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A bit of history and context on IPBES
“It is time to establish an IPCC-like mechanism for biodiversity” (January 2005)
IPBES in a nutshell

- **IPBES’ mission:**
  
  To strengthen knowledge foundations for better policy through science, for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, long-term human well-being and sustainable development

- Started its work in 2014:
  
  - 1st work programme 2014-2018
  - Work programme up to 2030

- An independent intergovernmental body with over 130 Member States

- Collaborative partnership arrangement with UNEP, UNESCO, FAO and UNDP

- Secretariat hosted by Germany, in Bonn

Headquarters of IPBES, Bonn
How does IPBES work?

- **The Plenary**
  - Decision making body
  - Usually meets once per year
  - **Members:** 132 Governments
  - **Observers:**
    - Non member Governments
    - Biodiversity-related conventions
    - Related UN bodies
    - Other organisations (scientific, conservation, business, etc.)

- **Bureau**
  - Oversees all administrative functions
  - Comprises Chair, four Vice-Chairs & five additional officers

- **Multidisciplinary Expert Group (MEP)**
  - Oversees all scientific & technical functions
  - 5 Experts from each of the 5 UN regions

- **Expert groups (author groups, task forces)**

- **Secretariat** (Bonn + Technical support units)
What does IPBES do?

The work of IPBES is grouped around four complementary functions:

- **Assess knowledge (synthesis & critical evaluation of available knowledge)**
  - On specific themes
  - On methodological issues
  - At both regional and global levels

- **Support policy**
  - Identify policy-relevant tools and methodologies
  - Facilitate their use & catalyse their future development

- **Build capacity**
  - Identify and meet capacity needs of IPBES Members, experts & stakeholders

- **Catalyse efforts to generate new knowledge**
  - Identify and communicating gaps in knowledge, and catalyse efforts to fill gaps
The IPBES conceptual framework

Nature’s contributions to people
Ecosystem goods and services
Nature’s gifts

Nature
Biodiversity and ecosystems
Mother Earth
Systems of life
Intrinsic values

Good quality of life
Human wellbeing
Living in harmony with nature
Living-well in balance and harmony with Mother Earth

Institutions and governance and other indirect drivers

Anthropogenic assets

Direct drivers
Natural drivers
Anthropogenic drivers

Changing over time
Baseline-Trends-Scenarios

Baseline-Trends-Scenarios

IPBES Scope
IPBES level of resolution
Interacting across spatial scales

Global
National
Local

Díaz et al., 2015
The IPBES conceptual framework

Díaz et al. 2015 *Plos Biology* 13(1)

Díaz et al. 2015 *COSUST* 14
The first IPBES work programme (2014-2018)
Establishing the knowledge base for decision making: 8 assessments

- 2016
  - IPBES global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services
  - 35,000 scientific publications analyzed
  - 50,000 peer review comments received

- 2019
Establishing the knowledge base for decision making: 3 on-going assessments (1:2)

Assessment on values (IPBES 9 / 2022)
- 1<sup>st</sup> external review for the first order draft (29 July – 22 September 2019)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> external review: second order draft of chapters & first draft of SPM (January - March 2021)

Assessment of the sustainable use of wild species (IPBES 9 / 2022)
- 1<sup>st</sup> external review (27 August – 20 October 2019)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> external review (August - October 2020)
Establishing the knowledge base for decision making: 3 on-going assessments (2:2)

Assessment of invasive alien species (IPBES 10 / 2023)

- 1st external review for the first order draft (3rd quarter 2020)
- 2nd external review: second order draft of chapters & first draft of SPM (2nd quarter 2021)

TSU for the assessment of invasive alien species, at the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES), Tokyo, Japan.
IPBES is much more than assessments

Since it started its 1\textsuperscript{st} work programme in 2014:

IPBES has established a set of innovative approaches
- An innovative conceptual framework
- A new approach to recognize and work with indigenous and local knowledge
- A capacity building programme
- A method to address knowledge gaps

IPBES has involved the community at large
- 132 Governments as Members
- The work of IPBES is 100\% user driven (Governments, Conventions and other stakeholders submit requests to IPBES)
- Over 1,500 scientists and other knowledge holders involved since 2014
Task forces during the 1st work programme

3 task forces
- Capacity-building
- Knowledge and data
- Indigenous and local knowledge

2 expert groups
- Scenarios and models
- Policy-support tools
A few words about the IPBES Global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services
The IPBES Global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services

A major undertaking:
- 3 years
- 500 scientists
- 6 chapters (1,800 pages)
- 1 summary for policymakers
- 15,000 publications
- 20,000 comments received: in-depth peer review

IPBES 7:
- Hosted by France at UNESCO
- 29 Apr-4 May 2019, Paris
- 150 Governments represented
- 800 participants
- 45 hours of negotiation

Part of an important sequence toward 2020:
- G7 (hosted by France; focus on biodiversity for 1st time at G7!; Charter on Biodiversity)
- Scientific basis for the post 2020 biodiversity framework (COP 15, Nov. 2020)
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I. Key steps in the production of the assessment
II. Brief: Key messages of the IPBES Global Assessment
The production of IPBES assessments

Launch of the process

First Order Drafts: Chapters

Second Order Drafts: Chapters & Summary for Policymakers (1st Draft)

Final drafts of the Summary for Policymakers

Approval of scoping report

Review by experts

Review by Governments & experts

Final review by Governments of the SPM

Selection of authors

Internal Review

Internal Review

Internal Review

1st author meeting

2nd author meeting

3rd author meeting

Approval of scoping report
THE IPBES
GUIDE ON THE PRODUCTION
OF ASSESSMENTS
CORE VERSION
Snapshot of completed IPBES Assessments

