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<p>* The Strategic Plan has 3 goals: (1) <u>Cooperation, promotion and facilitation of scientific and technical cooperation</u>; (2) <u>Information exchange</u>; (3) <u>Network development</u>. Each recommendation below is preceded by the goal under which it appears in the Plan.</p>			
<p>Goal 3: Promote use of the CHM. Obj 7.1.4</p>	<p>Ensure that information available on the CHM reaches the scientific community.</p> <p>Stress the need for more engagement and interactivity—the CHM should receive as well as disseminate information.</p> <p>Emphasize the need for the CHM to participate in all program areas.</p> <p>Publish more written information on the CHM.</p> <p>Reach audiences in addition to the scientific community</p> <p>Contribute to fostering public awareness and education about the Convention</p> <p>Complete updating all programmes and issues sections of the CBD web site</p>	<p>COP VII/23 7(b) Further enhance the sections on the Convention’s website related to the programme areas and cross-cutting issues by applying lessons learned from the development of the BCH, especially its use of common formats, protocols and standards to increase interoperability of information</p>	<p>Developing new mechanisms for the public to communicate with the SCBD.</p> <p>Programmes and issues page revised and updated</p> <p>Developed virtual meeting spaces for working groups</p> <p>Developed programme areas and cross-cutting issues electronic portals to increase collaboration and sharing of expertise</p> <p>Recommended the use of standards and protocols to increase interoperability;</p> <p>Developed a controlled CBD vocabulary to increase interoperability</p> <p>Further enhanced the</p>

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			<p>website with XML;</p> <p>Published XML schemas to increase interoperability</p>
<p>Goal 3: promote use of the Clearing-house Mechanism Obj7.1.5</p>	<p>Use non-web, non-electronic tools to reach regions with inequitable access to new information technologies</p> <p>Non-web information tools should be developed parallel with the development of new web-based tools</p>	<p>COP VI/18 Recommends that the Executive Secretary update and further develop the clearing-house mechanism tool kit</p> <p>COP VII/23 7(c) Update the clearing-house mechanism toolkit to be used as a meta-toolkit, linking the different existing toolkits with a view to optimize their resources and assist users to choose the most appropriate technology</p> <p>COP VII/23 7(a) Update the strategic plan of the CHM to 2009, in collaboration with the IAC, for consideration by the eighth meeting of the COP</p>	<p>New CHM Toolkit developed in collaboration with the European Community, the Governments of Belgium and the Netherlands and the Global Biodiversity Information Facility</p> <p>New CHM Toolkit being update to be used as a meta-toolkit</p> <p>Updating Strategic Plan</p>

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<p>Goal 3: Rely on partnerships and focus on facilitation. Strat 7.2.4</p>	<p>Study joint programs with the GISP and other similar initiatives in the creation of thematic focal points.</p> <p>SBSTTA6: VI/4, A,4c, 22. Decides that the clearing-house mechanism will be used to facilitate scientific and technical cooperation on the topics listed under paragraph 21 above, in order to enhance the ability of the clearing-house mechanism to promote and facilitate scientific and technical cooperation, and invites the Executive Secretary to explore further with the Global Invasive Species Programme the potential for the latter to be an international thematic focal point for the clearing-house mechanism, in accordance with annex II (c) of decision V/14;</p> <p>Establish new international thematic focal points with relevant initiatives and organizations</p>	<p>VII/23 6. Request the Executive Secretary to use the CHM, in collaboration with the IAC, to continue to strengthen collaboration with international partners and organizations for review at the 8th meeting of the COP and to report on that collaboration, including an elaboration of the relative roles of the CHM and information facilities</p>	<p>Established joint activities such as capacity building-workshops with the EEA and IABIN; Active in the work of the GBIF as Ex-Officio member of the Governing Board and as a member of the Capacity Building sub-committee; Working with BioNet International to eliminate the taxonomic impediment;</p>
<p>Goal 3: Provide start-up assistance and ongoing capacity. Strat 7.2.1</p> <p>Goal 3: Address obstacles to growth. Strat 7.2.2</p>	<p>Assist in the promotion of training programs in developing regions.</p> <p>Emphasize capacity building, particularly education and training.</p>	<p>COP VI/18 Urges the Executive Secretary to convene additional capacity-building workshops at the national,</p>	<p>Organized the Africa regional meeting of the CHM (2003)</p> <p>Organized joint CHM-IABIN GRULAC Regional Meeting (2003)</p>

