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Dear IPBES members, observers and other interested stakeholders,

In the context of the IPBES Fellowship Programme, and in parallel to the call for nominations of experts sent on 23 April 2018 ([EM/2018/06](#)), we would like to invite governments, relevant institutions and organizations to nominate fellows for:

- a) the methodological assessment regarding the diverse conceptualization of multiple values of nature and its benefits, hereafter referred to as “the assessment on values” (Based on a scoping document set out in [annex VI to decision IPBES-4/1](#)); and
- b) the thematic assessment of the sustainable use of wild species (Based on a scoping document set out in [annex IV to decision IPBES-5/1](#)).

Selected fellows will take part as authors in the chapter of the assessment they are selected for. They will attend author meetings and receive training to gain an in-depth understanding of the IPBES assessment processes. They will also be paired up with a mentor for the assessment period.

The IPBES Fellowship Programme targets early career experts who wish to gain experience by participating in the work of IPBES. Expertise of candidates should match the needs of one of the two assessments, and be in line with the themes and skills required in the chapters of their respective scoping documents (please see footnotes 1 and 2 to access the scoping documents).

Nominated fellows should have expertise in one or more disciplines of natural science, social science or the humanities, be indigenous and local knowledge experts or have expertise in indigenous and local knowledge systems, or be policy experts and practitioners. All nominees should have experience in working within interdisciplinary, international and/or global contexts.

We are particularly looking for fellows with a scientific and/or practical background in: ecological and environmental economics, environmental and sustainability sciences, environmental ethics and philosophy, environmental sociology and anthropology, environmental psychology and behavioral science, environmental history, science and technology studies, political ecology, human geography, human ecology, cultural ecology, environmental policy and law, political sciences and trade, and from other fields related to integrative approaches to human-nature relations and linking knowledge to policy and practice.

Governments and organizations are invited to nominate women as well as men with a diversity of disciplinary backgrounds in order to ensure a balanced team of fellows.

Please follow this procedure to nominate fellows:

1. Nominees are invited to fill out the application form and attach their curriculum vitae through the [dedicated web portal](#)
2. The nominating government or organization (Nominator) indicated by the Nominee will receive an email with a link to the nomination form and will be invited to approve and submit the nominations in the web portal.
3. Nominators and Nominees will receive a confirmation via email once the nomination has been duly submitted.

Nominating organizations or institutions are not required to have been admitted to the Plenary of IPBES as an observer. Please help us to disseminate this call for nominations of experts widely to relevant institutions and organizations.

Interested fellows (Nominees) are encouraged to contact their IPBES National Focal Point (<https://www.ipbes.net/national-focal-points>) regarding any country-specific processes or deadlines and are requested to fill out their application form by no later than **8 June 2018**. Nominators (governments or organizations) should approve the applications and submit their nominations by **18 June 2018**. Early nominations ahead of the deadline are encouraged. Fellows will be selected by the respective management teams, which includes the co-chairs of the assessment and members of the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel. Fellows will be informed of their selection in **July/August 2018**.

All nominated experts need to be available to attend their respective assessment's first author meeting, which are scheduled as follows (venues for these meetings will be communicated in due course):

- Assessment on values: 17-21 September 2018;
- Assessment of sustainable use of wild species: 24-28 September 2018.

More information on the IPBES Fellowship Programme can be found [here](#).

I thank you in advance for your nominations and your continued support to IPBES.

Yours sincerely,



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