THE IPBES ASSESSMENT PROCESS

An expert evaluation of the state of knowledge for policy

BEGIN

01 Request and scope
- Initial scoping
- Prioritization of requests
- Requests for assessment topics
- Selection of experts for detailed scoping
- Detailed scoping
- The Plenary approves the scoping report

02 Expert evaluation
- Establishment of a management committee and technical support unit
- Annotated outline and zero-order draft chapters, 1st author meeting
- Internal peer-review of draft chapters
- External expert peer review
- Iterative development of chapters and SPM drafts, 2nd author meeting
- Review of drafts by governments and relevant stakeholders
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