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	<p>Participate in new CHM/BCH regional workshops</p> <p>Whenever possible, include local expertise in capacity building workshops</p>	<p>subregional and regional levels</p> <p>COP VII/23 7(b) Convene, subject to the availability of financial resources, regional workshops as a catalyzing mechanism to allow for the interaction of the international thematic focal points with the national focal points to further enhance the scientific and technical cooperation goal of the CHM and to build capacity at the national level with regard to use of and access to new information technologies</p>	<p>Organized joint CHM-EC CHM Central and Easter Europe Regional Workshop (2003)</p> <p>Organizing the Asia-Pacific regional meeting on the CHM for 2004</p>
<p>Goal 1: Promotion and facilitation of scientific and technical cooperation</p>	<p>Focus on the use of the CHM to promote technical and scientific cooperation, particularly within the work programme of invasive alien species and the ecosystem approach.</p> <p>Seek advice from SBSTTA</p>	<p>COP VI/18 Requests the Executive Secretary to commission a review to assess the current and potential role of</p>	<p>Collaborating with the GISP on the implementation of a Global Invasive Species Information Network</p> <p>Discussing with WCMC a protected areas/marine and coastal protected</p>

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	<p>on the development of new CHM initiatives to promote technical and scientific cooperation.</p> <p>Seek close links with the GISP, and discuss joint work initiatives.</p> <p>Continue to focus on technical and scientific cooperation</p> <p>Complete the CHM/GISP “Building a Global Invasive Species Information Network” document</p>	<p>the clearing-house mechanism in promoting technical and scientific cooperation, including its role in facilitating the transfer of technology and know-how and capacity-building to support implementation of the Convention</p> <p>Urges the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with existing international networks of indigenous and local communities and, as appropriate, national focal points, to assist in the further development of communication networks for use by these communities</p> <p>COP VII/23 7(f) Examine ways to develop regional portals to visualize and exchange</p>	<p>areas project.</p> <p>Drafting with the GISP “Building a Global Invasive Species Information Network” document. First draft completed. Second draft completed.</p> <p>Draft report for and participated in the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Traditional Knowledge and Clearing-House Mechanism, Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia, 24 - 26 February 2003</p> <p>Examining possibility of acquiring a map server and software;</p> <p>Examining possibility of acquiring data visualization software.</p>

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		national and regional cartographic information from all thematic areas	
<p>Goal 1 Obj 5.1.5 strat 5.2.3</p>	<p>Contact the UNDP concerning a survey on information access in technologically underprivileged areas.</p> <p>Participate in the GEF/UNEP Sustainable Alternatives Network</p>	<p>VII/29 6 (a-c)</p>	<p>Discussing with the Belgian CHM focal point mechanisms and training programs for the transfer of expertise to developing areas.</p> <p>Established MoC with the GEF/UNEP Sustainable Alternatives Network</p> <p>Discussed with UNDP surveys on information access</p> <p>Working with Programme Officer responsible for technology transfer to develop mechanisms to assist Parties to fulfill obligations under decision VII/29</p>
<p>Goal 1: Track Best Practices, Needs and Priorities for Collaboration. Strat 5.2.1</p> <p>Goal 2: Track information needs, priorities and best practices.</p>		<p>(g) Develop a list of best practices and identify potential functions to be recommended for implementation by clearing-house mechanism national focal</p>	<p>Established MoC with the GEF/UNEP Sustainable Alternatives Network</p>

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<p>Strat 6.2.2</p> <p>Goal 2: Prioritize and promote expansion in content.</p> <p>Strat 6.2.3</p> <p>Goal 3: Concentrate on value added.</p> <p>Strat 7.2.5</p>		points.	
<p>Goal 2: development of a global mechanism for exchanging and integrating information on biodiversity</p> <p>Strat 6.2.1 6.2.2 6.2.4</p> <p>Goal 2: Ensure compatibility through standardization and interoperability.</p> <p>Strat 6.2.1 6.2.2</p> <p>Goal 3: Maintain local ownership of information.</p> <p>Strat 7.2.4</p>	<p>Examine the question of interoperability among CHM National Focal Points.</p> <p>Constitute a core group to examine metadata and common formats, and to report to the next IAC meeting.</p> <p>Continue to further develop controlled vocabularies and metadata standards</p>	<p>COP VII/23 7(e) Advise on ways the CHM can assist to make relevant information interoperable among the 3 Rio Conventions</p>	<p>Using the Dublin Core as the metadata standard for the CHM and BCH web pages.</p> <p>Working with experts to develop metadata guidelines.</p> <p>Organized and convened an Informal Meeting on formats, protocols and standards for improved exchange of biodiversity-related information.</p> <p>Developed the CBD Controlled Vocabulary (available on website)</p> <p>Published formats, XML schemas and recommended information exchange protocols to make information interoperable among the 3 Rio Conventions</p>

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Goal 3: development of the Clearing-house Mechanism focal points and their partners strat 7.2.2 7.2.3	Examine the need to produce information in different languages Draft questionnaire on status of implementation of National CHMs	COP VI/18 Invites Parties to use effectively the central portal of the clearing-house mechanism and to establish or strengthen national, subregional or regional focal points for the clearing-house mechanism	New web page was designed to accommodate all six UN languages. Questionnaire sent to LDCs and SIDS on status of implementation of national CHM NFPs. Questionnaire will be used to develop a website in two or more countries under a programme funded by The Netherlands