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Notification: Report of the IPBES workshop on biodiversity and pandemics now available in laid-out format

Dear IPBES members, observers and other interested stakeholders

You will recall that, considering the extraordinary situation caused by the novel Coronavirus and given the role that IPBES can play in strengthening the knowledge base on biodiversity links of current and future pandemics such as COVID-19, IPBES had organized a virtual Platform workshop on the link between biodiversity and pandemics, from 27-31 July 2020 (see notification [EM/2020/09](#) for further information).

I am pleased to announce that the full workshop report is now available in a laid-out format here: <https://ipbes.net/pandemics>

It is composed of an executive summary, five sections, references and annexes. A non-laid out version of the report had been released on 29 October 2020.

The workshop report mainly supports the scoping of the nexus assessment, while other ongoing scoping processes and assessments may be informed by the workshop report where relevant and appropriate. In line with the procedures for Platform workshops, it contains a prominent disclaimer that the workshop report and any recommendations or conclusions contained therein have not been reviewed, endorsed or approved by the IPBES Plenary.

I thank you for your continued support to IPBES.

Yours sincerely



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