

Global Environment Facility**Enabling Activity Proposal Add-on Component**

Country: Gambia

Project title: Strengthening the National Clearing House Mechanism Focal Point for Participation in the Pilot Phase of the CHM of the CBD

GEF Focal Area: Biodiversity

Country Eligibility: Ratified the CBD

GEF Financing Requested: US\$ 13,950

GEF Implementing Agency: UNEP

National Implementing Agency: Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources (MANR)

National CHM Focal Point Designated: Yes

Project Duration: Up to end of the pilot phase of the CHM of the CBD (end of 1998)

Background/Context:

In line with Decisions II/7 and II/17 of the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the CBD, Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources (MANR) of Gambia is implementing a GEF-funded project for the preparation of the National Biodiversity Strategy, Action Plan and first national report to the CBD.

Facilitating capacity-building in relation to the operation of the Clearing House Mechanism (CHM) of the CBD in developing country Parties is one of the enabling activity components stipulated in the GEF Operational Criteria for Biodiversity Enabling Activities pursuant to Decisions II/3 and III/4 of the COP.

This proposal, requested as an add-on component to the BSAP enabling activity, will permit Gambia to participate in the pilot phase of the CHM and to fulfill the requirements of Decisions I/3, II/3 and III/4 of the COP.

The requested budget for this activity is shown in the following table:

**Budget for the Clearing House Mechanism Add-on Component of
Enabling Activity proposal:**

Gambia* (US\$)

Item	GEF Estimated Cost Norm (US\$)	Country Actual Proposed (US\$)
- Hardware (PC of appropriate configuration)	0-4,000	3,900
- Software (Internet browsers and required software)	0-1,000	900
- Modem	0-500	500
- Recurrent Access Costs to Internet Service Provider (up to end of CHM Pilot Phase 1998)	0-3,800	4,000
- Technician Set-Up Fees	500-700	650
- Internet and E-mail Training for CHM Focal Point **	1,000-4,000	4,000
Total	1,500-14,000	13,950

* Group I country, Option A:

Gambia has the required telecommunications infrastructure and Internet connectivity. It has designated a Focal Point for the CHM, i.e. Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources (MANR), who will be directly responsible for the operations of the CHM of the CBD.

MANR is also the national implementing agency for the "National Biodiversity Strategy, Action Plan and First National Report to the CBD" project endorsed by the GEF in October, 1996.

** Training of the CHM focal point will be carried out under an agreement with the Internet Service Provider that will be selected by MANR.

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CHM Component of Enabling Activity Proposal

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	Estimated Cost Norm. (US \$)	Actual Proposed (US \$)
Groups I and II¹		
<i>Option A (direct assistance):</i>		
Hardware (PC of appropriate configuration)	0 - 4000	
Software (Internet browsers and required software)	0 - 1000	3,900
Modem	0 - 500	900
Recurrent Access Costs to Internet Service Provider including storing of national CHM web site on server (recurrent costs to end of CHM Pilot Phase 1998)	0 - 3800	4,000
Technician Set-Up Fees	500 - 700	650
Internet and Email training	1000 - 4000	4,000
Total	1,500 - 14,000	13,950
OR		
<i>Option B: Service Agreement (with University or Agency Resident Mission)</i>		
Email and Internet Training	0 - 5000	
Recurrent access costs to Internet Service Provider including storing of national CHM web site on server (recurrent costs to end of CHM Pilot Phase 1998)	0 - 3800	
Total	0 - 8,800	
Group III²		
PC (with CD ROM)	0 - 4000	
Software	0 - 1000	
Training	0 - 2000	
Total	0 - 7,000	

¹ Several World Bank and UNDP Country Offices in developing countries have established "technical libraries" which also have dedicated access to the internet. In several countries it may be more practical to negotiate with World Bank and UNDP missions to allow designated CHM focal points periodic access

² Countries with required telecommunications infrastructure and potential for internet connectivity
 Countries with adequate telecommunications infrastructure for internet connectivity.

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*for this form today to meet the deadline. The letter
 endorsement from the C.E.F. operational focal point
 despatched soon.
 Pl. note that Dr. Almany Camera, Director of Parks & Wildlife Dept is
 the CHM focal point for the Gambia.*