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Financial and budgetary arrangements for the Platform**Financial and budgetary arrangements for the
Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and
Ecosystem Services****Note by the secretariat****Introduction**

1. In paragraph 1 of decision IPBES-8/4, on financial and budgetary arrangements, the Plenary of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) invited pledges and contributions to the IPBES trust fund, as well as in-kind contributions from Governments, United Nations bodies, the Global Environment Facility, other intergovernmental organizations, stakeholders and others in a position to do so, including regional economic integration organizations, the private sector and foundations, to support the work of IPBES. Section I of the present note provides the status of cash contributions and in-kind support received, together with examples of activities catalysed in support of the mandate of IPBES.
2. In paragraph 2 of the same decision, the Plenary requested the Executive Secretary, under the guidance of the Bureau, to report to the Plenary at its ninth session on expenditures for 2021. Accordingly, those expenditures are presented in section II of the present note against the 2021 revised budget of \$5,674,428 adopted by the Plenary in paragraph 3 of decision IPBES-8/4.
3. In paragraph 4 of the same decision, the Plenary adopted a budget for 2022 amounting to \$9,882,675.¹ Section III presents a revised budget for 2022, along with a budget for 2023 and a provisional budget for 2024. Additional details on the amounts in the proposed budgets for 2022, 2023 and 2024 in relation to the work programme are provided in document IPBES/9/INF/24.
4. Section IV of the present note sets out an overview of the overall costs of IPBES and an estimate of the funds still to be raised to implement the work programme through 2024. Estimated funds available as at 1 January 2022 amounted to \$10.9 million. Taking into account contributions received and pledges made as at 9 March 2022 and assuming a yearly income of \$5.5 million based on expected contributions and pledges, it is concluded that enough funds would be available to cover expenses in 2022 and 2023 but that a negative balance of \$2.2 million would remain at the end of 2024, meaning that an additional \$2.2 million would need to be raised to cover the cost of the 2024 provisional budget. If average yearly savings of \$1.3 million are taken into account, however, there would be a positive balance of \$1.7 million at the end of 2024, and no need to raise additional funds.
5. In paragraph 2 of decision IPBES-8/4, the Plenary also requested the Executive Secretary, under the guidance of the Bureau, to increase efforts to encourage members of IPBES to pledge and contribute to the trust fund of IPBES, as well as through in-kind contributions, and to report to the

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¹ All references in the present note to “\$” or “dollars” are to United States dollars.

Plenary at its ninth session on activities related to fundraising. In paragraph 8 of the same decision, the Plenary further requested the Bureau, assisted by the Executive Secretary, to report to the Plenary at its ninth session on the implications of paragraphs 7 (a), 7 (b) and 7 (c) of the decision, regarding the acknowledgement of donors to IPBES. Section V of the present note, accordingly, presents a progress report on the fundraising strategy (section V (A)) and a short report on the implications of paragraphs 7 (a), 7 (b) and 7 (c) regarding the acknowledgement of donors to IPBES (section V (B)).

6. Finally, in paragraph 6 of the same decision, the Plenary requested the Executive Secretary, under the guidance of the Bureau, to review the lessons learned from online meetings and other online working practices, to provide proposals to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of IPBES working arrangements, including the implications for the budget, while responding to the need to enable the full and effective participation of members, experts and stakeholders, and to report thereon to the Plenary at its ninth session. The secretariat has prepared such a report as part of document IPBES/9/11, which will be considered by the Plenary under item 9 on “improving the effectiveness of the Platform”.

I. Status of cash and in-kind contributions to the Platform

A. Contributions to the trust fund

7. Table 1 shows the status, as at 23 March 2022, of the cash contributions to the trust fund received and pledged since 2018, from Governments (part 1) and other donors (part 2), and income earned on the trust fund for that same period (part 3).

8. IPBES received \$5.6 million into its trust fund in 2021.

9. The contributions from other donors shown in part 2 of table 1 were in line with the invitation of the Plenary in paragraph 1 of decision IPBES-7/4 and were accepted by the Bureau following completion of the due diligence process required by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Partnership Policy. Contributions and pledges from other donors, including the private sector, amount to \$1.6 million for the period 2018–2024. This includes an amount of \$45,045 awarded to IPBES as winner of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation Planetary Health Award in the field of biodiversity in 2021.

10. Table 1 also shows a negative amount of \$8,856 for 2021 under investment and miscellaneous income. This corresponds to a loss in IPBES investment income in 2021 resulting from the overall decrease in the rate of return for the United Nations pooled investment portfolio and the lower market value of some of the investments.

11. Part 1 of table 2 shows earmarked contributions received in cash, and pledges made, for activities that are part of the approved work programme and the approved budget, for the period 2018–2023. These contributions and pledges amount to \$2.1 million for that entire period. They are included in the amounts shown in table 1, as indicated in a footnote to table 1, and were made in compliance with the financial procedures for IPBES set out in decisions IPBES-2/7 and IPBES-3/2.

12. Part 2 of table 2 shows additional earmarked contributions received in cash, and pledges made, in support of activities relevant to the work programme but not included in the approved budget. Such contributions and pledges amounted to \$0.7 million for the period 2018–2023.

B. In-kind contributions

13. Table 3 shows in-kind contributions received in 2021, together with their corresponding values in United States dollars, as provided or, when possible, estimated based on the equivalent costs in the work programme, if available. These in-kind contributions, amounting to \$1.6 million, consist of support provided directly by the respective donor and hence not received into the trust fund, for approved and costed activities of the work programme (part 1) and activities organized in support of the approved work programme, such as technical support, meeting facilities and local support (part 2).

14. In addition to the amounts shown in table 3, an in-kind contribution estimated at between \$3.2 million and \$6.3 million was made to the work of IPBES in 2021 by experts around the world (including experts participating in assessments and task forces and members of the Bureau and the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel) working between 10 and 20 per cent of their time on a pro bono basis.² The total contribution represented by such pro bono service since 2014 is estimated at between \$32.2 million and \$64.4 million, an amount comparable to the total cash contributions to the trust fund received over the same period (\$46.6 million).³

15. In 2021 and 2022, IPBES continued to catalyse activities in support of its aims and objectives, in particular regarding the generation of new knowledge and capacity-building. Table 4 presents examples of research calls or capacity-building activities known to the secretariat, amounting to \$130 million for 2021–2022. A more complete list, with an additional list of smaller projects, can be found on the IPBES website.

16. Lastly, many events were organized in 2021 and 2022 by Governments and stakeholders to inform a wide range of constituencies about various aspects of the work of IPBES at the national, regional and international levels. These events contributed greatly to increased awareness of, and engagement in, the work of IPBES. IPBES is working to list such activities on its website and to recognize and promote them across its social media channels.

² These estimates were calculated using an annual academic salary of \$52,000 based on the mean salary at purchasing power parity provided for 28 countries that are representative of the geographical diversity of IPBES member countries. The mean salaries at purchasing power parity for the 28 countries can be found in the following publication: Philip G. Altbach and others, eds., *Paying the Professoriate: A Global Comparison of Compensation and Contract* (Routledge, 2012).

³ These estimates are based on participation in the work of IPBES by 610 experts in 2021, 498 experts in 2020, 533 experts in 2019, 900 experts in 2018, 940 experts in 2017, 1,172 experts in 2016, 984 experts in 2015 and 559 experts in 2014.

