



# IPBES capacity-building

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# IPBES in a nutshell

- Intergovernmental science-policy **P**latform on **B**iodiversity and **E**cosystem **S**ervices
- **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.
- Established in 2012 as an independent intergovernmental body
- 146 member States
- Secretariat hosted by Germany in Bonn



# Four functions

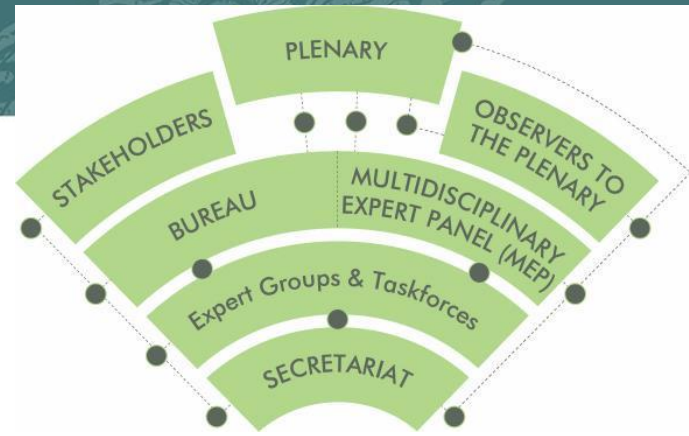
To perform **assessments** of knowledge  
(synthesis & critical evaluation of  
available knowledge)

To **support policy** formulation and  
implementation

To **build capacity**

To identify and prioritize key scientific  
**gaps** in knowledge, and catalyze efforts  
to fill gaps

# IPBES structure



Plenary



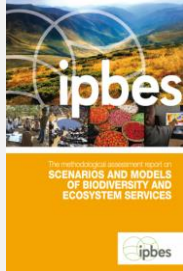
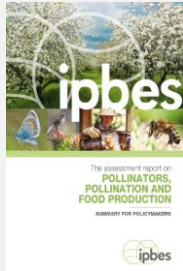
Experts





# Establishing the knowledge base for decision making

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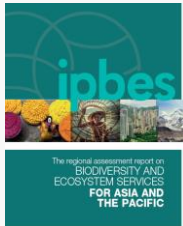
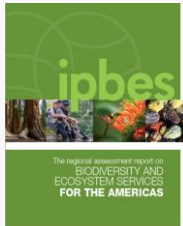
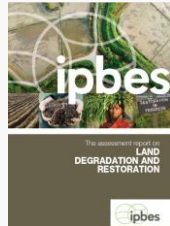
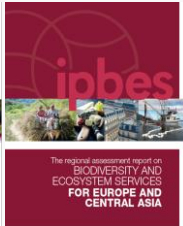
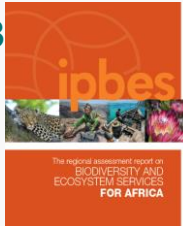


2019

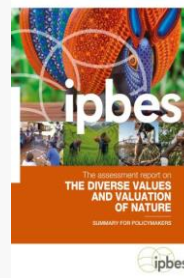
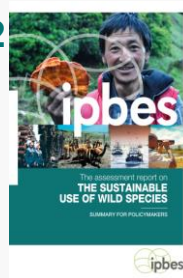


