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Clearing-House Mechanism

A Collaborating Network of Partners Facilitating Scientific and Technical Cooperation

Welcome

The **Clearing-House Mechanism (CHM)** of the Convention on Biological Diversity has been established further to [Article 18.3](#) of the Convention. Its mission is to contribute significantly to the implementation of the Convention through the promotion and facilitation of technical and scientific cooperation, among Parties, other Governments and stakeholders. [More >](#)

The [Strategic Plan of the Clearing-House Mechanism](#) identifies three major goals:

1. The promotion and facilitation of technical and scientific cooperation
2. The promotion and facilitation of information exchange among Parties, other Governments and stakeholders
3. A fully operational mechanism with participation of all Parties and an expanded network of partners.

Implementation

The implementation of the Clearing-House Mechanism has been guided by [several decisions of the Conference of the Parties](#).

Today the Clearing-House Mechanism consists of the following components:

- The [CBD website](#), including its [Information Centre](#).
- The [network of national Clearing-House Mechanisms](#).
- Various partner institutions.

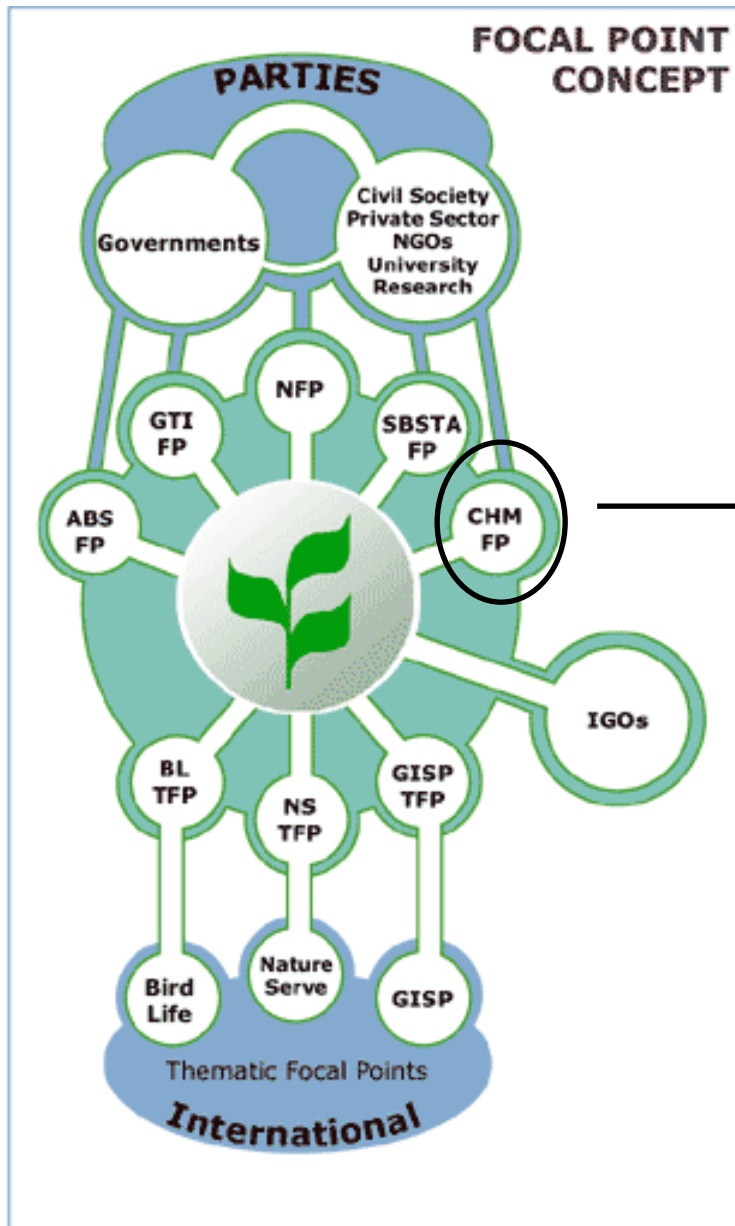
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Convention Biological Diversity -> CHM Mechanism for:

- Technical and scientific cooperation
- Information exchange
- All CBD parties take part (with a webportal)





My role:

National Focal Point

Clearing House
Mechanism for the
Netherlands

(since 2006)

biodiversiteit **werkt**

VOOR **natuur** VOOR **mensen** VOOR **altijd**

BELEIDSPROGRAMMA

BIODIVERSITEIT 2008-2011



2008-2011: NL Clearing House website

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Webportal Policy Program Biodiversity

