



CYBERWELLNESS PROFILE

BELIZE



BACKGROUND

Total Population: 324 000

(data source: [United Nations Statistics Division](#), December 2012)

Internet users, percentage of population: 31.70%

(data source: [ITU Statistics](#), December 2013)

1. CYBERSECURITY

1.1 LEGAL MEASURES

1.1.1 CRIMINAL LEGISLATION

Specific legislation on cybercrime has been enacted through the following instruments:

-None.

1.1.2 REGULATION AND COMPLIANCE

Specific legislation and regulation related to cybersecurity has been enacted through the following instruments:

- Electronic Transactions Act - Electronic Evidence Act.

1.2 TECHNICAL MEASURES

1.2.1 CIRT

Belize does not have an officially recognized national CIRT.

1.2.2 STANDARDS

Belize does not have an officially approved national or sector specific cybersecurity framework for implementing internationally recognized cybersecurity standards.

1.2.3 CERTIFICATION

There is no cybersecurity framework for the certification and accreditation of national agencies and public sector professionals.

1.3 ORGANIZATION MEASURES

1.3.1 POLICY

The Ministry of National Security – specifically the focal point for [CICTE-OAS](#) is presently working on establishing an ICT Steering Committee within the Ministry, with the dual aims of developing a national cybersecurity strategy and reviewing and strengthening the legislative framework regarding cybercrime.

1.3.2 ROADMAP FOR GOVERNANCE

There is no national governance roadmap for cybersecurity in Belize.

1.3.3 RESPONSIBLE AGENCY

The Ministry of National Security and the Belize Police Department (BPD) are the agencies responsible for cybersecurity in Belize.

1.3.4 NATIONAL BENCHMARKING

There is no benchmarking or referential to measure cybersecurity development in Belize.

1.4 CAPACITY BUILDING

1.4.1 STANDARDISATION DEVELOPMENT

There is no national or sector-specific research and development program or project for cybersecurity standards, best practices and guidelines in Belize.

1.4.2 MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT

The BPD's IT Unit undertakes an annual countrywide "ICT Road Show" to promote increased awareness of internet and cybersecurity-related issues among the general public.

1.4.3 PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION

Belize does not have the exact number of public sector professionals certified under internationally recognized certification programs in cybersecurity.

1.4.4 AGENCY CERTIFICATION

Belize does not have any government and public sector agencies certified under internationally recognized standards in cybersecurity.

1.5 COOPERATION

1.5.1 INTRA-STATE COOPERATION

There is no framework for sharing of cybersecurity assets across borders or with other nation states.

1.5.2 INTRA-AGENCY COOPERATION

Belize does not have an officially recognized national or sector-specific program for sharing cybersecurity assets within the public sector.

1.5.3 PUBLIC SECTOR PARTNERSHIP

Private sector institutions are not legally required to report cyber incidents to national authorities; the BPD has worked to establish cooperative relationships with many private sector entities, and has provided support and assistance when it has been requested.

1.5.4 INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Belize is a member of the [ITU-IMPACT](#) initiative and has access to relevant cybersecurity services. Belize participates in the [CICTE-OAS](#).

2. CHILD ONLINE PROTECTION

2.1 NATIONAL LEGISLATION

Specific legislation on child online protection has been enacted through the following instruments:
-None.

2.2 UN CONVENTION AND PROTOCOL

Belize has acceded, with no declarations or reservations to articles 16, 17(e) and 34(c), to the [Convention on the Rights of the Child](#).

Belize has acceded, with no declarations or reservations to articles 2 and 3, to the [Optional Protocol to The Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography](#).

2.3 INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT

There is no agency that is responsible for child online protection in Belize.

2.4 REPORTING MECHANISM

There is no website or hotline to report incidents in Belize.

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