

## GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY ENABLING ACTIVITY PROPOSAL

<b>Country:</b>	Botswana
<b>Project Title:</b>	CHM and Second National Report.
<b>GEF Focal Area:</b>	Biodiversity
<b>Country Eligibility:</b>	Ratified the Convention on Biological Diversity in October 1995
<b>GEF Financing:</b>	\$34,000
<b>GEF Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>National Executing Agency:</b>	Ministry of Lands, Housing and Environment
<b>GEF Operational Focal Point:</b>	National Conservation Strategy Co-ordinating Agency
<b>Convention on Biological Diversity Focal Point:</b>	National Conservation Strategy Co-ordinating Agency
<b>CHM Focal Point:</b>	National Conservation Strategy Co-ordinating Agency
<b>Estimated Starting Date:</b>	July 2001
<b>Duration of Project:</b>	11 Months

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### Background

Botswana's Enabling Activity request to prepare its National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan was approved by the GEF for US\$ 325,000 on January 11, 2001. At the suggestion of UNDP and the GEF, the Government of Botswana has decided to submit this follow-on request for GEF support towards developing its CHM and undertaking consultations for the Second National Report to the Convention on Biological Diversity. Botswana's First National Report to the Conference of Parties of the Biological Diversity Convention was prepared in April 1998.

### Project Objectives

The main objective of this proposal is to assist Botswana in becoming a participant of the Clearing-House Mechanism of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and to undertake consultations towards its Second National Report to the CBD. The Government of Botswana and UNDP/GEF are satisfied this proposal conforms with the GEF Criteria for Expedited Financing of Enabling Activities in Biodiversity as well as the Add-on criteria.

### **Clearing-House Mechanism**

National level activities will be undertaken to enable Botswana to participate in the Clearing-House Mechanism. In this regard, adequate computer equipment, and Internet access for the CHM Focal Point will be put in place, and a Botswana Biodiversity web-page will be developed and posted on the Internet. These activities will facilitate and promote exchange of information with other CBD parties and within the country, and facilitate scientific and technical co-operation with other countries. The activities will be co-ordinated by the CHM Focal Point in the National Conservation Strategy Co-ordinating Agency.

### **Consultations towards the 2<sup>nd</sup> National Report**

The second national report will follow the recommended format and guidelines endorsed by the COP in decision V/19. It will be developed through a consultative process involving workshops, questionnaires and meetings with stakeholders, and will include 1) covering the progress made in different areas concerning the protection of biodiversity and natural resources in general since the first national communication, 2) identifying difficulties and constraints in fulfilling the obligations under the CBD, 3) providing reasons for these weaknesses and 4) proposing measures to address these constraints with an estimation of time. While keeping in mind the format recommended by COP decision V/19, special emphasis will be given to the following areas:

- Legal framework, laws and their application for an effective protection of biodiversity;
- Training and its impact on different beneficiary and target groups;
- Public Awareness and sensitisation for different beneficiary and target groups (students, tourism sector, local population, local and central administration, police) and their impact on behavioral changes;
- Concrete measures taken for the protection of endangered species and in order to reduce the excessive exploitation of endangered natural resources;
- State of the natural resources in comparison with the first Red List of 1995;
- Extent of integration and respect of biodiversity concerns in sectoral policies;
- Clearing House Mechanism, internet and communication;
- Synergies between different conventions signed by the Republic of Botswana (i.e. CITES, Ramsar, etc.); and
- Coordination with other donors in this field and concrete outcomes of this coordination.

A first draft version of the report will be discussed with the members of the National Biological Diversity Authority and other relevant resource persons. The final version will be distributed and presented to the Convention Secretariat at the earliest possible.

### **Time Plan and Sequencing**

Activities will start in July 2001 and will run concurrently with the BSAP development process.

Activity/Month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Operationalise Clearing-House Mechanism			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Internet and E-mail training				X	X						
Development of Biodiversity Web Page					X	X	X	X			
Consultations for the Second National Report	X	X	X								

**Project Financing**

	Product	Process	Total
<i>Consultations for the Second National report</i>		20,000	20,000
<i>Clearing House Mechanism add on Module</i>			
Hardware (PC of appropriate configuration)	4,000		4,000
Software	1,000		1,000
Modem	500		500
Internet access and storing of web site	3,800		3,800
Technician set-up fee		700	700
Internet and email training		4,000	4,000
<b>Total for Enabling Activity</b>	<b>9,300</b>	<b>24,700</b>	<b>34,000</b>

**Institutional Framework and Project Implementation**

The project will be implemented by the National Conservation Strategy Coordinating Agency which is located in the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Environment. Consultations towards preparation of the Second National Report as well as implementation of the CHM process will be supervised by the Biodiversity Reference Group established to oversee preparation of the BSAP.

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16 February, 2001

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The Resident Representative  
UNDP  
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Gaborone.

Dear Sir,

**RE: PRO / 301 / ENV - BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY ENABLING ACTIVITIES**

As the GEF Focal Point the National Conservation Strategy Coordinating Agency endorses the proposal for additional funding to incorporate the Clearing House Mechanism component and to enable the preparation of the Second National Report.

We realise that it would be easier to include these two components to the BSAP proposal which has already been submitted to GEFSEC than to have separate proposals.

Thank you,

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Mushanana L. Nchunaga'.  
**Mushanana L. Nchunaga  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**