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Report of the Executive Secretary on progress in the implementation of the rolling work programme up to 2030

Progress in scoping the methodological assessment of the impact and dependence of business on biodiversity and nature’s contributions to people

Note by the secretariat

1. In paragraph 4 of section II of decision IPBES-7/1, the Plenary approved the scoping process for a methodological assessment of the impact and dependence of business on biodiversity and nature’s contributions to people (business and biodiversity assessment), for consideration by the Plenary at its ninth session, in accordance with the procedures for the preparation of Platform deliverables[[2]](#footnote-3) and based on the initial scoping report for the assessment set out in section IV of appendix II to document IPBES/7/6, and decided to consider conducting the assessment over a period of two years following a fast-track approach.[[3]](#footnote-4)
2. The annex to the present note, which is presented without formal editing, provides an overview of progress in the scoping process.

Annex

Progress in scoping the methodological assessment of the impact and dependence of business on biodiversity and nature’s contributions to people

I. Context

1. In its decision IPBES-7/1, the Plenary adopted the rolling work programme of IPBES up to 2030. The work programme includes three initial priority topics, including topic 3, *Measuring business impact and dependence on biodiversity and nature’s contributions to people: Appropriate tools for measuring, assessing and monitoring the dependence and impact of the business sector on biodiversity are important for reducing adverse effects. Such tools are also important for promoting business actions contributing to the conservation, restoration and sustainable use of biodiversity and to developing the business case for long-term sustainability. They are also important for promoting public accountability, informing regulatory agencies and guiding financial investments and in influencing consumer behaviour. Deliverables under this topic include categorization of the ways in which businesses depend on, and impact, biodiversity and nature’s contributions to people, and work related to criteria and indicators for measuring this dependence and impact, taking into consideration how such metrics can be integrated into other aspects of sustainability.*
2. Objective 1 of the rolling work programme, assessing knowledge, aims to assess the state of knowledge on biodiversity and nature’s contributions to people in support of sustainable development. Deliverable 1 (d) under this objective, corresponding to the third priority topic set out in the previous paragraph, is *a methodological assessment of the impact and dependence of business on biodiversity and nature’s contributions to people.* This methodological assessment is aimed at categorizing how businesses depend on, and impact, biodiversity and nature’s contributions to people and identifying criteria and indicators for measuring that dependence and impact, taking into consideration how such metrics can be integrated into other aspects of sustainability.

II. Online conference to seek early input into the scoping process

1. In order to provide Governments and other stakeholders with an opportunity to provide early input to the scoping process to increase the policy-relevance of the assessment, an online conference was held on 25 and 26 March 2021 (see notification [EM/2021/06](https://ipbes.net/notification/scoping-meeting-business-and-biodiversity-assessment)). The online conference was open to all interested stakeholders.
2. The online conference was held over two days. Each day started with a presentation by an expert on a sub-theme relevant to the assessment, followed by a live session where participants were able to ask questions and present elements which they considered relevant to the assessment. Following each live session, participants had the opportunity to provide further written inputs through an online forum.
3. A total of 208 individuals attended the online conference. Among the individuals, 15% were from Africa, 17% were from Asia-Pacific, 4% were from Eastern Europe, 16% were from Latin America and the Caribbean and 47% were from Western Europe and Others region. The input collected through the online conference was made available to the experts assisting with the scoping during the online scoping meeting.

III. The scoping team

A. Dedicated Multidisciplinary Expert Panel and Bureau members

1. In line with the procedures for the preparation of IPBES deliverables (decision IPBES-3/3, annex I, section 3.4), the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel is overseeing the scoping process, with the Bureau responsible for the procedural and administrative elements of the scoping process. The following members of the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel and Bureau constitute the management committee for the scoping process and oversee the preparation of the scoping report on behalf of the Panel and the Bureau:
   1. **Multidisciplinary Expert Panel:** Marie Stenseke, Germán Ignacio Andrade Pérez, Judith Fisher, Özden Görücü (alternate), Madhav Karki (alternate), Eric Fokam (alternate);
   2. **Bureau**: Julia Marton-Lefevre, Floyd Homer.

B. Experts assisting the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel with the scoping

1. Based on the criteria outlined in the call for the nomination of experts ([EM/2020/34](https://ipbes.net/sites/default/files/2020-11/em_2020_34_nomination_scoping_of_the_assessment_of_business_and_biodiversity_en.pdf)), the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel, in consultation with the Bureau, selected, at its 16th meeting, a group of experts responsible for assisting with the scoping of the business and biodiversity assessment. The final list of 40 selected experts is set out in the appendix.
2. Of the selected experts, 18% came from African States, 20% from Asia-Pacific States, 5% from Eastern European States, 18% from Latin American and Caribbean States and 40% from Western European and other States. 35% of the experts were female; 65% male. 82% of the selected experts were nominated by Governments; 18% by organizations.

IV. Scoping process

A. Online scoping meeting

1. In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, it was decided to hold the scoping meeting online from 26 to 30 April 2021.
2. Following the selection of experts, consultations were held with members of the management committee to prepare for the online scoping meeting.
3. The main objectives of the scoping meeting were to introduce scoping experts to IPBES and each other, to develop, in dedicated breakout sessions, the chapter outline and to develop chapter descriptions to be included in the final scoping document.
4. Following the online scoping meeting, a draft of the scoping report will be prepared and reviewed by all experts. The Multidisciplinary Expert Panel and Bureau, within their respective mandates, will review the draft scoping report at their meetings in September 2021. The management committee will oversee the preparation of the final draft scoping report for external review.