Table 1

Status of cash contributions received and pledges made for the period 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2024 (as at 23 March 2022)

(United States dollars)

	<i>Contributions received</i>					<i>Pledges made</i>			
	<i>2018</i>	<i>2019</i>	<i>2020</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>Total pledges</i>
1. Governments									
Australia	–	–	–	30 000	–	73 260	–	–	73 260
Austria	17 123	–	22 222	16 892	–	–	–	–	–
Belgium	77 193	73 661	73 853	74 324	–	–	–	–	–
Bulgaria	2 323	2 273	2 198	2 427	–	–	–	–	–
Canada ^a	25 583	30 312	31 260	31 216	–	31 397	–	–	31 397
Chile	13 000	12 751	11 000	12 053	–	–	–	–	–
China	200 000	200 000	180 000	180 000	–	–	–	–	–
Denmark	–	29 908	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Estonia	–	5 044	2 389	2 326	–	–	–	–	–
European Union	–	2 155 333	–	1 223 321	–	1 257 097	–	–	1 257 097
Finland	11 696	22 727	23 697	23 866	–	–	–	–	–
France ^a	844 838	416 343	503 897	290 687	–	133 820	66 910	–	200 730
Germany ^a	1 457 267	1 242 916	1 109 361	1 266 363	558 036	608 273	1 216 545	1 216 545	3 041 363
Japan	190 454	166 428	193 181	193 181	189 814	–	–	–	–
Latvia	4 227	11 377	11 947	12 165	–	–	–	–	–
Luxembourg	17 045	11 123	–	9 558	–	–	–	–	–
Netherlands	–	715 072	–	225 225	–	–	–	–	–
New Zealand	17 047	16 557	–	34 920	16 995	–	–	–	–
Norway	665 417	324 585	290 757	372 715	–	–	–	–	–
Republic of Korea ^a	–	123 378	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Slovakia	–	–	23 895	–	–	–	–	–	–
Spain	–	–	–	93 826	–	44 643	–	–	44 643
Sweden ^a	253 128	161 339	159 502	173 261	–	158 831	–	–	158 831
Switzerland	84 000	72 651	84 344	71 809	–	–	–	–	–
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	650 214	502 060	269 830	244 494	407 550	–	–	–	–

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	<i>2018</i>	<i>2019</i>	<i>2020</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>Total pledges</i>
United States of America	495 000	497 759	497 000	750 000	–	–	–	–	–
Subtotal 1	5 025 556	6 793 596	3 490 333	5 334 628	1 172 395	2 307 320	1 283 455	1 216 545	4 807 320
2. Other donors									
AXA S.A.	–	–	–	–	184 009	–	94 382	–	94 382
Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation ^a	–	–	–	–	286 740	–	–	–	–
BNP Paribas Foundation	–	–	–	–	45 403	22 523	22 523	22 523	67 568
H & M Hennes and Mauritz Gbc A.B.	–	–	44 014	45 732	–	45 620	45 620	–	91 241
Kering S.A.	–	131 291	143 369	143 369	134 831	–	–	–	–
Laboratoires de Biologie Végétale Yves Rocher S.A.	11 481	11 161	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation Award	–	–	–	45 045	–	–	–	–	–
Win Gothenburg Sustainability Award	–	–	113 663	–	–	–	–	–	–
Subtotal 2	11 481	142 452	301 047	234 146	650 983	68 143	162 525	22 523	253 190
Subtotal (1 + 2)	5 037 037	6 936 048	3 791 379	5 568 774	1 823 378	2 375 463	1 445 980	1 239 068	5 060 511
3. Investment and miscellaneous income^b	158 546	217 091	179 314	(8 856)					
Total (1 + 2 + 3)	5 195 583	7 153 139	3 970 693	5 559 918	1 823 378	2 375 463	1 445 980	1 239 068	5 060 511

^a The contribution from the donor includes an earmarked component. Please refer to table 2, part 1, for details.

^b Investment income earned on cash pool resources of UNEP.

Table 2
Earmarked contributions received in cash and pledges made for the period 2018–2023
 (United States dollars)

Government/institution	Activity	Type of support	Contributions received					Pledges made		
			2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2022	2023	Total pledges
1 Earmarked contribution received in cash in support of the approved work programme										
1.1 Earmarked contribution received in cash in support of the approved work programme from governments										
Canada	Support for the work programme	Support for deliverables	25 583	30 312	31 260	31 216	–	30 326	–	30 326
Finland	Support for the work programme	Support for deliverables	–	–	–	23 866	–	–	–	–
France (Office français de la biodiversité)	Support for the global assessment	Support for deliverables	102 740	71 903	–	–	–	–	–	–
France (Office français de la biodiversité)	Support for the thematic assessment of invasive alien species	Support for deliverables	–	79 545	116 959	–	–	–	64 654	64 654
France (Office français de la biodiversité)	Support for the thematic assessment on values	Support for deliverables	84 541	55 741	58 480	–	–	64 654	–	64 654
France (Office français de la biodiversité)	Support for the thematic assessment of the sustainable use of wild species	Support for deliverables	84 541	55 741	58 480	–	–	64 654	–	64 654
Germany	Support to cover the cost of a P3-level consultant for the technical support unit of the global assessment	Staff costs	102 108	73 594	–	–	–	–	–	–
Germany	Support to cover the information system assistant position	Staff costs	–	51 500	–	103 000	–	–	–	–
Germany	Support for participants in the sixth session of the Plenary	Support for participants	149 068	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Germany	Third author meeting for the global assessment	Venue and logistics	6 269	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Republic of Korea	Meeting of the task force on knowledge and data	Support for participants	123 378	–	–	–	–	–	–	–

Government/institution	Activity	Type of support	Contributions received					Pledges made		
			2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2022	2023	Total pledges
Sweden	Support for the participation of members of the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel from developing countries	Support for participants	84 603	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Subtotal 1.1			762 831	418 336	265 179	158 082	–	159 634	64 654	224 288
1.2 Earmarked contribution received in cash in support of the approved work programme from other donors										
Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation	Support to the work programme – nexus assessment	Staff costs	–	–	–	–	286 740	–	–	–
Subtotal 1.2			–	–	–	–	286 740	–	–	–
Total 1			762 831	418 336	265 179	158 082	286 740	159 634	64 654	224 288
2. Earmarked contribution received in cash in support of activities relevant to the work programme but not included in the approved budget										
Colombia	Support for IPBES-5 in Medellin, Colombia, for conference services and staff travel	Support for meetings	325 065	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
France	Support for IPBES-7 in Paris, France, for conference services and staff travel	Support for meetings	–	265 114	–	–	–	–	–	–
Germany	Support for the information system assistant position	Staff costs	30 000	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Germany	Support for IPBES biodiversity and pandemics workshop	Support for meetings	–	–	38 664	–	–	–	–	–
Norway	Support for IPCC-IPBES workshop on climate and biodiversity	Support for meetings	–	–	39 325	–	–	–	–	–
Subtotal 2			355 065	265 114	77 989	–	–	–	–	–
Total (1 + 2)			1 117 896	683 450	343 168	158 082	286 740	159 634	64 654	244 288

Table 3
In-kind contributions received in 2021
 (United States dollars)