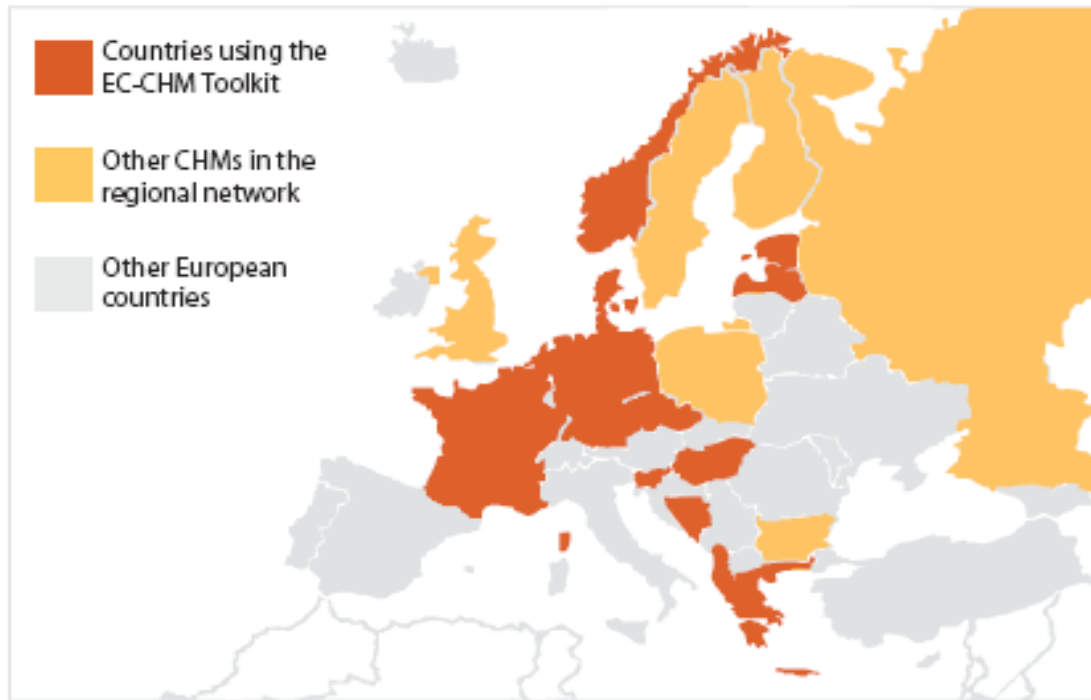


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<http://biodiversity-chm.eea.europa.eu/>

COLLABORATING CHMs FOR BIODIVERSITY

a regional approach in Europe



” The Clearing House Mechanism for biodiversity is based on the Article 18 (3) of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

The focus of the Clearing House Mechanism (CHM) is to:

- ✓ promote and facilitate technical and scientific cooperation
- ✓ develop the necessary human and technological network
- ✓ support the activities related to the programme areas and cross-cutting issues of the Convention, particularly with regard to technology transfer and communication, education and public awareness ”

CBD Secretariat



CHM network status: November 2005

” The European Clearing House Mechanism (EC CHM) development and collaboration are part of the global Clearing House Mechanism development. The focus is to:

- ✓ improve connectivity between the European Community CHM and Member State CHMs
- ✓ host EC CHM and national CHMs on the same server to improve connectivity, interoperability and economies
- ✓ extend collaboration with the CBD Secretariat
- ✓ provide support on the EC CHM technology to Member States, other EEA members and Third Countries ”