2016

- Pollinators, Pollination and Food Production
- Scenarios and Models of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services

2018

- Land Degradation and Restoration
- Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services for Africa
- Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services for the Americas
- Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services for Asia and the Pacific

2019

- Summary for Policymakers
Snapshot of ongoing and future IPBES Assessments

Sustainable use of wild species
Values
Invasive alien species

Biodiversity, water, food and health
1 (a) – TOPIC 1

Determinants of transformative change
1 (c) – TOPIC 2

Business and biodiversity
1 (d) – TOPIC 3
Co-chairs: Eduardo Brondizio, Sandra Diaz and Josef Settele

Technical Support Unit: Maximilien Gueze and Hien Ngo
The IPBES Global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services

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- 6 chapters (1,800 pages)
- 1 summary for policymakers
- 15,000 publications
- 20,000 comments received: in-depth peer review
- ~156,000 Hours of Voluntary Hours = ~17 years

IPBES-7:

- >45 hours
- 29 April – 03 May
- approval 04 May
Key messages of the IPBES Global Assessment

Nature and its vital contributions to people are deteriorating **worldwide** - at a **rate and scale unprecedented** in human history

- 75% of the **land** surface is significantly altered by human actions
- >85% of **wetlands** have been lost
- Only **13% of oceans** can still be viewed as wilderness
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1 million animal and plant species threatened with extinction (out of an estimated total of 8 million)
Underpinning the proximate causes of deterioration in nature are the root causes, or indirect drivers of change.
It is not too late to act

Some general principles

Promote interconnections between sectoral policies (e.g. agriculture, fisheries, tourism, energy, etc.) in other words **cross-sectoral, integrated management at multiple levels**

Examples:

- Food production and conservation goals: complementary and interdependent.
- Sustainable fisheries: integrated management on land, in freshwater and oceans.
- Land-based climate change mitigation: attention to trade-offs.
- Nature-based solutions in cities: crucial for global sustainability

Enable participation of a large diversity of actors (e.g. local communities)
UN MILLION D’ESPÈCES MENACÉES DE DISPARITION

IL N’EST PAS TROP TARD POUR AGIR...
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Communications, Outreach and Impact
Communications and Outreach – **Mandate** *(Decision IPBES-3/4)*

- **Purpose:** Ensure that IPBES is recognized as
  - Credible, relevant, independent and legitimate
  - Producing policy-relevant not prescriptive knowledge products
  - Building capacity for use of biodiversity and ES knowledge in decision-making

- **Specifically:**
  - Promote IPBES work among key audiences
  - Coordinate outreach for IPBES Assessments
  - Proactive on work programme and reactive to queries and criticism

- **Areas of Work:**
  - Day-to-day communications (visual brand, traditional and social media etc.)
  - *Launch of Assessment Reports*
Launch of Assessment Reports – 3-Phase Strategy

- **Phase 1 (Pre-Launch):** Focus on ‘Buzz’
  - Scope, scale and significance (but NO previews of findings)
  - Message ‘Primer’ and briefings (allies, influencers and media)
  - Building understanding and anticipation but not media coverage

- **Phase 2 (Launch):** Focus on ‘Reach’
  - Key messages and policy options
  - Media release, media launch & media interviews
  - Create and amplify volume via media, allies and influencers

- **Phase 3 (Post-Launch):** Focus on ‘Impact’
  - Multi-scale narratives
  - Uptake events in every region
  - Maintain and build on policy-relevance (partner localization, personalization etc.)
Global Assessment – Communications Results

- Measured across a wide range of quantitative performance metrics:

The IPBES Global Assessment Report has been one of the most impactful environmental reports ever launched.
Biodiversity centre stage

The IPBES global assessment has brought biodiversity prominently to the attention of policymakers and the public, and researchers should seize this critical opportunity to engender change towards sustainability.

Extinctions put humans at grave risk, report warns

One million plant and animal species are on the verge of extinction, with alarming implications for human survival, according to a United Nations report released Monday.

The landmark report by some 1,450 experts from 114 countries around the world gauges humanity’s impact on Earth’s biodiversity, which is absorbing humans into the planet’s ecosystems in ways that are not sustainable.

More plants and animals are threatened with extinction now than at any other point in human history, it concludes.

Biodiversity According to the experts, a million species are facing extinction within decades.
Riesgo de extinción, amenaza mundial

"Un millón de especies del mundo están en peligro de extinción": Ipbes

El mundo, al límite: hay un millón de especies en peligro

Hay un millón en peligro de extinción, advierte la ONU; anfibios, el grupo que está en mayor riesgo, según reporte

Bruselas. – La tasa de exterminio de poblaciones de plantas y animales, a causa de la actividad humana, nunca antes había sido tan elevada y acelerada como en nuestros días, advierte un informe elaborado por la Plataforma Intergubernamental en Biodiversidad y Servicios de los Ecosistemas (IPBES), por sus siglas en inglés.

El informe de la Plataforma Intergubernamental sobre la Biodiversidad y los Servicios Ecosistémicos (IPBES) alerta sobre la posible desaparición de un millón de especies animales y vegetales en las próximas décadas si no se tomaran medidas efectivas, urgentes y decisivas.