<i>Government/institution</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Type of support</i>	<i>Estimated value</i>
1. Support provided directly for approved and costed activities of the work programme			
National Autonomous University of Mexico	Technical support unit for the assessment on values	Staff, office and general operating costs	13 000
Ministry of the Environment, Japan	Technical support unit for the assessment of invasive alien species	Staff, office and general operating costs	220 000
Fondation pour la recherche sur la biodiversité et Office français de la biodiversité, France	Technical support unit for the assessment of the sustainable use of wild species	Staff, office and general operating costs	70 000
Fondation pour la recherche sur la biodiversité	Workshop to further advance the development of the summary for policymakers of the assessment of the sustainable use of wild species	Venue and logistics	3 500
UNESCO	Technical support unit for the task force on indigenous and local knowledge	Staff, office and general operating costs	150 000
	Workshop to further advance the development of the summary for policymakers of the assessment of the sustainable use of wild species	Venue and logistics	1 500
	Interpretation for indigenous and local knowledge dialogue for the assessment of the sustainable use of wild species	Logistical costs	2 000
Senckenberg Nature Research Society, Germany	Technical support unit for the task force on knowledge and data	Staff, office and general operating costs	105 000
BiodivERsA and Fondation pour la recherche sur la biodiversité, France	Technical support unit for the task force on knowledge and data	Staff, office and general operating costs	27 000
Government of the Netherlands	Technical support unit for the task force on scenarios and models of biodiversity and ecosystem services	Staff, office and general operating costs	127 000
PBL Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency	Technical support unit for the task force on scenarios and models of biodiversity and ecosystem services	Costs related to dialogue workshops on scenarios and models	20 000
Government of Norway	Technical support unit for the task force on capacity-building	Staff, office and general operating costs	300 000
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, France	Technical support to implement the fundraising strategy of IPBES	Staff costs	279 800
UNEP	Secondment of a P-4 programme officer to the IPBES secretariat	Staff costs	211 200
Subtotal 1			1 530 000
2. Support for additional activities organized in support of the work programme			
International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources	Support for stakeholder engagement	Technical support	71 000
Subtotal 2			71 000
Total (1 + 2)			1 601 000

Abbreviation: UNESCO – United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

Table 4

Examples of activities catalysed by the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services in 2021 and 2022

(Millions of United States dollars)

<i>Funding Government/funding institution</i>	<i>Project lead</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Estimated value</i>
Generation of new knowledge			
European Union (Horizon Europe)	European Union	Five calls for proposals in support of the IPBES nexus and transformative change assessments	38.8
		Call for proposals in support of the IPBES business and biodiversity assessment	5.5
		Call for proposals to facilitate science-policy links with IPBES in the context of the new European Union biodiversity strategy for 2030	14.2
BiodivERsA and Water JPI with the European Commission	BiodivERsA and Water JPI	Joint call for research proposals on “conservation and restoration of degraded ecosystems and their biodiversity, including a focus on aquatic systems”, building on the IPBES regional assessment for Europe and Central Asia, the IPBES land degradation and restoration assessment and the IPBES global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services	23.3
Biodiversa+ with the European Commission	Biodiversa+	Joint call for research proposals on “supporting the protection of biodiversity and ecosystem restoration across land and sea”, building on the IPBES regional assessment for Europe and Central Asia, the IPBES global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services and the IPBES workshop report on biodiversity and pandemics	43.6
Capacity-building			
Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, Germany/ International Climate Initiative	World Conservation Monitoring Centre	Capacity-building and support for Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cambodia and Grenada to undertake national ecosystem assessments and establish IPBES national science-policy platforms	0.9
	UNDP/BES-Net	Capacity-building and support for national biodiversity and ecosystem service assessments through a BES-Net national dialogue in Colombia, Cameroon, Ethiopia and Viet Nam	0.7
	UNDP (and UNEP-World Conservation Monitoring Centre)/ BES-Net II	Capacity-building and support for national biodiversity and ecosystem service assessments in up to 40 countries	2.4
	Centre for Development Research (ZEF)	Capacity-building support for Benin, Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, the Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Côte d’Ivoire, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone and Togo; enhancing engagement in IPBES activities and uptake of IPBES products; strengthening of South-South networking through workshops; establishment of a subregional science-policy platform; and education of young professionals through a dedicated master of science programme entitled “Managing science-policy interfaces on biodiversity and ecosystem services for sustainable development in West Africa”, or “SPIBES”	0.5
Total			129.9

Abbreviations: BES-Net – Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services Network; UNDP – United Nations Development Programme; Water JPI – Water Joint Programming Initiative, “Water challenges for a changing world”.

II. Final expenditures for 2021

17. Table 5 shows the final expenditures for 2021 against the revised budget for 2021 of \$5,674,428 approved by the Plenary at its eighth session (decision IPBES-8/4). Final expenditures in 2021 amounted to \$4.0 million, which represents savings of \$1.7 million compared to the budget approved by the Plenary. This was achieved through savings on:

- (a) Meetings of the IPBES bodies (\$0.3 million), and conference services in particular;
- (b) The work programme (\$0.8 million), resulting from, among other things, establishing the technical support units for the transformative change and nexus assessments in 2022 instead of 2021; holding the meeting on the summary for policymakers of the sustainable use of wild species assessment in a hybrid format; moving the capacity-building forum from 2021 to 2022; and holding the meetings of the task forces on scenarios and models and on knowledge and data online;
- (c) Secretariat personnel and operating costs (\$0.4 million).

Table 5
Final expenditures for 2021
(United States dollars)

<i>Budget items</i>	<i>2021 approved revised budget</i>	<i>2021 final expenditures</i>	<i>Balance</i>
1. Meetings of the IPBES bodies			
1.1 Sessions of the Plenary			
Costs for participants in the eighth session of the Plenary	7 500	7 679	(179)
Conference services (translation, editing and interpretation)	830 000	556 830	273 170
Reporting services	65 000	40 397	24 603
Security and other costs	0	1 195	(1 195)
Subtotal 1.1, sessions of the Plenary	902 500	606 102	296 398
1.2 Bureau and Multidisciplinary Expert Panel sessions			
Travel and meeting costs for participants for Bureau sessions	0	0	0
Travel and meeting costs for participants for Panel sessions	0	5 985	(5 985)
Subtotal 1.2, Bureau and Multidisciplinary Expert Panel sessions	0	5 985	(5 985)
1.3 Travel costs of the Chair to represent IPBES	12 500	0	12 500
Subtotal 1, meetings of the IPBES bodies	915 000	612 087	302 913
2. Implementation of the work programme			
Part A: First work programme (wp1)			
wp1-Objective 3: strengthen the knowledge-policy interface with regard to thematic and methodological issues	499 000	311 896	187 104
wp1-Deliverable 3 (b) (ii) Invasive alien species assessment	120 000	110 843	9 157
wp1-Deliverable 3 (b) (iii) Sustainable use of wild species assessment	200 000	81 172	118 828
wp1-Deliverable 3 (d) Values assessment	179 000	119 881	59 119
Subtotal, part A	499 000	311 896	187 104
Part B: Rolling work programme up to 2030			
Objective 1: assessing knowledge	150 000	3 511	146 489
Deliverable 1 (a) A thematic assessment of the interlinkages among biodiversity, water, food and health (nexus assessment)	75 000	3 511	71 489
Deliverable 1 (b) A technical paper on the interlinkage between biodiversity and climate change	0	0	0
Deliverable 1 (c) A thematic assessment of the underlying causes of biodiversity loss and determinants of transformative change and options for achieving the 2050 Vision for Biodiversity (transformative change assessment)	75 000	0	75 000