**B. External review**

1. It is planned to make the draft scoping report available for external review for a period of six weeks, in September/October 2021.
2. In order to support national focal points in their review of the draft scoping report, an online dialogue meeting will be organized during the review period. During the meeting, scoping experts will present the scoping report and answer questions of clarification.
3. To further strengthen the participation of stakeholders in the review of the scoping report, a webinar for stakeholders will also be organized during the review period. As part of the implementation of the IPBES approach to recognizing and working with indigenous and local knowledge in IPBES for the scoping process, an online indigenous and local knowledge dialogue with experts on indigenous and local knowledge and representatives of indigenous peoples and local communities will be held during the review period.

V. Timing of the assessment

1. Considering the results of the scoping exercises for the nexus and transformative change assessment (see documents IPBES/8/3 and IPBES/8/4) and bearing in mind various resource restrictions, it is suggested to delay the start of the business and biodiversity assessment until IPBES 10, as set out below. The Plenary will be invited to consider the timing of the start of the assessment at IPBES 9.

**Year 1**

**Year 2**

**Year 3**

**Year 1**

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**Year 3**

**Sustainable use of wild species**

**Values**

**Year 1**

**Year 2**

**Year 3**

**Invasive alien species**

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**Year 3**

**Scoping**

**Year 1**

**Year 2**

**Year 2**

**Year 1**

**Year 3**

**Scoping**

**Biodiversity, water, food and health**

**Determinants of transformative change**

**Business and biodiversity**

**Year 2**

**Year 1**

**Additional assessment (possibly second global assessment)**

**Scoping**

**Year 1**

**Year 2**

**Year 3**

**Scoping**

**Year 2**

**Year 1**

**Additional assessment**

**Year 3**

**Scoping**

Appendix

List of participants in the scoping meeting

| **EXPERTS** |  |
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| **Cengiz Akandil** | University of Zürich, Switzerland |
| **Katerina Atanasovska** | Farmahem DOOEL, North Macedonia |
| **Jan Bebbington** | University of Lancaster, United Kingdom |
| **Kate Brauman** | University of Minnesota, United States of America |
| **Kalpana Chaudhari** | Institute for Sustainable Development and Research, India |
| **Farid Chemat** | Avignon University, France |
| **Dumisani Chirambo** | Seeds of Opportunity, Malawi |
| **Hamed Daly-Hassen** | National Observatory of Agriculture, Tunisia |
| **Steven Dickinson** | TOTAL SA, France |
| **Clément Feger** | AgroParisTech / University of Montpellier, France |
| **Annelisa Grigg** | Globalbalance Ltd, United Kingdom |
| **Ernesto Herrera Guerra** | Reforestamos México |
| **Luis Inostroza** | Ruhr University Bochum, Germany |
| **Norihiro Itsubo** | Tokyo City University, Japan |
| **Lorena Jaramillo** | United Nations Conference on Trade and Development |
| **Chul-Hyun Jeon** | National Institute of Forest Science, Republic of Korea |
| **Mark Johnston** | BP plc, United Kingdom |
| **Matthew Jones** | United Nations Environment Programme World Conservation Monitoring Centre |
| **Elikana Kalumanga** | University of Dar es Salaam, United Republic of Tanzania |
| **Pauline Kalunda** | Environmental Conservation Trust of Uganda |
| **Michal Kulak** | Robeco Switzerland |
| **Koichi Kuriyama** | Kyoto University, Japan |
| **Jinlong Liu** | Renmin University of China |
| **Rafael Loyola** | Brazilian Foundation of Sustainable Development |
| **John Mburu** | University of Nairobi, Kenya |
| **Warwick Mostert** | Anglo American, South Africa |
| **Valerie Nelson** | University of Greenwich, United Kingdom |
| **Giuseppe Nerilli** | Responsible Tourism Institute, Italy |
| **Fabien Quétier** | Biotope, France |
| **Asha Rajvanshi** | Wildlife Institute of India |
| **Vanesa Rodriguez Osuna** | German Corporation for International Cooperation, Germany |
| **Oliver Schelske** | Swiss Re Institute, Switzerland |
| **Jessica Smith** | United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative |
| **Laura Sonter** | The University of Queensland, Australia |
| **Claudiana Souza** | Anglo American, Brazil |
| **Rady Tawfik** | Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency |
| **Michel Trommetter** | National Institute for Research in Agriculture and Environment, France |
| **Madhu Verma** | World Resources Institute, India |
| **Ederson Augusto Zanetti** | Global Conservation Standard, Brazil |
| **Yang Zhao** | Ministry of Ecology and Environment, China |

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| **MEMBERS OF THE IPBES MULTIDISCIPLINARY EXPERT PANEL AND BUREAU** | |
| **Floyd Homer** | IPBES Bureau, Multicrop Facility Ltd, Trinidad and Tobago (member of the management committee) |
| **Julia Marton-Lefevre** | IPBES Bureau, Independent Advisor on Environment and Sustainable Development, France (member of the management committee) |
| **Marie Stenseke** | Co-Chair of IPBES MEP, Gothenburg University, Sweden (member of the management committee) |
| **Luthando Dziba** | Co-Chair of IPBES MEP, South African National Parks, South Africa |
| **German Ignacio Andrade Perez** | IPBES MEP, University of the Andes, Colombia (member of the management committee) |
| **Judith Fisher** | IPBES MEP, Fisher Research Pty Ltd, Australia (member of the management committee) |

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| **RESOURCE PERSONS** | |
| **David Cooper/Bianca Brasil** | Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity |
| **Pamela McElwee** | Lead author, IPBES Global Assessment |
| **Stephen Polasky** | Coordinating lead author, IPBES Global Assessment |
| **Robert Watson** | Former Chair of IPBES |

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1. \* IPBES/8/1. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. See decision IPBES-3/3, annex I, sect. 3.4. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. See decision IPBES-3/3, annex I, sect. 3.2. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)