

A Proposal for Accessing GEF Funds for the Clearing house Mechanism (CHM) for Sri Lanka.

Background:

Sri Lanka 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 Sri Lanka ratified the Convention on 23 March 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. Sri Lanka has already carried out many of the activities associated with the implementation of Article 6b with support from a Full GEF project SRI/92/G31 entitled "Wildlife Conservation and Protected Areas Management". Therefore, rather than requesting a full EA, Sri Lanka is simply requesting initial 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

Clearing House Mechanism for Sri Lanka	
OPTION 1 (DIRECT ASSISTANCE)	
Hardware (PC of appropriate configuration)	4000
Software (required software & internet browsers)	1000
Modem	500
Recurrent access costs to Internet Service Provider Including Storing of National CHM website on server	1000
Technician Set Up Fees	500
Internet and E-mail Training	1250
TOTAL	8250

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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TECHNOLOGY EVALUATION FORM

(to be completed by the CHM Focal Point and Returned to the CBD Secretariat)

CHM Focal Point: Mr. Gamini Ganage, Director Biodiversity

Organization: Ministry of Forestry and Environment

Country: Sri Lanka

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: _____

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: _____ Fax: _____
E-mail: _____

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: _____

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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UNDP Sri Lanka Country Office

CLEARING HOUSE MECHANISM

Reference to your fax sheet which has been sent to you by Mrs. Aisha Nazaria UNDP to you, copy to this Ministry regarding the above subject.

I shall be thankful if you could arrange funding for purchasing of computers and other accessories, obtaining of e-mail and internet facilities and providing relevant training etc. for the National Biodiversity Secretariat which is the national focal point for Convention on Biological Diversity and Clearing House Mechanism for the CBD in this Ministry under the Clearing House Mechanism Project.

Your cooperation in this regard is highly appreciated.

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Additional Secretary
For Secretary, Ministry of Forestry and Environment

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