<i>Budget items</i>	<i>2021 approved revised budget</i>	<i>2021 final expenditures</i>	<i>Balance</i>
Deliverable 1 (d) A methodological assessment of the impact and dependence of business on biodiversity and nature's contributions to people (business and biodiversity assessment)	0	0	0
Objective 2: building capacity	180 000	36 009	143 991
Objective 2 (a) Enhanced learning and engagement, Objective 2 (b) Facilitated access to expertise and information and Objective 2 (c) Strengthened national and regional capacities	180 000	36 009	143 991
Objective 3: strengthening the knowledge foundations	418 000	295 610	122 390
Objective 3 (a) Advanced work on knowledge and data	268 000	175 425	92 575
Objective 3 (b) Enhanced recognition of and work with indigenous and local knowledge systems	150 000	120 185	29 815
Objective 4: supporting policy	469 000	314 748	154 252
Objective 4 (a) Advanced work on policy instruments, policy support tools and methodologies	209 000	164 310	44 690
Objective 4 (b) Advanced work on scenarios and models of biodiversity and ecosystem functions and services	260 000	150 438	109 562
Objective 4 (c) Advanced work on multiple values	0	0	0
Objective 5: communicating and engaging	380 000	309 677	70 323
Objective 5 (a) Strengthened communication	350 000	292 877	57 123
Objective 5 (c) Strengthened engagement with stakeholders	30 000	16 800	13 200
Subtotal, part B	1 597 000	959 556	637 444
Subtotal 2, implementation of the work programme	2 096 000	1 271 452	824 548
3. Secretariat			
3.1 Secretariat personnel	1 972 100	1 628 814	343 286
3.2 Operating costs (non-personnel)	271 000	183 826	87 174
Subtotal 3, secretariat (personnel + operating)	2 243 100	1 812 640	430 460
Subtotal (1 + 2 + 3)	5 254 100	3 696 179	1 557 921
Programme support costs	420 328	287 832	132 496
Total	5 674 428	3 984 010	1 690 418

III. Proposed budgets for 2022 to 2024

A. Revised budget for 2022

18. In decision IPBES-8/4, the Plenary adopted a budget of \$9,882,675 for 2022, as set out in table 9 of the annex to that decision. The budget provided for implementation of the work programme in two parts: part A, corresponding to the three assessments initiated during the first work programme, and part B, corresponding to activities approved by the Plenary at its eighth session as part of the rolling work programme up to 2030. Table 6 shows a proposed revised budget for 2022 alongside the 2022 budget approved by the Plenary at its eighth session. The proposed revised budget amounts to \$9.2 million, \$0.7 million less than the budget approved by the Plenary. Information on the specific changes is set out in the paragraphs below.

Table 6
Revised budget for 2022
 (United States dollars)

<i>Budget item</i>	<i>2022 approved budget</i>	<i>2022 revised budget</i>	<i>Change</i>
1. Meetings of the IPBES bodies			
1.1 Sessions of the Plenary			
Travel costs for participants in the ninth session of the Plenary (travel and daily subsistence allowance)	500 000	500 000	0
Conference services (translation, editing and interpretation)	830 000	830 000	0
Reporting services	65 000	65 000	0
Security and other costs	100 000	240 000	140 000
Subtotal 1.1, sessions of the Plenary	1 495 000	1 635 000	140 000
1.2 Bureau and Multidisciplinary Expert Panel sessions			
Travel and meeting costs for participants for one Bureau session	70 900	35 450	(35 450)
Travel and meeting costs for participants for one Panel session	170 000	85 000	(85 000)
Subtotal 1.2, Bureau and Multidisciplinary Expert Panel sessions	240 900	120 450	(120 450)
1.3 Travel costs of the Chair to represent IPBES	25 000	25 000	0
Subtotal 1, meetings of the IPBES bodies	1 760 900	1 780 450	19 550
2. Implementation of the work programme			
Part A: First work programme (wp1)			
wp1-Objective 3: strengthen the knowledge-policy interface with regard to thematic and methodological issues	1 103 750	1 084 250	(19 500)
wp1-Deliverable 3 (b) (ii) Invasive alien species assessment	366 250	296 500	(69 750)
wp1-Deliverable 3 (b) (iii) Sustainable use of wild species assessment	405 000	406 500	1 500
wp1-Deliverable 3 (d) Values assessment	332 500	381 250	48 750
Subtotal, part A	1 103 750	1 084 250	(19 500)
Part B: Rolling work programme up to 2030			
Objective 1: assessing knowledge	1 501 250	1 084 420	(416 830)
Deliverable 1 (a) A thematic assessment of the interlinkages among biodiversity, water, food and health (nexus assessment)	1 031 250	663 170	(368 080)
Deliverable 1 (c) A thematic assessment of the underlying causes of biodiversity loss and the determinants of transformative change and options for achieving the 2050 Vision for Biodiversity (transformative change assessment)	470 000	421 250	(48 750)
Deliverable 1 (d) A methodological assessment of the impact and dependence of business on biodiversity and nature's contributions to people (business and biodiversity assessment)	0	0	0
Objective 2: building capacity	621 000	376 200	(244 800)
Objective 2 (a) Enhanced learning and engagement, objective 2 (b) Facilitated access to expertise and information and objective 2 (c) Strengthened national and regional capacities	621 000	376 200	(244 800)
Objective 3: strengthening the knowledge foundations	653 000	555 000	(98 000)
Objective 3 (a) Advanced work on knowledge and data	268 000	268 000	0
Objective 3 (b) Enhanced recognition of and work with indigenous and local knowledge systems	385 000	287 000	(98 000)
Objective 4: supporting policy	514 000	471 000	(43 000)
Objective 4 (a) Advanced work on policy instruments, policy support tools and methodologies	244 000	239 000	(5 000)
Objective 4 (b) Advanced work on scenarios and models of biodiversity and ecosystem functions and services	270 000	232 000	(38 000)
Objective 4 (c) Advanced work on multiple values	0	0	0

<i>Budget item</i>	<i>2022 approved budget</i>	<i>2022 revised budget</i>	<i>Change</i>
Objective 5: communicating and engaging	280 000	280 000	0
Objective 5 (a) Strengthened communication	250 000	250 000	0
Objective 5 (c) Strengthened engagement of stakeholders	30 000	30 000	0
Subtotal, part B	3 569 250	2 766 620	(802 630)
Subtotal 2, implementation of the work programme	4 673 000	3 850 870	(822 130)
3. Secretariat			
3.1 Secretariat personnel	2 395 725	2 550 100	154 375
3.2 Operating costs (non-personnel)	321 000	321 000	0
Subtotal 3, secretariat (personnel + operating)	2 716 725	2 871 100	154 375
Subtotal (1 + 2 + 3)	9 150 625	8 502 420	(648 205)
Programme support costs	732 050	680 194	(51 856)
Total	9 882 675	9 182 614	(700 061)

1. Meetings of the IPBES bodies

19. An amount of \$140,000 was added to cover approximately 10 per cent of the costs of the venue for the ninth session of the Plenary, the remainder being covered by an in-kind contribution from the Government of Germany.