- 11 reports
- 2,800 experts

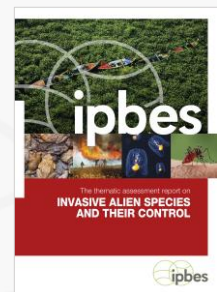
2018



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# IPBES global assessment

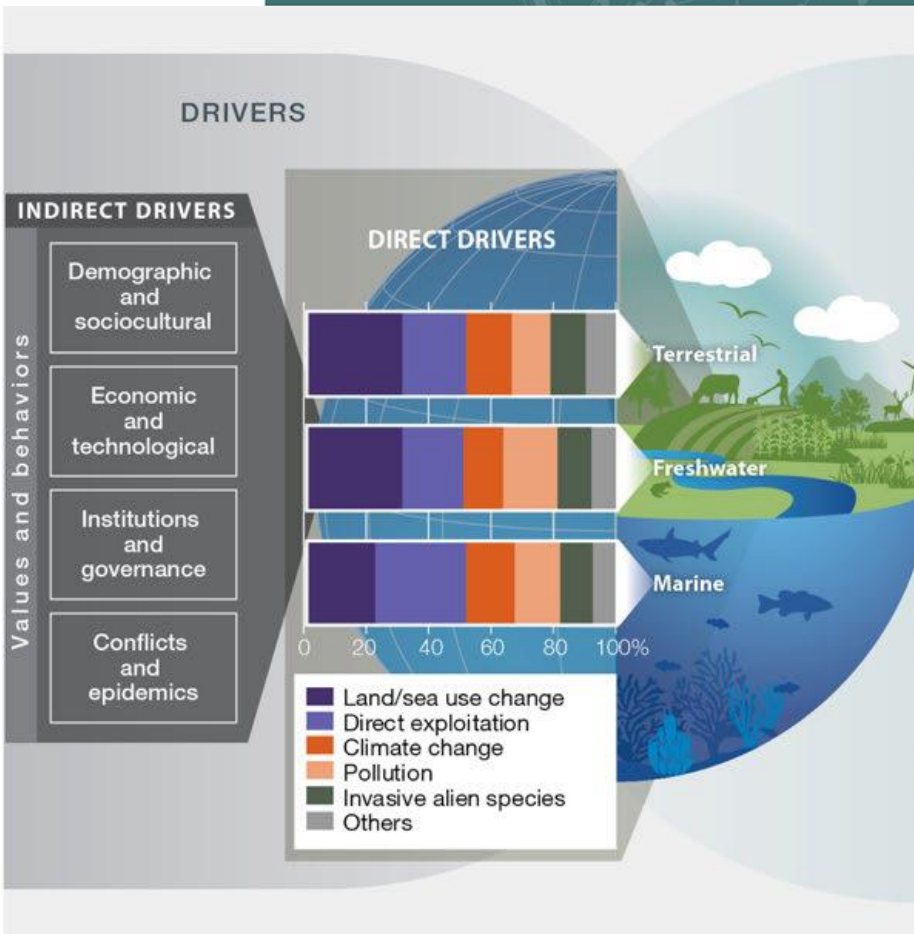


Figure 2 in Summary for policymakers of the Global Assessment Report on biodiversity and ecosystem services (2019)

# Building capacity

**Objective 2: To build capacities of individuals and institutions for a strengthened science-policy interface for biodiversity and ecosystem services**

- 2(a) – Enhanced learning and engagement**
- 2(b) – Facilitated access to expertise and information**
- 2(c) – Strengthened national and regional capacities**



IPBES capacity-building task force

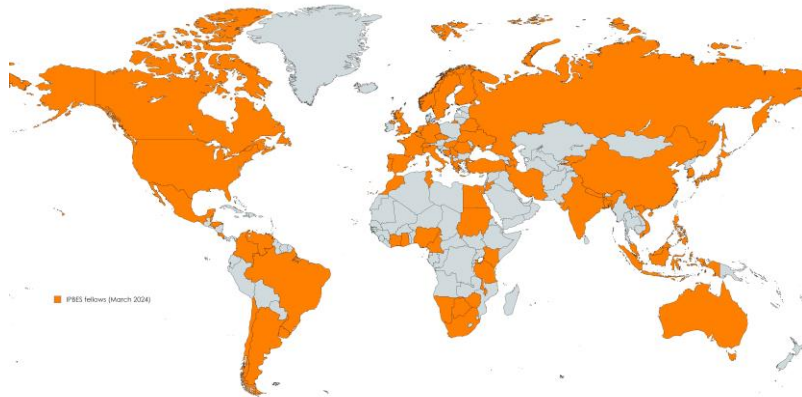
- IPBES work programme up to 2030 ([Annex I to decision IPBES- 7/1 found in IPBES/7/10](#))
- IPBES capacity-building rolling plan ([ipbes.net/building-capacity](http://ipbes.net/building-capacity))
- Information on work related to building capacity [IPBES/10/INF/9](#)
- Workplan for objective 2: building capacity for the intersessional period 2023-24 ([IPBES-10/1, annex III](#))





# Fellowship programme

- Aims at developing the capacities of early career individuals through participating as authors in assessments
- Training and mentoring programme
- Alumni network
- Pro-bono, but fellows from eligible countries can receive travel support
- Initiated in 2015. Comprises 131 fellows from 67 countries.