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Um milhão de espécies estão em risco de extinção

Novo e abrangente panorama publicado pelas Nações Unidas conclui que há pelo menos 1 milhão de espécies de animais e plantas em risco de extinção no mundo. O relatório, compilado por especialistas internacionais e baseado em milhares de estudos científicos, é o mais completo até o momento quanto ao declínio da biodiversidade. Ambiente 84

-20% é quanto regrediu em cem anos a abundância de vida animal e vegetal

Tatu-bola, típico do cerrado brasileiro, é uma das espécies ameaçadas de extinção

Um milhão de espécies estão ameaçadas pela ação humana, aponta relatório

Novo estudo compilado pela ONU alerta para necessidade de 'mudança transformadora' na forma como o homem interage com a natureza
Global Assessment – Reach

- **‘Traditional’ Media**
  - Front pages and lead broadcast news around the world
  - Beat the royal baby on the day it was born on all BBC news bulletins
  - >33,000 online articles across 158 countries in 50 languages

- **Social Media: “Million Species Extinction” Went Viral**
  - >30 million impressions on #IPBES7 and #GlobalAssessment
  - Trended in countries around the world and only beaten in France by #GameOfThrones
  - Traffic to the IPBES website increased by more than 400%
Global Assessment – Reach

According to a new report by the @UN, nature is in more trouble now than at any other time in human history. But there’s still time to take action. That’s why we’re:
- Putting a price on pollution
- Protecting our lands & oceans
- Investing in clean tech & public transit

10:32 PM · May 6, 2019 · Twitter for iPhone

Cada criatura tiene una función y ninguna es superflua. Todo el universo es un lenguaje del amor de Dios, de su desmesurado cariño hacia nosotros. El suelo, el agua, las montañas, todo es caricia de Dios. #Biodiversity

A new UN report concludes that 1 mn species risk extinction because of human activity. And that the destruction of nature threatens humanity. And yet, this is not top news. As long as it continues like this, as long as the media fails to take responsibility, we stand no chance.

It’s time for a #GlobalDealForNature, globaldealfornature.org #IPBES7

Humans are speeding extinction and altering the natural world at an ‘un... A dire United Nations report, based on thousands of scientific studies, paints an urgent picture of biodiversity loss and finds that climate change... nytimes.com

Loss of biodiversity is just as catastrophic as climate change | Robert Watso... Nature is being eroded at rates unprecedented in human history, says scientist Robert Watson theguardian.com
Global Assessment – Impact

- **Challenges**
  - What to track. How to measure. Resources required.
  - IPBES Impact Tracking Database (TRACK)
  - >33,000 online articles across 158 countries in 50 languages
  - Capture range of good examples of IPBES impact at different scales in decision-making, policy and wide spectrum of other areas

- **TRACK**
  - Not comprehensive, analytically rigorous or serve wider monitoring function
  - Just under 160 examples already captured (about 80 from the Global Assessment)
  - Fully searchable public resource for IPBES community
  - Needs your help in spotting and adding examples
  - Can be viewed and searched at:
    - [www.ipbes.net/impact-tracking-view](http://www.ipbes.net/impact-tracking-view)
Global Assessment – 10 Examples of Impact (All Scales)

- G20 Commitment on Biodiversity
- G7 Biodiversity Charter
- French President Macron Announces GA-inspired new French policy commitments
- Irish Parliament Declares both Biodiversity and Climate Emergency
- President of Palau makes international appeal to address both biodiversity and climate based on GA
- US Congress – Bipartisan legislation on wildlife corridors introduced citing GA
- US private company Gemperle Family Farms credits GA for decision to expand funding to biodiversity
- German State of Hessen cites GA in decision to double number of flower strips to protect pollinators
- Welsh First Minister cites GA in decision to reject £1.6bn Welsh Highway Plans
- EU Staffers use GA to launch petition calling on incoming EU leaders to act on biodiversity loss

President Emmanuel Macron meets IPBES experts, Chair, Executive Secretary and technical support unit on 6 May 2019
Global Assessment – So What’s Next?

- Parliaments, Legislation and Major Global Events
- Regional, National and Local Uptake Events
- CBD COP-15 and the “2020 Nature Super Year”
  - Science base for the post-2020 biodiversity framework
  - GBO-5
  - OWEG Process
  - Kunming, October 2020
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ROLE OF THE TASK FORCES IN THE PRODUCTION OF THE GLOBAL ASSESSMENT CAPACITY-BUILDING
IPBES fellowship programme

- Initiated in 2015 and is an integral part of IPBES’ work on capacity-building
- Aims at developing the capacities of fellows in undertaking assessments, thus creating a pool of experts suited for contributing to future assessments and promoting the work of IPBES in their home countries and institutions.

- Comprised of outstanding early-career individuals from all backgrounds and disciplines
- Provides training (induction day and annual training workshops) and mentoring opportunities
- Unpaid fellowship

KEY STATISTICS: # Fellows: 93, # Nationalities: 57, Mean age: 33, Education level: PhD
Global assessment fellows

- 16 fellows from 15 countries

- Organized and facilitated activities:
  - Induction day and authors’ meetings (including chapter meetings)
  - Mentorship
  - Annual training workshops
  - Fellows and alumni network

- Fellows contributions:
  - To the assessment itself + fellows’ institutions
  - Publications in peer-reviewed journals
  - Presentations
  - Media interviews and articles

- Video: https://www.ipbes.net/ipbes-fellowship-programme
Webinars and e-learning

- **Webinars:**
  - IPBES webinar series developed on important processes and topics related to the production of an IPBES assessment
    - [https://www.ipbes.net/webinars](https://www.ipbes.net/webinars)

- **E-learning:**
  - Module 1 – The IPBES conceptual framework
  - Module 2 – The IPBES assessment process
    - [https://www.ipbes.net/e-learning](https://www.ipbes.net/e-learning)
- Summary for policymakers writing workshop (23-25 February 2018, Rosendal, Norway)
  - A writing workshop for the preparation of the first order draft of the summary for policymakers and the second order draft of the chapters of the assessment, 23 to 25 February 2018 in Rosendal, Norway. The workshop was financed by the Government of Norway.
Consultation and capacity-building workshop

- For national focal points, 4-6 June 2018, Bonn

- Aims:
  - To facilitate greater engagement of Governments in the review of the global assessment;
  - to allow for further discussion on the use of the concept of “nature’s contributions to people” within the global assessment; and
  - to hold consultations regarding the draft strategic framework for the second work programme of IPBES.