20. As part of a series of efforts to rely more on remote work, the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel and the Bureau agreed to hold one meeting in person and one meeting online each year, instead of two in-person meetings. This leads to a reduction in the budget of \$120,450 per year.

2. Implementation of the work programme

(a) Part A: First work programme

21. It is proposed to make adjustments in part A, together resulting in a decrease of \$19,500, to reflect changes in the schedule and costs of the three ongoing assessments as a result of the pandemic and the decision to hold the ninth session of the Plenary in July instead of March 2022. The adjustments in question are as follows:

(a) Deliverable 3 (b) (ii) of the first work programme of IPBES: Invasive alien species assessment. The cost has been reduced by \$69,750 reflecting the savings arising from the replacement of the third author meeting by a hybrid meeting involving travel only by the co-chairs and the coordinating lead authors, partially offset by the addition of a meeting to develop the summary for policymakers and the shifting of a portion of the costs for design, layout, dissemination and outreach from 2023 to 2022 ahead of the launch of the assessment in 2023 (IPBES/9/INF/24, table A-1).

(b) Deliverable 3 (b) (iii) of the first work programme of IPBES: Sustainable use of wild species assessment. The cost has been increased by \$1,500 to reflect the actual costs of the meeting to develop the summary for policymakers (held in January 2022), the exact number of experts participating in the ninth session of the Plenary and the cost of the technical support unit (IPBES/9/INF/24, table A-2).

(c) Deliverable 3 (d) of the first work programme of IPBES: Values assessment. The cost has been increased by \$48,750 to reflect the exact number of experts participating in the ninth session of the Plenary and the cost of the technical support unit (IPBES/9/INF/24, table A-3).

(b) Part B: Rolling work programme up to 2030

22. It is proposed that the budget for part B be decreased by \$0.8 million to take into account the following adjustments:

(a) Objective 1 on assessing knowledge:

(i) Deliverable 1 (a): Thematic assessment of the interlinkages between biodiversity, water, food and health (nexus assessment). The cost has been reduced by \$368,080 to reflect the exact number of authors who receive support from IPBES and the fact that the second author meeting and the back-to-back meeting to develop the summary for policymakers were moved

from 2022 to 2023 because of delays caused by the pandemic (IPBES/9/INF/24, table B-1).

- (ii) Deliverable 1 (c): Assessment of the determinants of transformative change. The cost has been reduced by \$48,750 to take into account the exact number of authors who receive support from IPBES (IPBES/9/INF/24, table B-2).
- (b) Objective 2 on building capacity:
Objectives 2 (a): Enhanced learning and engagement, 2 (b): Facilitated access and 2 (c): Strengthened national and regional capacities. The cost has been reduced by \$244,800 to reflect the fact that the dialogue with IPBES national focal points and the capacity-building forum will both be held online (IPBES/9/INF/24, table B-6).
- (c) Objective 3 on strengthening the knowledge foundations:
Objective 3 (b): Enhanced recognition of and work with indigenous and local knowledge systems. The cost has been reduced by \$98,000 to reflect the fact that the second indigenous and local knowledge dialogue for the nexus assessment has been moved to 2023 and the actual cost of the dialogue for the second external review of the invasive alien species assessment, which was held online with interpretation rather than in person (IPBES/9/INF/24, table B-8).
- (d) Objective 4 on supporting policy:
 - (i) Objective 4 (a): Advanced work on policy tools and methodologies. The cost has been reduced by \$5,000 to reflect the planned task force activities (IPBES/9/INF/24, table B-9).
 - (ii) Objective 4 (b): Advanced work on scenarios and models of biodiversity and ecosystem services. The cost has been reduced by \$38,000 to account for the planned activities of the task force and in-kind support received for the task force activities and task force meeting (IPBES/9/INF/24, table B-10).

3. Secretariat

23. The Bureau is proposing to add one post to the existing staffing of the secretariat and to reclassify one existing position, as follows:

(a) Addition of a professional position at the P-2 level for an associate public information officer, to assume operational responsibility for “traditional” media planning, communication and liaison (especially with print and broadcast media outlets) and to explore further opportunities to expand the reach and impact of IPBES communications. This position is considered a priority to maintain and build on the traditional media growth and success achieved over the past four years, especially since the launch of the Global Assessment Report. The annual standard cost would be \$130,700.

(b) Reclassification of the position of head of communications from the P-4 to the P-5 level, to accommodate the increased strategic, operational and managerial responsibilities that have evolved with the very significant growth of the communications and stakeholder engagement functions of the secretariat. The levels of expertise and leadership now required, in terms of coordination, project planning, implementation and follow-up, are commensurate with the higher grade. This reclassification would result in an annual additional cost of \$4,700.

(c) An organization chart for the IPBES secretariat appears on page 20 below.

24. In addition, the Bureau will present further staffing changes to the budget contact group, which will be proposed to take effect following the tenth session of the Plenary.

25. The revised total cost of the secretariat in 2022 has been increased by \$154,375, to reflect the changes proposed in the above paragraph and the increase in United Nations standard salary costs in 2022. The cost of the staff under recruitment has been prorated based on expected recruitment period.

B. Budget for 2023

26. By decision IPBES-8/4, the Plenary adopted a provisional budget of \$9,860,670 for 2023, as set out in table 10 of the annex to that decision. Table 7 shows the revised budget proposed for 2023, alongside the 2023 provisional budget approved by the Plenary at its eighth session. At \$10.1 million,

the proposed revised budget is \$0.2 million higher than the provisional budget approved by the Plenary. Information on the specific changes is set out in the paragraphs below.

Table 7
Budget for 2023
(United States dollars)

<i>Budget item</i>	<i>2023 provisional budget</i>	<i>2023 revised budget</i>	<i>Change</i>
1. Meetings of the IPBES bodies			
1.1 Sessions of the Plenary			
Travel costs for tenth session participants (travel and daily subsistence allowance)	500 000	500 000	0
Conference services (translation, editing and interpretation)	830 000	830 000	0
Reporting services	65 000	65 000	0
Security and other costs	100 000	100 000	0
Subtotal 1.1, sessions of the Plenary	1 495 000	1 495 000	0
1.2 Bureau and Multidisciplinary Expert Panel sessions			
Travel and meeting costs for participants for one Bureau session	70 900	35 450	(35 450)
Travel and meeting costs for participants for one Panel session	170 000	85 000	(85 000)
Subtotal 1.2, Bureau and Multidisciplinary Expert Panel sessions	240 900	120 450	(120 450)
1.3 Travel costs of the Chair to represent IPBES	25 000	25 000	0
Subtotal 1, meetings of the IPBES bodies	1 760 900	1 640 450	(120 450)
2. Implementation of the work programme			
Part A: First work programme (wp1)			
wp1-Objective 3: strengthen the knowledge-policy interface with regard to thematic and methodological issues	352 500	302 500	(50 000)
wp1-Deliverable 3 (b) (ii) Invasive alien species assessment	352 500	302 500	(50 000)
Subtotal, part A	352 500	302 500	(50 000)
Part B: Rolling work programme up to 2030			
Objective 1: assessing knowledge	1 860 750	1 730 050	(130 700)
Deliverable 1 (a) A thematic assessment of the interlinkages among biodiversity, water, food and health (nexus assessment)	682 500	797 300	114 800
Deliverable 1 (c) A thematic assessment of the underlying causes of biodiversity loss and the determinants of transformative change and options for achieving the 2050 Vision for Biodiversity (transformative change assessment)	872 500	476 250	(396 250)
Deliverable 1 (d) A methodological assessment of the impact and dependence of business on biodiversity and nature's contributions to people (business and biodiversity assessment)	305 750	311 500	5 750
Deliverable 1 (e) Second global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services	0	145 000	145 000
Objective 2: building capacity	759 000	522 500	(236 500)
Objective 2 (a) Enhanced learning and engagement, objective 2 (b) Facilitated access to expertise and information and objective 2 (c) Strengthened national and regional capacities	759 000	522 500	(236 500)
Objective 3: strengthening the knowledge foundations	553 000	712 000	159 000
Objective 3 (a) Advanced work on knowledge and data	268 000	293 000	25 000
Objective 3 (b) Enhanced recognition of and work with indigenous and local knowledge systems	285 000	419 000	134 000

