

## A proposal for Accessing GEF Funds for Clearing House Mechanism (CHM) for Republic of Kiribati

### *Background:*

Kiribati is a partner to the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity. The Convention entered into force, at a global level on 29 December 1993, while Kiribati acceded the Convention on 16 August 1994. Therefore, it is obligatory in our part to implement the provision and decision taken by the Conference of Parties of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

The Articles 17 and 18 of the Convention clearly specify the role of the Clearing-House Mechanism to promote the technical and scientific cooperation. Kiribati has recently implemented a project carrying the activities associated with the implementation of Article 6b with support from an Enabling Activity project (KIR/98/G31) entitled "National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan." However, Kiribati's CHM focal point, *the Ministry of Environment and Social Development (MOESD)* is currently unable to participate in the CHM due to the lack of adequate computer equipment, non-internet access and capacity. Therefore, Kiribati is simply requesting for added support for basic implementation of the CHM provision.

### *Goal:*

The ultimate goal of this project is to strengthen the capacity of the National Clearing House Mechanism.

### *Objective:*

- 1) To facilitate exchange of information;
- 2) and, To facilitate scientific and technical cooperation.

### *Input*

<i>Option A</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>US \$</i>
	Hardware	4000
	Software	1000
	Modem	500
	Recurrent access costs to Internet Service Provider including storing of national CHM web site on server	3800
	Technician Set Up Fees	500
	Internet and E-mail Training	3000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>12800</b>

### *Output:*

- 1) The Implementation of the conventional shall benefit from the main database of the CHM;
- 2) The highway technology of data communication used to exchange publicly available information will secure data quality and regular updating;
- 3) Strengthening existing biological database in particular with flora, fauna and microorganisms;
- 4) And, To promote the application of new technology in data management.

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Attachment III

(To be completed by the CHM Focal Point and Returned to the CEO Secretary)

TECHNOLOGY EVALUATION FORM

CHM Focal Point:

MRS. TERREI ABETE

Organization:

ENVIRONMENT UNIT, MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Country:

KIRIBATI

Please refer to your computer support staff, if necessary, for accurate and current information

1. Do you have access to a Personal Computer? Yes  Yes, but limited access  No

Which platform do you use?

IBM/Compatible  Macintosh

Do you have an E-mail address

Yes  No

If Yes, please print E-mail address in full: MESA@TERREI.NET.KI

If you answered Yes to the first question, please complete the following:

2. Do you have computer technology support in your organization?  Yes  No

If so: Name: COMPUTER INFORMATION OFFICE TTI METT.  
Tel: 626 2620 Fax: 626 2682  
E-mail: NOT YET INSTALLED BUT WILL BE TTI@TERREI.NET.KI

BUT THIS IS LIMITED SUPPORT DUE THE SMALL COMPUTER SUPPORT UNIT AND THE LARGE DEMANDS PLACED ON IT.

3. INTERNET CONNECTIVITY

Please describe your connectivity to the Internet. ONLY ACCESSIBLE THROUGH ONE COMPUTER

Is it Full Internet Access?  Yes  Limited  No Connectivity

A. If yes: Do you have access to the World Wide Web?  Yes  No  
If so: Which browser - Full Graphics (E.g. Netscape)  or Text (e.g. lynx, gopher)

B. Do you have a site on the Internet?  Yes  No  
If so please indicate your URL address \_\_\_\_\_

4. PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR FAMILIARITY WITH THE FOLLOWING:

Electronic mail (sending/receiving):  Very Good  Limited  No Experience  
Internet browsing:  Very Good  Limited  No Experience  
PC Applications (word processing, etc.):  Very Good  Limited  No Experience



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**Subject: KIR/99/G31 - National Biodiversity Strategy & Action Plan**

In reference to the Clearing House Mechanism proposal submitted by Kiribati on the 11<sup>th</sup> June, 1999. I would like to seek your kind assistance in submitting this amount \$18, 526.00 US dollars as an add-on budget to the BSAP usual budget to GEF for funding consideration.

I thank you in advance for your necessary actions.

~~Baraniko Etuati~~  
 KIR/GEF Operational Focal Point

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