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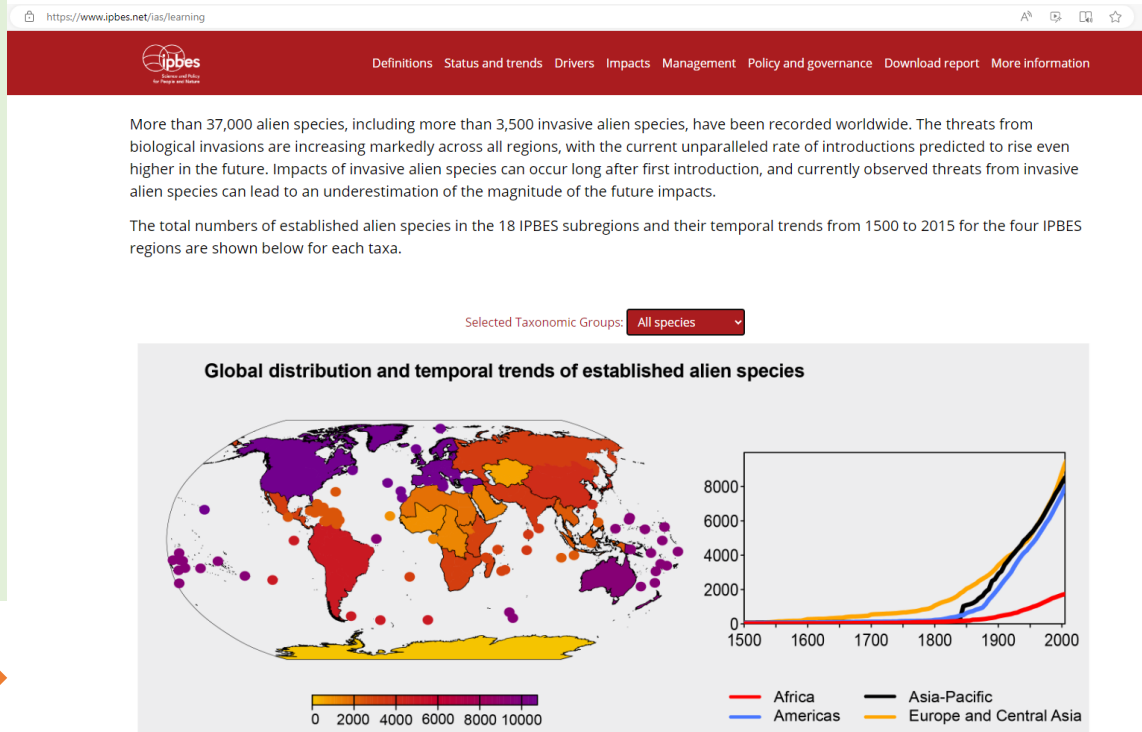




# Training and familiarization programme

- Face to face training and e-learning resources.
- All e-learning resources are made publicly available on the IPBES webpage.
- Webinars, pilot educational interface, guides, best practices.
- Provision of (non-monetary) support to relevant training activities tailored to IPBES needs, developed by other organizations.
- Youth workshops.

New online learning tool:  
[www.ipbes.net/ias/learning](http://www.ipbes.net/ias/learning)



# Dialogue meetings

- **Science-policy dialogue meetings with Governments and stakeholders**
  - Bring together IPBES national focal points and other Government representatives to engage in dialogue with IPBES experts on key IPBES deliverables and processes
  - Face to face or online meetings
  - Informal in nature
  - Intended outcome: Strengthened policy-relevance of IPBES products and deliverables. Facilitated knowledge sharing, peer-learning and networking among national focal points. Strengthened stakeholder engagement with IPBES



IPBES national focal point dialogue meeting, Bergen, Norway, Dec. 2023

# IPBES capacity-building forum

- The IPBES capacity-building forum is a key vehicle for facilitating engagement, building cooperation and further enhancing collaboration among organizations and institutions supporting the work on capacity-building under IPBES.
- **Next meeting: 14-15 October**  
Trondheim, Norway: “building capacities in support of the second global assessment of IPBES”