Global assessment management committee, assessment expert team, and national focal points from 48 countries
Working with partners

- Third capacity-building forum, UNESCO, Paris 25-26 September 2018
  - Collaboration with organizations supporting uptake of the global assessment

- Call for contributions to support global assessment with uptake events issued in May 2019

The IPBES Capacity-building Forum is a key vehicle for increasing engagement and facilitating collaboration among partners for the implementation and further development of the capacity-building rolling plan, and serves as an arena for cooperation between IPBES and other institutions that fund, undertake or otherwise contribute to relevant capacity-building activities.

Photo from first capacity-building forum in Dehradun, India
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Knowledge and Data

Geospatial Data and Analysis
&
Data Management Policy

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In numbers ...

IPBES Global Assessment Chapter 2

Over 340 Spatial Data Layer
- From about 100 sources
- Containing Sensitive information
- In variety of formats
- And different sharing policy

Over 35 workflows
- To perform almost 120 requests
- Reported back in 42 Maps (visual representation)
  and 58 numerical tables (numerical representation)

High Performance Platform
- 200 Terabyte local data storage
- 10 Terabyte remote data backup
- A massive memory machine (1 Terabyte RAM)
- Open source, Transferable, and Reproducible
Flow of tasks

Experts → CLAs → Spatial Data Expert

Request → CODE → Table → Map
An example

Change in the area of land not urban nor cultivated areas within the temperate forests?

A Figure from Chapter 2 - Nature
Another example

IPBES Units of Analysis

- 18 Spatial Data Layer
- 14 Sources
- All public open access
- Variety of formats
- 4 releases with 19 versions
And then all together ....

Data Management Policy
Data Management Policy for IPBES

● Why IPBES has a Data Management Policy
  ○ What is a Data Management Policy?
  ○ What is Data in the IPBES context?

● How different task forces fit into this Data Management Policy

● Not addressing:
  ○ Resources and tools to be developed to help its implementation?
  ○ Who is doing what?
## Policy vs Plan

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Principals

Principles for managing knowledge, information and data in the Platform
(IPBES/3/18, Annex II)

1. **Accessibility.** Free and open access to its deliverables and to the material on which they are based is a core value of the Platform.

1. **Open science.** To ensure that the work of all the researchers and stakeholders involved is fully recognized and properly attributed.
Vision

- Code and Data is
  - Findable
  - Accessible
  - Interoperable (formats)
  - Reusable
- Archived forever
Vision

- Code and Generated Data is
  - Archived for each Milestone (e.g. draft)
  - gets a DOI if publicly available
- Searchable from IPBES website as well as other data search tools and portals
- Well defined Metadata Schemes and Standards
- Open Source tools for data generation & analysis
In IPBES assessments ...

- Synthesise existing data
- No new “data” generated

- Findable
- Accessible
- Reusable
- Annotated (Metadata)
- FAIR

- Open source tools
- Reusable
- Standards and protocols
- Annotated (Metadata)
Responsibilities

- IPBES bureau & MEP (commits to and makes implementation possible)
- K&D Task Force (review, guide)
- K&D Technical Support Unit (assist in, oversee implementation)
- Assessment Experts and Technical Support Unit (provides Data Management Plan and follows it)
Status & Next Steps

- IPBES has a Data Management Policy (13th MEP/Bureau in July 2019)

- Finalisation for 14th MEP/Bureau in February 2020

- Input needed from other task forces to fine-tune
  - Policy
  - Tools
  - Workflows & Templates
Tools and Resources

- Data Management Policy
  - Requirements & Responsibilities to fulfil Policy
    - Data Management Plan Template (Goals and Standards for data management)
    - Well defined and formalised Workflows to achieve these goals
  - List of Tools and Tutorials to make life easier for experts

- Inform new experts about Data Management Policy, workflows, tools, …
At a glance

**Products of external entities**

**Products of the IPBES**

**Knowledge:** Where, What, and How?

**Data**

Accessible, Reusable, Reproducible for Researchers, Next IPBES Programme

Accessible for Users
A data repository, IPBES Portal, ...
Let’s aim to have IPBES data products...

- Archived
- FAIR
- Open
- Transparent
- Traceable

Ana Maria Hernandez Salgar, Chair of @IPBES #FAIRdata and #openscience
Leiden, Netherlands, #BiodiversityNext 22 Oct 2019
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Knowledge Generation Catalysis
What is Knowledge Generation Catalysis?

The work of IPBES is grouped around four complementary functions:

1. **Assessing knowledge (synthesis & critical evaluation of available knowledge)**
2. **Policy support**
3. **Building capacity**
4. **Catalysing the generation of new knowledge**

Although the Platform will not carry out new research to fill knowledge gaps, it will play a vital role in catalysing new research by identifying knowledge gaps and working with partners to prioritize and fill these gaps. The knowledge would come from the scientific community in the natural, social and economic sciences and other knowledge systems.