<i>Budget item</i>	<i>2023 provisional budget</i>	<i>2023 revised budget</i>	<i>Change</i>
Objective 4: supporting policy	739 000	750 000	11 000
Objective 4 (a) Advanced work on policy instruments, policy support tools and methodologies	244 000	244 000	0
Objective 4 (b) Advanced work on scenarios and models of biodiversity and ecosystem functions and services	260 000	271 000	11 000
Objective 4 (c) Advanced work on multiple values	235 000	235 000	0
Objective 5: communicating and engaging	280 000	280 000	0
Objective 5 (a) Strengthened communication	250 000	250 000	0
Objective 5 (c) Strengthened engagement of stakeholders	30 000	30 000	0
Subtotal, part B	4 191 750	3 994 550	(197 200)
Subtotal 2, implementation of the work programme	4 544 250	4 297 050	(247 200)
3. Secretariat			
3.1 Secretariat personnel	2 504 100	3 035 000	530 900
3.2 Operating costs (non-personnel)	321 000	346 000	25 000
Subtotal 3, secretariat (personnel + operating)	2 825 100	3 381 000	555 900
Subtotal (1 + 2 + 3)	9 130 250	9 318 500	188 250
Programme support costs	730 420	745 480	15 060
Total	9 860 670	10 063 980	203 310

1. Meetings of the IPBES bodies

27. Similarly to 2022, the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel and the Bureau agreed to hold one meeting in person and one meeting online each year, instead of two in-person meetings. This leads to a reduced cost of \$120,450.

2. Implementation of the work programme

(a) Part A: First work programme

28. It is proposed to reduce the cost for part A of the work programme, relating to the invasive alien species assessment, by \$50,000, as a result of the allocation of that amount in 2022 for early expenses related to design, layout, dissemination and outreach ahead of the launch of the assessment (IPBES/9/INF/24, table A-1).

(b) Part B: Rolling work programme up to 2030

29. It is proposed to make the following adjustments to part B of the work programme, corresponding to an overall decrease of \$0.2 million:

(a) Objective 1 on assessing knowledge:

- (i) Deliverable 1 (a): Thematic assessment of the interlinkages between biodiversity, water, food and health (nexus assessment). The cost has been increased by \$114,800. Changes made include holding the second author meeting and an associated meeting to develop the summary for policymakers in 2023 rather than 2022 and moving the third author meeting to 2024; taking into account the exact number of authors that receive support from IPBES; and taking into account the cost of the technical support unit (IPBES/9/INF/24, table B-1).
- (ii) Deliverable 1 (c): Transformative change assessment. The cost has been reduced by \$396,250. Changes made include moving the third author meeting from 2023 to 2024 and taking into account the exact number of authors that receive support from IPBES (IPBES/9/INF/24, table B-2).
- (iii) Deliverable 1 (d): Business and biodiversity assessment. The cost reflects the assumption that this assessment would begin after the tenth session of the Plenary (2023). The cost has been increased by \$5,750. Changes made include holding the management committee meeting online and adding a meeting to develop the summary for policymakers (IPBES/9/INF/24, table B-3).

- (iv) Deliverable 1 (e): Second global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services. A budget for a scoping meeting has been included, amounting to \$145,000 (IPBES/9/INF/24, table B-4).
- (b) Objective 2 on building capacity:
Objectives 2 (a): Enhanced learning and engagement, 2 (b): Facilitated access, and 2 (c): Strengthened national and regional capacities. The cost has been reduced by \$236,500 to reflect a number of adjustments, including holding the dialogues with IPBES national focal points online (IPBES/9/INF/24, table B-6).
- (c) Objective 3 on strengthening the knowledge foundations:
 - (i) Objective 3 (a): Advanced work on knowledge and data. The cost has been increased by \$25,000 to reflect adjustments in the cost for technical support (IPBES/9/INF/24, table B-7).
 - (ii) Objective 3 (b): Enhanced recognition of and work with indigenous and local knowledge systems. The cost has been increased by \$134,000, corresponding to moving of the second indigenous and local knowledge dialogue for the nexus assessment from 2022 to 2023 and the addition of the third dialogues for the nexus and the transformative change assessments (IPBES/9/INF/24, table B-8).
- (d) Objective 4 on supporting policy:
Objective 4 (b): Advanced work on scenarios and models of biodiversity and ecosystem services. The cost has been increased by \$11,000 to reflect planned activities of the task force (IPBES/9/INF/24, table B-10).

3. Secretariat

30. The cost of the secretariat, including personnel and operating costs, has been increased by \$0.6 million to reflect the changes in staffing of the secretariat proposed starting in 2022 and the increase in United Nations standard salary costs.

C. Provisional budget for 2024

31. The 2024 provisional budget, shown in table 8, amounts to \$10.3 million. It was established in line with the adjustments made for 2022 and 2023, as described in sections III (A) and III (B) of the present note.

Table 8

Provisional budget for 2024

(United States dollars)

<i>Budget items</i>	<i>2024 provisional budget</i>
1. Meetings of the IPBES bodies	
1.1 Sessions of the Plenary	
Travel costs for participants in the eleventh session of the Plenary (travel and daily subsistence allowance)	500 000
Conference services (translation, editing and interpretation)	830 000
Reporting services	65 000
Security and other costs	100 000
Subtotal 1.1, sessions of the Plenary	1 495 000
1.2 Bureau and Multidisciplinary Expert Panel sessions	
Travel and meeting costs for participants for one Bureau session	35 450
Travel and meeting costs for participants for one Panel session	85 000
Subtotal 1.2, Bureau and Multidisciplinary Expert Panel sessions	120 450
1.3 Travel costs of the Chair to represent IPBES	25 000
Subtotal 1, meetings of the IPBES bodies	1 640 450