# Communities of practice

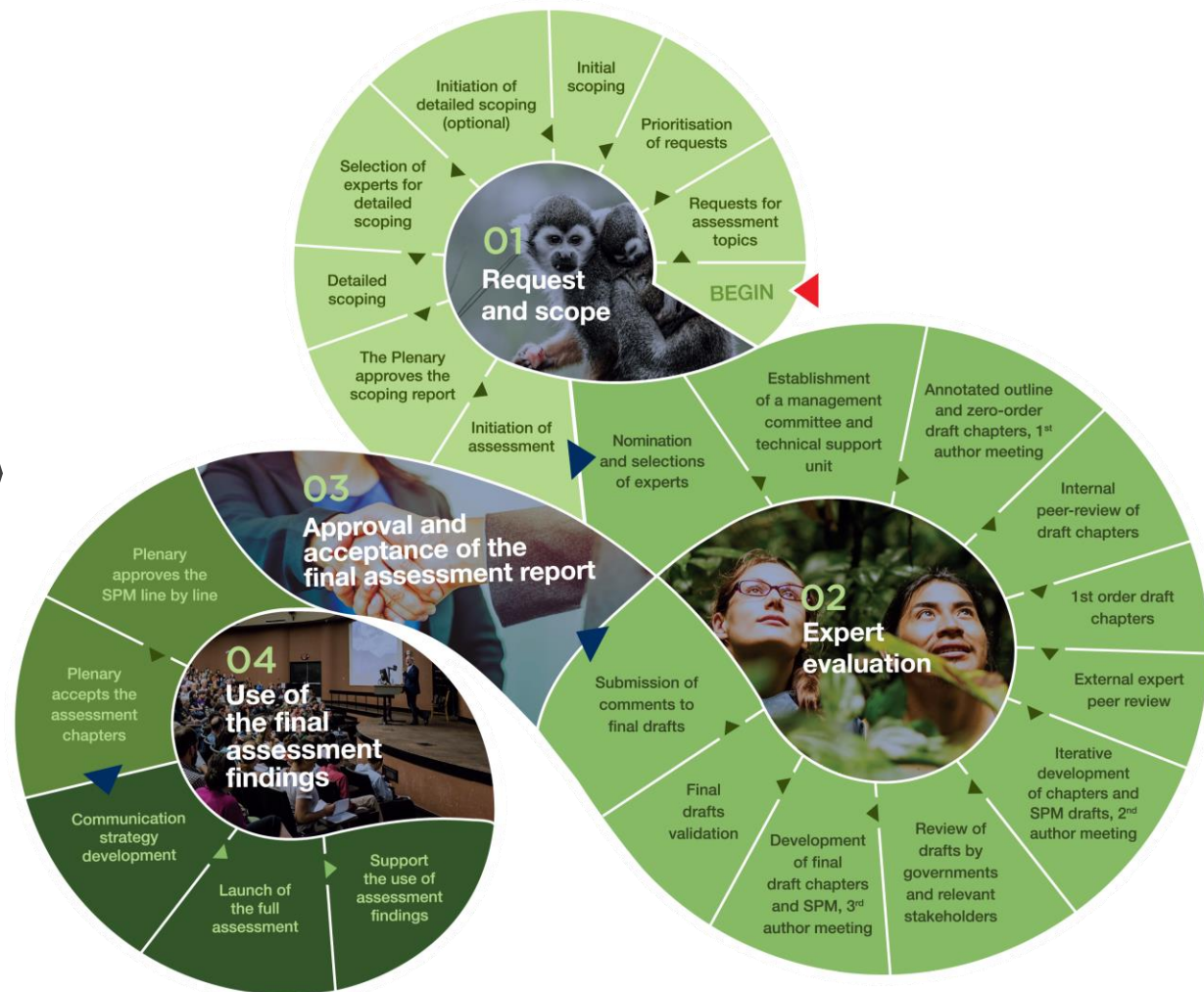
Engage with and contribute to the work of IPBES through:

- Identification, nomination and mobilisation of experts and other stakeholders to **take part in the production, review and use of IPBES products**;
- Organization of meetings, uptake events and/or workshops to **raise awareness and build capacity** on IPBES and its processes, products and key findings;
- Mobilisation of efforts to **address knowledge gaps** on one or several specific topics identified in IPBES assessments;
- **Provision of information and data** for indicators used in IPBES assessments.
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<https://www.ipbes.net/communities-practice>

Communities of practice are understood in the context of IPBES as groups of experts, policy makers and/or practitioners who work to increase access to expertise and information on a specific topic or focus area, for both supporting implementation of the IPBES work programme and increasing the reach and impact of work programme deliverables. These communities of practice are self-organizing groups and can have different modalities and working arrangements.

# The IPBES assessment process



# Join the external review!

- External review of the **draft scoping report of the 2<sup>nd</sup> global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services** will be open from **27 May – 21 June 2024**:
- Register as a reviewer on the IPBES website: [www.ipbes.net](http://www.ipbes.net)
- Join the dialogue meeting with experts and stakeholders 12 June:
  - First session: 10am – noon CEST
  - Second session: 4pm – 6pm CEST







**Thank you!**  
**¡Gracias!**  
**Merci !**



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