Guide the generation of knowledge needed for policymaking and decision-making at various scales.
What is BiodivERsA?

A long term partnership in June 2018, BiodivERsA is a network of 39 agencies and ministries from 25 countries programming and funding pan-European research on biodiversity, ecosystem services and Nature-based Solutions on a competitive basis.
Main functions of BiodivERsA

Mapping and foresight

Stakeholder engagement

Knowledge transfer

Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda

Funding joint calls for research

Other activities: alignment, mobility schemes

Launching Joint Calls for medium-sized projects (specific evaluation criteria: policy relevance, societal impact, stakeholder engagement)

9 Calls launched

Close to 250 M€ (total costs)

Incl. 135 M€ (in cash)

Raised by BiodivERsA Partners and the EC

* incl. tentative figures for the 2017 Call
1. The Belmont Forum and BiodivERsA have joined forces to implement the joint programme “BiodivScen”, for supporting international research efforts in the development of scenarios of biodiversity and ecosystem services.

2. The joint international call (cofounded by The European Commission - ERA-NET COFUND) for research proposals on scenarios of biodiversity and ecosystem services/implementing a research programme on IPBES-identified gaps - together by the Belmont Forum and BiodivERsA (in 2017) - which accounted for the recommendations made by the IPBES methodological assessment.

3. The programme mobilized 26 funding agencies from 23 countries (EU & non-EU) for a total of 28 million € in cash.

4. Fill in a knowledge gap and feedback into future IPBES assessments!
Role of the Knowledge and Data task force in the production of the **global assessment** – knowledge generation catalysis

Previously before a method was that involved **EXTERNAL** identification of KNOWLEDGE GAPS (external from the assessment authors) (i.e. 3 week e-conference with Land Degradation and Restoration): no concrete methodology

The main idea of the knowledge gap identification would be **INTERNAL** with the assessment experts

Methods and guidance to be developed during this meeting with TASK FORCE members (pilot with the Global Assessment)
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**Nature - Key message 16:** Summarizing knowledge gaps – range of topics (systematic literature review)

**Knowledge gaps section @end of most sections** – indicators on ecosystem structure, ecosystem function, community composition, + global indicators (trait-based estimates of functional diversity) and taxonomic groups (insect, fungal and microbial species), Global synthesis of patterns and trends in genetic composition etc.
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**Entire section** - 2.3.5.4 Information gaps

In addition - **Appendix 2**. Section 2.3.5.4 addresses knowledge gap (specific from their systematic literature review/templates)

**Part of key message 4 (embedded), 5 (embedded)**

**Entire key message 15**

Within the target by target analysis or biodiversity-related SDGs analysis

**Entire section** - 3.8 Knowledge gaps and needs for research and capacity-building
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Part of key message and Chapter executive summary

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**APPENDIX 3**

**Knowledge gaps**

In the course of conducting this assessment key information needs were identified. See draft table Appendix IV.

- Data, inventories and monitoring on nature and the drivers of change
- Gaps on biomes and units of analysis
- Taxonomic gaps
- NCP-related gaps
- Links between nature, nature's contributions to people and drivers with respect to targets and goals
- Integrated scenarios and modelling studies
- Potential policy approaches
- Indigenous peoples and local communities

Synthesized
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APPENDIX 4
Draft table of knowledge gaps

Disclaimer: This table of knowledge gaps was prepared by the experts of the Global Assessment and presented to and considered by a working group established by the Plenary at its seventh session. The Plenary did not approve this table as part of the summary for policymakers. It is therefore included in draft form, which does not imply working group or Plenary approval.

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| Data, Inventories and monitoring on nature and the drivers of change | • Data on ecosystem processes (including rates of change) that underpin nature’s contributions to people and ecosystem health  
• Data from monitoring of ecosystem condition (generally less well represented than ecosystem extent)  
• Data on changing interactions among organisms and taxa  
• Impacts of increasing CO₂ upon the total Net Primary Production of marine systems, and consequences for ecosystem function and nature’s contributions to people  
• Syntheses of how human impacts affect organismal traits and global patterns and trends in genetic composition  
• Data on extinction risks and population trends, especially for insects, parasites and fungal and microbial species  
• Indicators on the global extent and consequences of biotic homogenization, including genetic homogenization  
• Global spatial datasets on key threats, e.g., data on patterns in the intensity of unsustainable exploitation of species and ecosystems  
• More comprehensive understanding of how human-caused changes to any Essential Biodiversity Variable class (e.g., ecosystem structure) have impacts on others (e.g., community composition) and on nature’s contributions to people  
• Data gaps in key inventories: World Database on Protected Areas, the World Database of Key Biodiversity Areas™, red lists of threatened species and ecosystems, and the Global Biodiversity Information Facility  
• Monitoring of many listed species in the Convention on International Trade In Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora.  
• Monitoring of the long-term effects of dumped waste, especially radioactive material and plastics  
• Data on the impacts of war and conflict on nature and nature’s contributions to people |
| Gaps on biomes and units of analysis         | • Inventories on under-studied ecosystems: freshwater, Arctic, marine/ocean, seabed, and wetlands  
• Inventories in soil, benthic and freshwater environments, and the implications for ecosystem functions |
| Taxonomic gaps                               | • Basic data on many taxa (86 per cent of existing species on Earth and 91 per cent of species in the ocean still await description)  
• Extinction risks and population trends for the following taxonomic groups: insects, fungal species, microbial species (microorganisms) and parasites |
1. Work on further **guidance for assessments** in terms of knowledge gap identification – consistent methods of reporting, differences between methodological vs. thematic assessments, template for reporting gaps with short rationale, scale of gap(s):
   A. First order draft of Invasive Alien Species
   B. Second order drafts of Sustainable Use and Values
   C: Three priority topics