<i>Budget items</i>	<i>2024 provisional budget</i>
Rolling work programme up to 2030	
Objective 1: assessing knowledge	2 058 800
Deliverable 1 (a) A thematic assessment of the interlinkages among biodiversity, water, food and health	946 050
Deliverable 1 (c) A thematic assessment of the underlying causes of biodiversity loss and determinants of transformative change and options for achieving the 2050 Vision for Biodiversity	622 750
Deliverable 1 (d) A methodological assessment of the impact and dependence of business on biodiversity and nature's contributions to people	490 000
Objective 2: building capacity	748 000
Objective 2 (a) Enhanced learning and engagement, Objective 2 (b) Facilitated access to expertise and information and Objective 2 (c) Strengthened national and regional capacities	748 000
Objectives 3: strengthening the knowledge foundations	558 000
Objective 3 (a) Advanced work on knowledge and data	303 000
Objective 3 (b) Enhanced recognition of and work with indigenous and local knowledge systems	255 000
Objectives 4: supporting policy	750 000
Objective 4 (a) Advanced work on policy instruments, policy support tools and methodologies	244 000
Objective 4 (b) Advanced work on scenarios and models of biodiversity and ecosystem functions and services	271 000
Objective 4 (c) Advanced work on multiple values	235 000
Objectives 5: communicating and engaging	280 000
Objective 5 (a) Strengthened communication	250 000
Objective 5 (c) Strengthened engagement of stakeholders	30 000
Subtotal 2, implementation of the work programme	4 394 800
3. Secretariat	
3.1 Secretariat personnel	3 174 563
3.2 Operating costs (non-personnel)	346 000
Subtotal 3, secretariat (personnel + operating)	3 520 563
Subtotal (1 + 2 + 3)	9 555 813
Programme support costs	764 465
Total	10 320 278

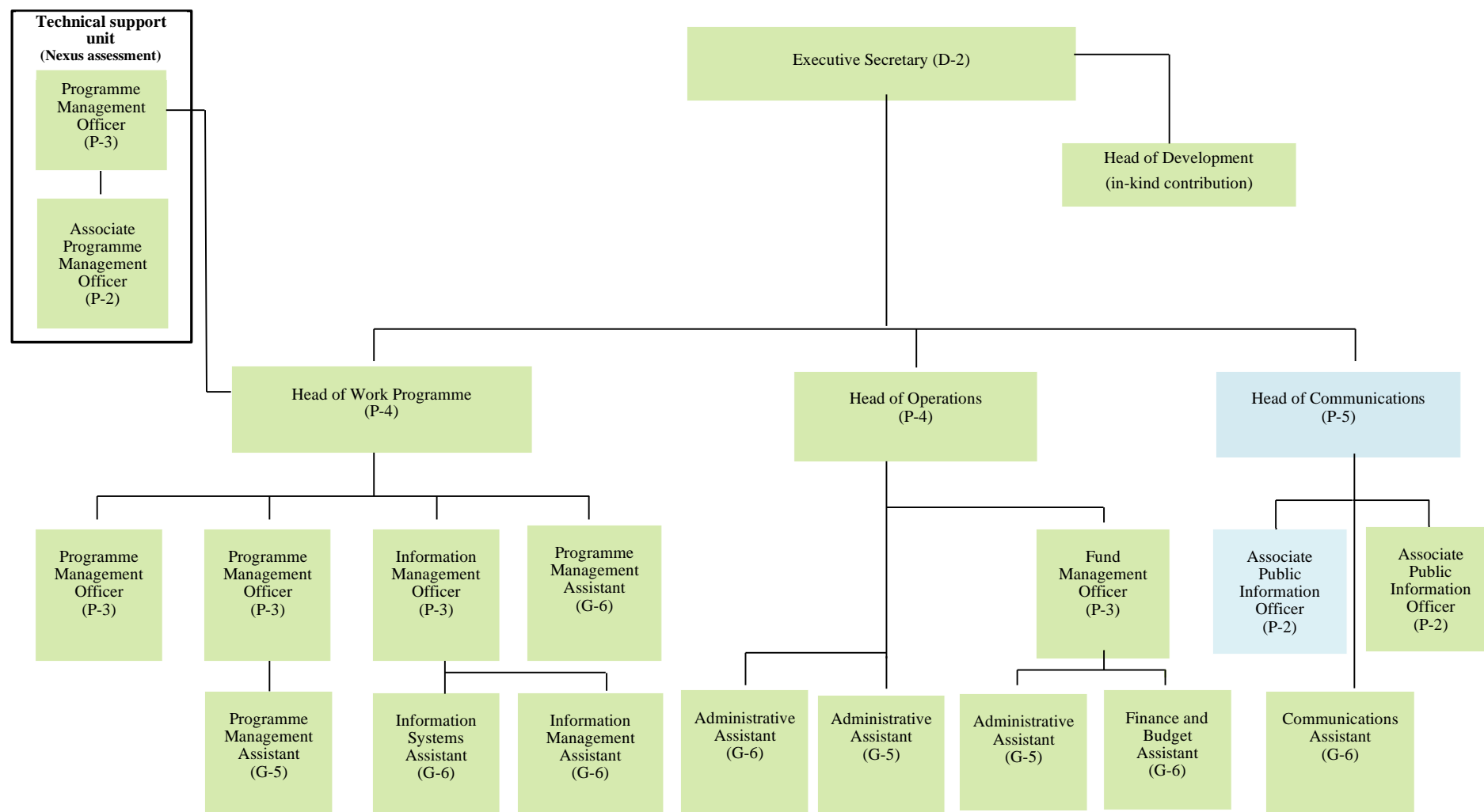
32. Costs for the rolling work programme up to 2030 include the following deliverables and objectives:

- (a) Objective 1 on assessing knowledge:
 - (i) Deliverable 1 (a): Final year of the thematic assessment of interlinkages between biodiversity, water, food and health, including third author meeting and participation in the eleventh session of the Plenary. Amount budgeted: \$946,050 (IPBES/9/INF/24, table B-1);
 - (ii) Deliverable 1 (c): Final year of the thematic assessment of the determinants of transformative change, including third author meeting and participation in the eleventh session of the Plenary. Amount budgeted: \$622,750 (IPBES/9/INF/24, table B-2);
 - (iii) Deliverable 1 (d): Business and biodiversity assessment, including second author meeting. Amount budgeted: \$490,000 (IPBES/9/INF/24, table B-3);
- (b) Objective 2 on building capacity:
 - Objectives 2 (a): Enhanced learning and engagement, 2 (b): Facilitated access, and 2 (c): Strengthened national and regional capacities. Amount budgeted: \$748,000 (IPBES/9/INF/24, table B-6);

- (c) Objective 3 on strengthening the knowledge foundations:
 - (i) Objective 3 (a): Advanced work on knowledge and data. Amount budgeted: \$303,000 (IPBES/9/INF/24, table B-7);
 - (ii) Objective 3 (b): Enhanced recognition of and work with indigenous and local knowledge systems. Amount budgeted: \$255,000 (IPBES/9/INF/24, table B-8);
- (d) Objective 4 on supporting policy:
 - (i) Objective 4 (a): Advanced work on policy tools and methodologies. Amount budgeted: \$244,000 (IPBES/9/INF/24, table B-9);
 - (ii) Objective 4 (b): Advanced work on scenarios and models of biodiversity and ecosystem services. Amount budgeted: \$271,000 (IPBES/9/INF/24, table B-10);
 - (iii) Objective 4 (c): Advanced work on multiple values. The work would be done by a new task force if approved by the Plenary at its tenth session (2023). Amount budgeted: \$235,000 (IPBES/9/INF/24, table B-11);
- (e) Objective 5 on communicating and engaging:
 - (i) Objective 5 (a): Strengthened communication. Amount budgeted: \$250,000 (IPBES/9/INF/24, table B-12);
 - (ii) Objective 5 (c): Strengthened engagement of stakeholders. Amount budgeted: \$30,000 (IPBES/9/INF/24, table B-12).

