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1 A risk assessor in India wants to review planned capacity building activities to identify possible opportunities for training of risk assessment specialists.	Finding Information / Capacity building: Select 'Filter by status' under Project, Opportunities, Needs and Priorities . Select 'Planned' under Status . Search Now . Sort records by 'Start date'.
2 A policy maker wants to locate the venue and dates of the COP-MOP4 meeting, and to find out if the sessions on 'risk assessment and risk management' and 'socioeconomic considerations' will be handled by the same working group at the meeting.	Either use the quick link to COP-MOP4 on the right of the BCH home page, or select 'Meetings and Documents' from The Protocol drop down menu. The first option takes the user to the Welcome to COP-MOP4 page with the dates and venue below the heading. At the bottom of the page is a link to the Annotated Agenda , which provides a list of the issues being discussed by the working groups. The second option takes the user to the Calendar of SCBD Meetings page where the meeting is tabled under Upcoming meetings for May 2008. There is a link to the meeting website (as above) or documents for the meeting, which provides links to information on the meeting agenda and topics of discussion.
3 A member of the CBD Secretariat wishes to access a summary of the outcomes of the most recent BCH Informal Advisory Committee (IAC) meeting to see what recommendations were made about the design of the BCH Central Portal.	Select the 'BCH IAC' option from The BCH drop down menu. On this page, identify the most recent IAC meeting – Third Meeting of the BCH-IAC – and select the link to the 'Summary of outcomes of the Third IAC Meeting'. Review this document for recommendations on the design of the Central Portal.
4 A BCH user wishes to know what the BCH does with user information that is collected automatically when someone logs onto the Central Portal. Are her contact details given to any third parties?	Select Privacy Policy at the bottom of the BCH Central Portal home page. Information on data collected from visitors is provided under ' Information provided to the BCH ' and ' What information is captured from visitors to the BCH? '

5	An industry user is trying to locate the most recent issue of the CBD Business Newsletter on Agribusiness.	Access 'Notifications' under The Protocol drop down menu. Either scan through the list of notifications for an entry about the Business Newsletter on Agribusiness, or type 'agribusiness' in the Title Contains search box and select Go .
6	A regulator wishes to identify which transgenic rice varieties have been approved for growing or for food and feed processing.	Select 'Country's Decisions and other Communications' from the Finding Information drop down menu on the BCH home page. In the Type of living modified organisms search box, select 'Filter by Parental organism (common name)'. In the Parental organism (common name) search box, select 'rice'. Search Now .
7	A risk assessor seeks scientific information on gene flow in maize.	Select 'Scientific Bibliographic Database' from the Finding Information drop down menu. In the Keyword search box enter 'maize AND gene AND flow'. Search Now .
8	A journalist seeks information on the <i>gox</i> gene, wanting to find out what the gene does, where it comes from and in which crops it has been approved for use.	Select 'Gene Registry' from the Finding Information drop down menu. Scroll down the alphabetical list of gene names to 'gox'. Select the record number for more information. On the record page, a link is provided to more information about the donor organism and, at the bottom of the page, there is a list of all registered decisions on the use of this gene in various crops.
9	An importer finds the following unique identifier on documentation for a maize shipment: DAS-01507-1. She wants to find out if this event has been approved for import into the EU as food, feed or for processing.	Select the 'LMOs-UIds Registry' on the Finding Information drop down menu. Scroll down the alphabetical list of codes in the Unique Identification column to 'DAS-01507-1'. This is the code for Herculex™ I Maize TC1507. Select the Record ID (14841) for more information on the event. A list of decision documents on this event is found at the bottom of the record page. Decision 16048 refers to import into the EU for food or feed or for processing. Selecting the Record ID takes the user to more detailed information about the approval, including the time frame for which

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	the approval is effective.
10 A regulator wants to receive e-mail updates of all new information registered on the BCH Central Portal.	Select 'Mailing List' from the Resources drop down menu. Determine whether the regulator already has an account at the Central Portal, or whether he or she must first register for access. To access the BCH Central Portal, select the appropriate action from the links at the bottom of the text on the Mailing List page. Once registered, the regulator can sign on to the BCH Current Awareness listserv to receive updates on all new information registered on the BCH Central Portal.

Using only the BCH Central Portal, find answers to the following questions:
Time how long it takes you to complete the quiz and score your answers.

Question	Finding the answer
1 What is 'metadata'?	Use either the Help / FAQs resource or the Resources / Glossary information.
2 What are the 'controlled vocabulary' names used on the BCH for the following countries: a. Republic of South Africa b. Sultanate of Oman c. Tanzania d. Macedonia	Use the Country Profiles drop down menu on the middle, right of the home page.
3 What are the Spanish and Russian terms for 'Transit and confined use'?	Use Resources / Thesaurus .
4 Where is the Alexander van Humboldt Biological Resources Research Institute situated? a. In what city and country? b. What animal sits on the top left corner of the Institute's website?	Use Finding Information / Organizations . Use the website link on the record page.
5 Which country received a tribute in the COP-MOP3 decision BS-III/17?	Select 'COP-MOP Decisions' from The Protocol drop down menu. Review the COP-MOP3 decisions for BS-III/17. The country is in the title.
6 What decisions from COP-MOP4 are currently available from the BCH Central Portal?	Select 'COP-MOP Decisions' from The Protocol drop down menu. Select 'COP-MOP4' in the COP-MOP Meeting search box and click on Go .
7 On what date did the CPB enter into force in the following countries: a. Peru b. Macedonia c. Montenegro d. Burkina Faso	Select 'Parties to the Protocol' from The Protocol drop down menu. Check 'Date of entry into force' for each of the countries.
8 Complete the sentence: "The objective of maintaining related links"	Select 'Linkages Policy' at the bottom of the BCH home page. Find the sentence under Policy Objectives .
9 How many laws and regulations are currently (Feb'08) listed for the following countries: a. Ghana b. Tajikistan c. Niger d. Panama	Select 'Laws and Regulations' from the Finding Information drop down menu. Either Browse all records and look for the countries in the alphabetical listing, or select 'Allow multiple selections' in the Select a country search box. Use the Control key to select the four countries and click on Search Now .
10 What do the following records have in common: a. 7259;291;10375 b. 15444, 11913, 10520 c. 11023, 510, 380 d. 42211, 6237, 37421	Select the Finding Information link on the home page. Use the Go to record ID quick search at the bottom of the left hand menu to locate each record page. Identify a common factor for each set of records.