THE IPBES ASSESSMENT PROCESS

An expert evaluation of the state of knowledge for policy

01 Request and scope
- Initial scoping
- Request for assessment topics
- Collection of requests for assessment topics
- Initial prioritization of requests
- Prioritization of 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
- 1st order draft chapters
- External expert peer review
- Iterative development of chapters and SPM drafts, 2nd author meeting
- Final drafts validation
- Development of final draft chapters and SPM, 3rd author meeting
- Review of drafts by governments and relevant stakeholders

03 Approval and acceptance of the final assessment report
- The Plenary accepts the full assessment report
- Plenary accepts final drafts
- Plenary approves the SPM line by line
- Plenary approves the SPM line by line
- Submission of comments to final drafts
- Annotated outline and zero-order draft chapters, 1st author meeting
- Iterative development of chapters and SPM drafts, 2nd author meeting
- Development of final draft chapters and SPM, 3rd author meeting
- Review of drafts by governments and relevant stakeholders

04 Use of the final assessment findings
- Launch of the full assessment
- Communication strategy development
- Communication strategy development
- Support the use of assessment findings
- Local implementation of final assessment findings
- Support the use of assessment findings
- Iterative development of chapters and SPM drafts, 2nd author meeting
- Development of final draft chapters and SPM, 3rd author meeting
- Review of drafts by governments and relevant stakeholders

Plenary accepts the assessment chapters
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Requests for assessment topics
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Detailed scoping
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