2. Discussion and piloting of methods for the **1-day web conference** (Global Assessment)

3. Piloting methods and approach for **follow up to the web conference**
   A. Bi-lateral meetings between funding agencies and IPBES experts to feed into the definition of research priorities
   B. Presentations upon invitation by IPBES authors of these gaps at meetings of potential funders and of organisations setting priorities
   C. Physical meetings involving funding agencies where there is a customized approach (preferable)
ROLE OF THE TASK FORCES
IN THE PRODUCTION OF THE GLOBAL ASSESSMENT
INDIGENOUS AND LOCAL KNOWLEDGE SYSTEMS
IPBES recognises the importance of indigenous and local knowledge to the conservation and sustainable use of ecosystems.

Deliverable 1(c): Procedures, approaches and participatory processes for working with indigenous and local knowledge systems.

Now Objective 3b: Enhanced recognition of and work with indigenous and local knowledge systems.

Task force and technical support unit.

Progress through pollination, regional, land degradation assessments.


Operationalized by the Global Assessment.

Draft methodological guidance – work with ILK and participation by IPLCs (participatory mechanism).
ILK Methods in Assessments

- Scoping
- Authors (inc lead authors / contributing authors)
- ILK liaison group
- Key ILK questions
- Literature reviews (peer reviewed and grey, >5000 publications reviewed for GA)
- Face-to-face dialogues (initial and for reviews)
- Side events and other information sharing activities
Dialogues and events for the GA

- UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues 16 and 17 (2017 & 2018, New York, USA)
- Society of Ethnobiology (2017, Montreal, Canada)
- Human rights and Conservation (2017, Eldoret, Kenya)
- CBD SBSTTA 21 and 8(j) 10th meeting (2017, Montreal, Canada)
- Conservation and Livelihoods CCRN/IUCN (2018, Halifax, Canada)
- Arctic Dialogue (2018 Helsinki, Finland, 2018)
- ISE16 Congress, Belem+30 (2018, Belem, Brazil)
ILK Methods in Assessments (continued)

- Online call for contributions (363 contributions from over 60 countries, and over 1200 bibliographic resources for GA)
- Library (now more than 2500 entries) and roster (300+ names)
- FPIC
- Sharing the results and outreach
- Catalyzing new research
Support Global Assessment

• Support chapter 4 and 5 author teams
  – Support literature review and analysis
  – Scenario and modelling experts
  – Contribute to writing
  – Consistency between chapters

• Facilitate analyses of Shared Socio-economic pathways: the BES-SIM project
Systematic Literature review

- Search of literature (WoS & Scopus), importing, cleaning (~6700)
- Coordination of
  - screening
  - Development of review spreadsheet
  - review
- Collection of reviews (continuous)
- Development of automated workflow to continuously check and analyse the reviews
- Development of automated analysis and graphing workflows
Figure 2. Future trends of selected indicators in terrestrial (A), marine (B) and freshwater ecosystems (C), based on global scale scenarios referenced in the literature database (appendix 1), all drivers combined. The results are extracted from scenarios with increasing pressures from direct drivers (all climate change scenarios and business-as-usual scenarios for resource exploitation, land-use change and pollution). The selected scenarios were at global scale. Regional/local scale scenarios were not considered, as they are not available in the literature database.
## Scenario archetypes approach in all assessments

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The BES-SIM project

- Aim: consistent global scenario analysis for biodiversity and ecosystem services
- Joint co-operation of 11 biodiversity models groups; 5 ecosystem services models.
- Workshops on ‘Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services scenarios for IPBES using the Shared Socio-economic Pathways (SSPs), 4-6 October 2017 iDiv, Leipzig; 10-11 January, 2018 Cambridge UK
- Publications: Kim et al., 2018; Di Marco et al., 2019; Baisero et al., 2019; Ohashi et al., in press; Chaplin-Kramer et al., 2019; Thuiller et al., 2019; Schipper et al., 2019, others in preparation
The BES-SIM scenarios

Shared Socioeconomic Pathways

- SSP1: Sustainability
- SSP2: Middle of the Road
- SSP3: Regional Rivalry
- SSP4: Inequality
- SSP5: Fossil-fueled Development

Previous scenarios:

Archetypes:
- Economic Optimism
- Regional Competition
- Global Sustainability

Legend:
- Ens: Initial condition ensemble
- LTE: Long-term extension
- OS: Overshoot

Tier 1

Tier 2

Scenarios 29-10-2019

Rob Alkemade
Plausible futures - Scenarios

**Economic optimism**
- rapid economic growth
- low regulation
- SSP5- RCP 8.5: medium land-use, high climate

**Regional competition**
- strong trade and other barriers
- growing gap between rich and poor
- SSP3-RCP 6: medium climate, high land-use

**Global sustainability**
- Proactive environmental policy
- Sustainable production and consumption
- SSP1-RCP 2.6: low climate, low land-use pressure
Projected changes in biodiversity and nature’s material and regulating benefits, due to climate & land use change by 2050

Based on 11 biodiversity models
And 5 ecosystem services models

Rob Alkemade
Chapter 5 support

- Literature

- Target seeking scenarios:
Plausible scenarios, which include transformative change, are compatible with the 2030 sustainability objectives and the 2050 Vision for Biodiversity.