33. In addition to the implementation of the work programme, the provisional budget for 2024 includes the cost of the eleventh session of the Plenary, tentatively scheduled for October 2024, and staff costs that take into account the adjustments proposed to start in 2022.

Organization chart for the IPBES secretariat^a



^a The blue colour corresponds to the new post and the reclassification proposed in the revised budget for 2022.

IV. Overview of the cost of the Platform and estimate of funds to be raised

A. Overview of the cost of the Platform

34. The yearly costs for 2022, 2023 and 2024 amount to \$9.2 million, \$10.1 million and \$10.3 million, respectively. Based on previous years, and disregarding the pandemic, average yearly savings can be expected to be \$1.3 million.

B. Estimate of funds to be raised

35. The estimated cash balance as at 1 January 2022 was \$10.9 million, in accordance with the UNEP statement regarding cash available in the trust fund as at 31 December 2021. This balance is used in table 9 to estimate the cumulative balance of available funds from 2022 to 2024.

Table 9

Total cash requirements for the Platform and estimated cumulative balance of available funds for the period 2022–2024

(Millions of United States dollars)

	2022		2023		2024	
	Total cash requirement	Cumulative balance of available funds	Total cash requirement	Cumulative balance of available funds	Total cash requirement	Cumulative balance of available funds
Estimated cash balance as at 1 January of current year		+10.9		+7.2		+2.6
Estimated income for current year:						
Income from contributions received and pledged for current year (see table 1)		+4.2		+1.4		+1.2
Potential additional contributions from regular contributors (not yet pledged)		+1.3		+4.1		+4.3
Estimated costs of IPBES	-9.2		-10.1		-10.3	
Estimated balance at 31 December of current year based on assumed pledges		+7.2		+2.6		-2.2
Estimated balance at 31 December of current year, based on assumed pledges and assuming \$1.3 million savings per year		+8.5		+5.2		+1.7

36. Table 9 assumes an average yearly income of \$5.5 million. If that assumption holds true, the trust fund would be able to cover the estimated costs for 2022, leaving \$7.2 million unspent at the end of 2022. The trust fund would also be able to cover the estimated costs for 2023, leaving \$2.6 million unspent at the end of 2023. In 2024, however, an additional \$2.2 million would need to be raised to cover the cost of the provisional budget for that year.

37. When the average yearly savings of \$1.3 million mentioned above are taken into account, the estimated balance at the end of 2024 is positive and equal to \$1.7 million.

V. Fundraising strategy

A. Progress in implementing the fundraising strategy

38. This section describes the actions taken by the secretariat in response to the request in paragraph 2 of decision IPBES-8/4 and by others in response to the invitation in paragraph 1 of the same decision⁴ and in line with the fundraising strategy approved in decision IPBES-5/6.
39. The Government of France agreed to extend its generous support to IPBES by providing the head of development, who implements the fundraising strategy as part of the IPBES secretariat. This support, initially planned for a two-year period (from February 2018 to February 2020), was extended by two years and seven months, until the end of August 2022.
40. After the eighth session of the Plenary, the secretariat continued to interact with existing donors and to look for new donors, targeting in particular philanthropic foundations and companies. Online prospecting meetings were held with prospects meeting criteria related to their environmental commitment and risk profile.
41. The budget cuts affecting many companies and the impossibility of organizing fundraising events continued to have a negative impact on fundraising activities in 2021–2022.
42. In terms of contributions received, an amount of \$1.3 million was contributed by eight non-governmental donors between 2018 and 2022, as shown in table 1, part 2. This included two awards to IPBES: the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation award received in 2021 and the Win-Win Gothenburg Sustainability Award received in 2020. It also included contributions in 2022 from three new donors: the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, AXA and the BNP-Paribas Foundation. The secretariat also focused on developing meaningful interactions with existing donors. The Kering Group, which had made a one-time non-earmarked contribution in 2019, made planned yearly contributions in 2020, 2021 and 2022. All contributions from the private sector were accepted by the Bureau after completion of the due diligence process required by the UNEP Partnership Policy. Furthermore, in line with paragraph 7 (c) of decision IPBES-8/4 on financial and budgetary arrangements, new donors were listed on the IPBES website following approval by the Bureau.
43. In addition to the contributions received from private-sector donors, pledges have been made for the period 2022 to 2024, for a total amount of \$0.2 million, by AXA, BNP Paribas Foundation and H & M.
44. In summary, fundraising efforts aimed at non-governmental donors have so far yielded a total of \$1.6 million for the period 2018–2024, including contributions received and pledges made.
45. In parallel with prospecting activities, the secretariat continued to raise private-sector awareness regarding IPBES activities, including by disseminating, to companies from the private sector, the call for nominations of experts to assist with the scoping of a methodological assessment of business and biodiversity.

B. Report on acknowledgement of donors

46. This section responds to a request from the Plenary, in paragraph 8 of decision IPBES-8/4, for the Bureau, assisted by the Executive Secretary, to report to the Plenary at its ninth session on the implications of paragraphs 7 (a), 7 (b) and 7 (c) of decision IPBES-8/4 regarding the acknowledgement of donors to IPBES.
47. Paragraph 7 (a) states that “neither logos nor names of private-sector or non-governmental stakeholder donors may appear on reports and other knowledge products of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services”.
48. The secretariat has strictly followed paragraph 7 (a) in its fundraising activities. While prospective donors often cite having their logo appear on IPBES reports as an important benefit, it should be noted that not allowing this has not had a negative effect on any donations. The secretariat has developed several meaningful ways to interact with donors, such as inviting a representative of the donor to speak about their activities on biodiversity as part of the IPBES podcast series or at IPBES stakeholder meetings, or having the Executive Secretary speak about the work of IPBES at events convened by the donor.

⁴ Similar invitations were contained in decisions IPBES-2/7, IPBES-3/2, IPBES-4/2 and IPBES-5/6.

49. Paragraph 7 (b) states that all donors providing financial contributions to the trust fund, including private-sector and non-governmental stakeholders, will be listed in the budget report.

50. For the eighth session of the Plenary (document IPBES/8/5), a part 2, on “other donors”, was added to table 1, in the section of the document on the status of cash and in-kind contributions to IPBES, following part 1 of the table, dedicated to contributions from Governments (see also annex to decision IPBES-8/4, table 1). Table 1 of the present note also contains a part 2 showing contributions and pledges from private-sector donors.

51. Paragraph 7 (c) states that all donors providing financial contributions to the trust fund, including private-sector and non-governmental stakeholders, can be listed on the IPBES website subject to approval by the Bureau.

52. Accordingly, at its seventeenth meeting, in October 2021, the Bureau reviewed and approved the listing of one new donor on the IPBES website following completion of the due diligence process and all administrative requirements, including the signature of the agreement between UNEP and the donor. Being listed as a donor on the IPBES website is considered important for non-governmental donors as it is the only visible way in which IPBES recognizes its donors, given that table 1 of the budget document is not readily visible to non-governmental donors.
