

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

Country: Mauritius

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\$ 12,300

GEF Implementing Agency: UNEP

National Implementing Agency: Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources and the Ministry of Cooperatives, Fisheries and Marine Resource Development

National CHM Focal Point Designated: Yes

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

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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 and the Ministry of Cooperatives, Fisheries and Marine Resource Development of Mauritius are implementing a GEF-funded project for the preparation of the 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 Mauritius 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:**

Mauritius* (US\$)

Item	GEF Estimated Cost Norm (US\$)	Country Actual Proposed (US\$)
- Hardware (PC of appropriate configuration)	0-4,000	3,000
- Software (Internet browsers and required software)	0-1,000	600
- Modem	0-500	200
- Recurrent Access Costs to Internet Service Provider (up to end of CHM Pilot Phase 1998)	0-3,800	3,800
- Technician Set-Up Fees	500-700	700
- Internet and E-mail Training for CHM Focal Point **	1,000-4,000	4,000
Total	1,500-14,000	12,300

* Group I country, Option A:

Mauritius 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 and the Ministry of Cooperatives, Fisheries and Marine Resources Development who be directly responsible for the operations of the CHM of the CBD.

Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources and the Ministry of Cooperatives, Fisheries and Marine Resources Development are also the implementing agencies for the "First National Report to the CBD" project endorsed by the GEF in May, 1997.

** Training of the CHM focal point will be carried out under an agreement with the Internet Service Provider that will be selected by Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources and the Ministry of Cooperatives, Fisheries and Marine Resource Development.