Changes in production and consumption of energy and food
Low to moderate population growth
Nature-friendly and socially fair climate adaptation and mitigation
ROLE OF THE TASK FORCES IN THE PRODUCTION OF THE GLOBAL ASSESSMENT
POLICY SUPPORT TOOLS AND METHODOLOGIES
Policy support tools and methodologies

- Under the first IPBES work programme 2014-2018, work was carried out by an expert group, authors from completed assessments and strategic partners.

- Work focused on 2 tasks:
  - Policy support gateway [http://demo.ipbes.net/policy-support](http://demo.ipbes.net/policy-support)
  - Guidance for assessment authors
What do we mean by policy support tools and methodologies

Policy support tools and methodologies are approaches and techniques based on science and other knowledge systems, including indigenous and local knowledge, that can inform, assist and enhance relevant decisions, policy-making and implementation at the local, national, regional and international levels to protect nature, thereby promoting nature’s contributions to people and a good quality of life.

IPBES core glossary: https://www.ipbes.net/glossary
The policy support gateway aims to facilitate access to policy support tools and methodologies, case studies of their use and the assessment of individual and groups of tools.

How is the gateway used by IPBES assessment authors?

1. A starting point of which tools and methodologies have already been assessed within IPBES

2. Following the completion of the assessments and approval process by Plenary, information on tools and methodologies included, is uploaded into the gateway.
Policy support tools and methodologies

- **Guidance for assessment authors**
  - The guidance focuses on how to assess policy instruments and facilitate the use of policy support tools and methodologies through IPBES assessments
  - Builds on the experiences of the completed assessments
  - Consists of four sections
    i. Context and purpose of the guidance
    ii. Scope and definitions
    iii. Assessing policy instruments, support tools and methodologies within an IPBES assessment
    iv. Linking to the policy support gateway
Welcome to the joint meeting of IPBES task forces

11-14 November 2019
Bonn, Germany

www.ipbes.net
Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services
Anne Larigauderie
Executive Secretary

Joint meeting of IPBES task forces
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The new IPBES work programme up to 2030

A few important points:

- The new work programme is “rolling”! (possibility to add new topics later)

- It is entirely based on requests from Governments, multilateral environmental agreements (CBD, CITES, Ramsar, CMS, UNCCD, WHC), and many other stakeholders

- It will include assessments and many other types of activities
The IPBES work programme up to 2030

- The new IPBES work programme will inform transformative change
- 3 new topics:

**Topic 1:** Understanding the importance of biodiversity in achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development:

Topic 1 will look at the interlinkages (Nexus) among biodiversity, water, food and health and climate change, with a view to informing the development of policies and actions;

**Topic 2:** Understanding the underlying causes of biodiversity loss and determinants of transformative change to achieve the 2050 vision for biodiversity:

Topic 2 will aim at understanding and identifying factors in human society at both the individual and collective levels, including behavioural, social, cultural, economic, institutional, technical and technological dimensions, that can be leveraged to bring about transformative change in favour of biodiversity;

**Topic 3:** Measuring business impact and dependence on biodiversity and nature’s contributions to people:

Topic 3 will categorize the ways in which businesses depend on, and impact, biodiversity and nature’s contributions to people; and work on criteria and indicators for measuring this dependence and impact.
The IPBES work programme up to 2030: 6 objectives

- **6 objectives**
  - Objective 1: assessing knowledge
  - Objective 2: building capacity
  - Objective 3: strengthening the knowledge foundations
  - Objective 4: supporting policy
  - Objective 5: communicating and engaging
  - Objective 6: improving the effectiveness of the Platform
## Overall objective of IPBES

To strengthen the science-policy interface for biodiversity and ecosystem services for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, long-term human well-being and sustainable development.

## Policy framework of the rolling work programme up to 2030

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including the Sustainable Development Goals, the biodiversity-related conventions and other biodiversity and ecosystem services processes.

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(*) Specific deliverables to be developed by task forces

Objective 1: implemented as 4 initial deliverables (3 assessments + 1 paper on biodiversity and climate change)

Objectives 2, 3 and 4: implemented by 5 task forces (specific deliverables to be developed by task forces)
Objective 1: Assessing Knowledge

To assess the state of knowledge on biodiversity and nature’s contributions to people in support of sustainable development.

The objective will be achieved through these 4 initial deliverables:

- Deliverable 1 (a): A thematic assessment of the interlinkages among biodiversity, water, food and health (nexus)
- Deliverable 1 (b): A paper on the interlinkage between biodiversity and climate change (biodiversity and climate change) with IPCC; for CBD-COP 15 and UNFCCC-COP 26
- 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)
- Deliverable 1 (d): A methodological assessment of the impact and dependence of business on biodiversity and nature’s contributions to people (business and biodiversity)
Indicative timeline of initial assessments

Year 1  Year 2  Year 3

Year 1  Year 2  Year 3

Scoping  Year 1  Year 2  Year 3  Year 4

Scoping  Year 1  Year 2  Year 3

Scoping  Year 1  Year 2

2019-20

Sustainable use of wild species

Values

Invasive alien species

Biodiversity, water, food and health (Nexus)

Determinants of transformative change

Business and biodiversity

Paper on biodiversity and climate change
On-going scoping processes for 2 new assessments

