

A proposal for Accessing GEF Funds for Clearing House Mechanism (CHM) for Government of Niue

Background:

Niue 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 Niue acceded the Convention on 28 February 1996. 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. Niue has recently implemented a project carrying the activities associated with the implementation of Article 6b with support from an Enabling Activity project (NIU/98/G31) entitled "National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan." However, Niue's CHM focal point, *the Director of the Premier's Department of the Government of Niue*, is currently unable to participate in the CHM due to the lack of adequate computer equipment, non-internet access and capacity. Therefore, Niue 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	700
	Internet and E-mail Training	4000
	Total	14000

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.

Attachment J
TECHNOLOGY EVALUATION FORM
 (to be completed by the CHM Focal Point and Returned to the CBD Secretariat)

CHM Focal Point Mrs Sisilia Talagi - Secretary to Government
 Organization Government of Niue
 Country Niue

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: seegov.premier@mail.gov.nu

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: _____
 Tel: (683) 4019 Fax: (683) 4305
 E-mail: seegov.premier@mail.gov.nu

3 INTERNET CONNECTIVITY

Please describe your connectivity to the Internet.
 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: WWW.NIUE.NU

4 PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR FAMILIARITY WITH THE FOLLOWING

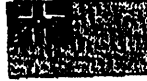
Electronic mail (sending/receiving)	Very Good	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Limited	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No Experience
Internet browsing	Very Good	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Limited	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No Experience
PC Applications (word processing, etc)	Very Good	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Limited	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No Experience

*Kindly note Government of Niue changed both its Operational and CHM Focal Point from Ms. Sisilia Talagi to Mr. Crossley Tatui, Deputy Secretary to the Government.

UNDP Budget
 Niue Clearing House Mechanism

	Estimated Cost Norm. (US\$)	Actual Proposed (US\$)
Option A: Direct Assistance		

UNDP	
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2nd June 2000

The Secretary
GEF Secretary

Subject: OFFICIAL LETTER OF ENDORSEMENT FOR THE CLEARING HOUSE MECHANISM (CHM) FOR ENABLING ACTIVITIES

Further to our submission which was sent to your office, through the UNDP Office in Samoa, regarding the Clearing House Mechanism for Enabling Activities funding assistance.

In order to comply with the GEF Secretariat standing policies and procedures, I do hereby give full support in my capacity as the Focal/ Point for Clearing House Mechanism for Enabling Activities in Niue to the Niue Government submission to GEF Secretariat for an additional US\$14,000.

I would be most grateful for your consideration and assistance in this matter, and I look forward to your earliest advice with due respect.

In the same light, I would like to advise that the Government of Niue, also wishes to change the GEF Focal Point, and Clearing House Mechanism Focal Point in Niue for the Deputy Secretary to Government, Mr. Crossley Tatui, whose signatory is shown hereunder.

I would like to ask for your approval and understanding of the change which is intended to improve the communication system between our two offices.

Thank you for your great assistance to the Government of Niue in our earnest effort to advance the global environmental course.

Yours Sincerely,

[Signature]
 Sisilia Talagi
 Clearing House Mechanism
 Focal Point

[Signature]
 Crossley Tatui
 Recommended CHM Focal Point
 Recommended GEF Focal Point