European Commission

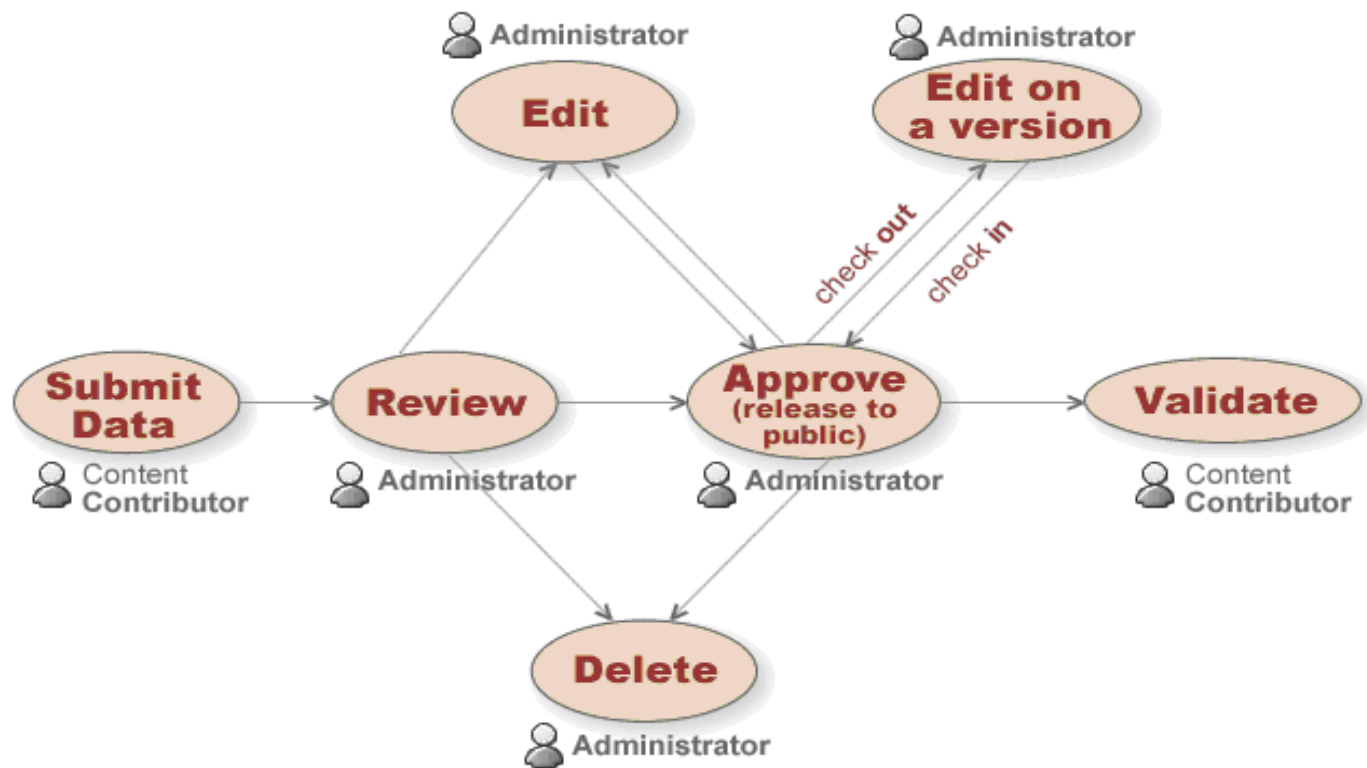


Set up:

- Provide access to knowledge and information
- Instruments for cooperation:
events calendar, fora, webconsultations, surveys,
news(feeds)



Webbased platform for cooperation



Main Target group Biodiversiteit.NL:

Biodiversity
professionals national
and international

Communication strategy Biodiversity:

Web communication general public



International cooperation

- CHM-NL node **informs** about national situation regarding biological diversity and policy.
- Other CBD Clearing House Mechanism goals:
 - **Promote** national and international scientific and technological **cooperation**
 - Development of the necessary human and technological **network**.



Technology transfer and international cooperation

- Since 2002: CHM cooperation by the Netherlands with Grenada and Palau (*1st generation Content Management System*)
- In 2009: Assisted transfer of these CBD parties to the European Portal toolkit
- 2023: Further cooperation with an eye on transfer to Bioland tool?



Welcome to Biodiversity-CHM.NL

Dutch node of the [Clearing House Mechanism](#) of the [Convention on Biological Diversity \(CBD\)](#) and the central webportal for communication related to Dutch biodiversity policy. The mission of this portal is to provide access to a maximum of biodiversity information related to the Netherlands.

Biodiversity in short

Life on earth is enormously diverse. Every life form, ecosystem and genetic variety, from the smallest bacteria, fungi and plants to the largest animals, the tropical rainforests or the Dutch pastureland, is unique and irreplaceable. This enormous variety is what we call biodiversity.

Biodiversity is Vital!

Many life forms on earth are mutually dependent. Diversity plays an important role in this. Even people cannot survive without other organisms. Biodiversity is not only beautiful, but also useful and necessary. It gives us clean water, fertile soil and a stable climate, but it also gives us food and raw materials for housing, clothing, fuel and medicines. These natural resources safeguard our future and form the basis of our prosperity. [Biodiversity contributes to the quality of life and human welfare.](#)

Biodiversity is under threat

Biodiversity is under serious threat from global climate change, increased consumption, pollution, the introduction of exotic species and the overexploitation of natural areas and natural resources. Many species of plants and animals are disappearing and ecosystems are under threat. Clean air and water, fertile soil and a stable climate are no longer guaranteed. This affects people in poor countries, who often depend directly on the fruits of the forests and the land, but it also affects us. Biodiversity loss and the depletion of natural resources ultimately threaten everyone's survival.

Working together!

This crucial problem can only be addressed through close cooperation between the government, citizens, companies and non-governmental organizations.

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2021-2022: transfer to Bioland tool

- Focus on information provision and archive function (rather than cooperation tool aspect)
- Restructured the content in a simpler (more limited) set of sections and subsections:
 - About (CBD and CHM)
 - Biodiversity (What is biodiversity and why is it important?)
 - Policy Netherlands (with just 5 subsections)
 - Archive (divided in three periods 1994-2007; 2008-2011; 2012-2017)
- Made sure not to discard anything (all pages / content retained (or archived in pdf format)).
- Now fully bilingual (Dutch / English)

2023 and further

- Support Implementation KM-GBF
 - Track use (implement GA)
 - Possibly adapt structure (depending on new NBSAP)
 - Possibly again strengthen the ‘cooperation tool aspect’
- Add metadata (key words) according to GBF targets (support the Monitoring and review aspects of the GBF)
- Possibly further international cooperation