<a href="http://www.umweltbundesamt.at/">http://www.umweltbundesamt.at/</a>
Belarus	<a href="http://biodiv.by/">http://biodiv.by/</a>
Belgium	<a href="http://www.biodiv.be/">http://www.biodiv.be/</a>
Benin	<a href="http://bj.chm-cbd.net/">http://bj.chm-cbd.net/</a>
Brazil	<a href="http://www.mma.gov.br/biodiversidade">http://www.mma.gov.br/biodiversidade</a>
Bulgaria	<a href="http://chm.moew.government.bg/">http://chm.moew.government.bg/</a>
Burkina Faso	<a href="http://bf.chm-cbd.net/">http://bf.chm-cbd.net/</a>
Burundi	<a href="http://bi.chm-cbd.net/">http://bi.chm-cbd.net/</a>
Cambodia	<a href="http://www.chm.gdanpc-moe.org/">http://www.chm.gdanpc-moe.org/</a>
Cameroon	<a href="http://cm.chm-cbd.net/">http://cm.chm-cbd.net/</a>
Canada	<a href="http://www.biodivcanada.ca/">http://www.biodivcanada.ca/</a>
Central African Republic	<a href="http://cf.chm-cbd.net/">http://cf.chm-cbd.net/</a>
Chad	<a href="http://td.chm-cbd.net">http://td.chm-cbd.net</a>

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- **Decision 15/16 on the CHM (COP15):**
- Urges Parties to develop or upgrade their national clearing-house mechanism websites using the Bioland tool
- Request to SCBD
  - 9b (iv) Development of Bioland instances for Parties that have not yet established a national clearing-house mechanism website, using the information provided on the respective country profile pages on the Convention website, for their review and further development;
  - (v) Continuation of the award for national clearing-house mechanisms until 2030;

# National CHM web site



## Bioland sites

- Started as a follow up to the EU PTK sites
- Basic site with standard information as on CBD website prefilled see the decision text 15/16 §9b iv)
  - Country profile
  - National reports for CBD (and the Protocols)
  - NBSAP (will be replaced by updated NBSAP)
  - Links to partner organisations

# National CHM web site



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