- **Scoping processes on-going for the nexus and transformative change assessments:**
  - Calls for nomination of scoping experts open **from 5 August to 15 October 2019**
  - Pre-scoping online conferences to seek input for the scoping process:
    - **30 September – 2 October 2019:** nexus assessment
    - **9 – 11 October 2019:** transformative change assessment
  - Scoping meetings:
    - **24-17 March 2020:** nexus assessment
    - **21-24 April 2020:** transformative change assessment
  - External review of draft scoping reports
  - Scoping reports considered by IPBES 8 (Feb 2021)
5 task forces to implement 2030 rolling work programme

- General terms of reference (common to the 5 task forces):

- In carrying out its work, each task force will:
  (a) Ensure that all its activities draw on, **build on** and complement **existing experience**;
  (b) Perform activities that specifically **address the** relevant prioritized **topics and objectives** set out in the rolling **work programme up to 2030**, in support of the overall objective and four functions of IPBES;
  (c) Provide a regular progress report and, in consultation with the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel and the Bureau, **develop and update a workplan** that sets out clear **milestones and deliverables** with regard to the relevant topics and objectives of the rolling work programme up to 2030 for periodic consideration by the Plenary;
  (d) Advise the Bureau and the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel on issues pertaining to its mandate across the rolling work programme up to 2030;
  (e) Advise the Bureau on the identification of new strategic partners and collaborative supporters;
  (f) Encourage the direct involvement of its members, as appropriate, in activities of other IPBES task forces and expert groups to foster the coherent implementation of the rolling work programme up to 2030 through the four functions of IPBES.
Task force on capacity-building (concept note 3a)

To oversee and implement objective 2 (“Building capacity”) with the support of technical support unit on capacity-building at Norwegian Environment Agency; guide the secretariat in implementing the **Capacity-building rolling plan** (decision IPBES-5/1, 2017)

- **Strategy 1: Learning and engagement**
  - Continue the fellowship programme
  - Convene capacity-building activities in support of all IPBES functions
  - Convene meetings of IPBES national focal points to support review of assessments’ drafts

- **Strategy 2: Facilitating access to expertise and information**
  - Promote uptake of completed assessments and guides
  - Promote involvement of strategic partners and collaborative supporters

- **Strategy 3: Strengthening national and regional capacities**
  - Encourage establishment of national platforms
  - Promote national assessments

- Convene the capacity-building forum on a regular basis
- Develop the capacity-building web portal
To oversee and implement the **objective 3 (b) “Enhanced recognition of and work with indigenous and local knowledge systems”** with the support of TSU on indigenous and local knowledge at UNESCO, including by: supporting the MEP in implementing the **Approach to recognizing and working with ILK in IPBES** (decision IPBES-5/1).

- **For assessments**
  - Collaboratively define problems; Include in the assessment evidence on ILK; engage IPLCs in the review process; share insights gained from assessment
- **For knowledge and data**
  - Help identify experts; facilitate access to ILK; provide advice on specificities of ILK in this work
- **For supporting policy**
  - Reflect on tools relevant to IPLCs in IPBES assessments
- **For building capacity**
  - Build capacity for implementation of the approach; promote collaboration with relevant organizations
- **For the participatory mechanism**
  - Provide a web-based platform to facilitate engagement of IPLCs; continue to promote dialogue with IPLCs to mobilize input and disseminate results; work with partners
To oversee and implement the objective 3 (a) “Advanced work on knowledge and data” with the support of the TSU on knowledge and data at Senckenberg Society for Nature Research, Germany (data) and at biodivERsA (knowledge) by:

a) Supporting assessment experts in **identifying, prioritizing and mobilizing existing knowledge and data** needed for IPBES assessments;

b) Guiding the secretariat in the **management of the data, information and knowledge used in IPBES products**, including the development of the web-based infrastructure, to ensure their **long-term availability and data interoperability**;

c) Supporting the Bureau and the MEP in reviewing the knowledge needs and gaps identified through IPBES assessments and other IPBES deliverables and in **catalysing the generation of new knowledge and data**.

**Knowledge (catalyse the generation of new knowledge)**
- Oversee the identification of knowledge gaps
- Prepare and hold regular e-conferences to inform on identified gaps
- Follow up on opportunities identified

**Data**
- Development and implementation of a data management policy
- Support to IPBES (authors of assessments) with data products (maps, indicators, etc.)
Task force on scenarios and models (concept note 3d)

To oversee and implement the objective 4 (b) “Advanced work on scenarios and models of biodiversity and ecosystem functions and services” with the support of TSU on scenarios and models of biodiversity and ecosystem services at PBL - The Netherlands Environment Assessment Agency

- Activity 1: Supporting the use of scenarios and models in IPBES assessments
- Activity 2: Catalyzing the development of scenarios & models by the broader scientific community
  - New scenarios
    - Define a set of visions for nature’s futures through participatory dialogues
    - Develop quantitative scenarios from these visions
    - Mobilise the scientific community to model the impact of these scenarios (developed from the visions) on nature and nature’s contributions to people
  - Collaboration with IPCC on the use of the Shared Socioeconomic Pathways
To oversee and implement the objective 4 (a) “Advanced work on policy instruments, policy support tools and methodologies” with the support of TSU on policy tools and methodologies at UNEP-WCMC

- **Further development of the IPBES policy support gateway**
  - Interactive web tool for decision-makers
  - Would present policy support tools and methodologies identified in IPBES assessments

- **Further development of methodological guidance to support assessments in considering policy support tools**
  - Develop procedures including for developing, uploading and updating content; for validating content
  - Develop ways to engage the community at large to develop content
  - Build capacity of decision-makers to use the gateway