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The Intergovernmental science-policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES), has been established to strengthen the science-policy interface for biodiversity and ecosystem services. The Platform's 124 member states are committed to building IPBES as the leading intergovernmental body for assessing the planet's biodiversity, its essential ecosystem services, and options to improve the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity. IPBES provides policy-relevant but not policy-prescriptive information.

IPBES e-news provides information to all interested stakeholders on progress in the implementation of the first IPBES work programme.

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IPBES-4

The [fourth session of the Plenary of IPBES](#) was hosted by the Government of Malaysia, at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre, from 22 to 28 February 2016. It was preceded by a [meeting of all stakeholders interested in IPBES](#) and by regional consultations in the five UN regions. It was attended by representatives of 97 countries and 59 observers. Please see daily coverage and summary by IISD [here](#). Main outcomes include:

- Approval of the summary for policy makers of the assessments on [pollination, pollinators and food production](#), and on [scenarios and models of biodiversity and ecosystem services](#), and acceptance of their respective chapters and executive summaries (see below);
- Approval of the undertaking of a global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services (see below);
- Approval of the [scoping report for a thematic assessment of invasive alien species and their control](#) (annex III to decision IPBES-4/1). The 5th Plenary of IPBES (2017) will consider its undertaking;
- Decision to further scope the assessment on the sustainable use and conservation of biodiversity. A call for experts is open until 5 May;
- Approval of the scoping report for a methodological assessment of diverse conceptualizations of values and nature's benefits, including ecosystem services (annex IV to decision IPBES-4/1). The 5th Plenary of IPBES (2017) will consider its undertaking;
- Request to continue piloting methods to include indigenous and local knowledge in on-going assessments;
- Request to continue the development of the matchmaking facility, and to hold a second capacity-building forum.

The IPBES assessment on pollinators, pollination and food production

Summary for Policy Makers

This document (annex II to decision IPBES-4/1) is available [here](#).

Individual chapters and their executive summaries

This document (IPBES/4/INF/1/Rev.1) will be posted shortly.

In the media

The pollination assessment was featured in [1,300](#) online news sites in 81 countries and 28 languages, and numerous press articles and radio and TV shows.

The pollination assessment and the CBD

CBD SBSTTA-20 considered the implications of the findings of the pollination assessment for the work of the Convention ([UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/20/9](#)), following a presentation by the authors of that assessment, in plenary. A [side event](#) presenting the key messages of the assessment, co-organized by IPBES and FAO took place on 26 April. See also [UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/20/INF/70](#). SBSTTA prepared a draft decision on the implications of the IPBES assessment on pollinators, pollination and food production for the work of the Convention for consideration by COP at its thirteenth meeting (to be posted [here](#)).

The pollination assessment at UNEA-2

A media round table involving the co-chairs of the pollination assessment, representatives of key media worldwide and high level representatives of governments will take place at [UNEA-2](#).

Next steps

Additional work (presentation, round tables) is being planned, in particular, in the context of the elaboration or release of national action plans regarding pollinators.

The IPBES assessment on scenarios and models of biodiversity and

ecosystem services

Summary for Policy Makers

This document (annex IV to decision IPBES-4/1) is available [here](#).

Individual chapters and their executive summaries

This document (IPBES/4/INF/3/Rev.1) will be posted shortly.

The scenarios and models assessment and the CBD

A [side event](#) presenting the key messages of this assessment, co-organized by IPBES and the CBD secretariat took place on 27 April at CBD SBSTTA 20. SBSTTA prepared a draft decision for consideration by COP at its thirteenth meeting, in which COP would welcome the assessment and encourage further work on scenarios and models in the context of the 5th edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook (to be posted [here](#)). See also [UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/20/13](#) and [UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/20/INF/78](#).

Next steps: Phase 2 of IPBES work on scenarios and models

The Plenary requested further work on scenarios and models, in order to 1) advise on scenario work within on-going IPBES assessments, and 2) catalyse the development of scenarios and associated models by the scientific community ([annex V to decision IPBES-4/1](#)).

The IPBES global assessment on biodiversity and ecosystem services

Scoping report

This document (annex I to decision IPBES-4/1) is available [here](#).

Call for experts and fellows

IPBES is inviting nominations of experts and early career fellows for its global assessment. See [here](#).

The global assessment and the Fifth Edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook of CBD

The IPBES global assessment will form a major contribution to the Global Biodiversity Outlook 5 of CBD. A [side event](#) presenting the scope of this assessment, co-organized by IPBES and the CBD secretariat took place on 27 April at CBD SBSTTA 20. Already at its nineteenth meeting ([Recommendation XIX/5](#)), SBSTTA had recommended to COP a draft decision which foresees that the 5th edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook draw upon the thematic, regional and global assessments of IPBES and its work on scenarios and models. At its twentieth meeting, SBSTTA complemented its guidance on this matter with further recommendations (to be posted here).

The IPBES secretariat convened these meetings

The secretariat has convened the following meetings over the past months:

Date	Meeting	Place
11-13 January	ILK meeting for the Europe and Central Asia assessment	Paris, France
20-21 February	Stakeholder Days before the 4 th Plenary of IPBES	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
22-28 February	4th Plenary of IPBES	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
19-22 April	Capacity building task force	Budapest, Hungary

The IPBES secretariat attended these meetings

The secretariat has attended the following meetings since IPBES-4:

- Global biodiversity assessment and monitoring: Science, data and infrastructure needs for IPBES and beyond. A [Future Earth symposium](#), 6-10 March 2016, Ascona, Switzerland.
- Fifth working session of the [Intergovernmental Technical Panel on Soils \(ITPS\)](#), 14-18 March 2016, Rome, Italy (FAO).
- [Friends of the CBD workshop](#), 21-23 March 2016, Bogis-Bossey, Switzerland.
- Linking climate and biodiversity scenarios and modeling: a UNESCO, CBD, Future Earth workshop. 6-8 April 2016, Paris, France (UNESCO).
- [CBD-SBSTTA 20](#), 25-30 April 2016, Montreal, Canada.

[Calls for experts and reviewers for IPBES assessments](#)

IPBES is inviting nominations: 1) for experts and early career fellows for its global assessment on biodiversity and ecosystem services, and; 2) for experts for the further scoping of its thematic assessment of the sustainable use of biodiversity. Please see [here](#).

The external First Order Draft review by experts of the IPBES thematic assessment on land degradation and restoration and of the four regional assessments (Africa, AsiaPacific, Americas, Europe and Central Asia) on biodiversity and ecosystem services will run for 6 weeks (30 May-11 July 2016). This external peer review process represents an important step for the quality and relevance of the work of IPBES. IPBES is calling for experts to provide on-line review of one or several chapters of these drafts. Please see [here](#).

[Upcoming IPBES meetings](#)

You can find a list of all meetings convened by IPBES to implement its work programme [here](#).

Date	Meeting	Location
June 6-10	7 th MEP & Bureau Meeting	Bonn, Germany
June 10-12	Management Committee Meeting of the Global Assessment (Deliverable 2c)	Bonn, Germany
June 13-17	Knowledge & Data Task Force Meeting (Deliverable 1d)	Bonn, Germany
June 20-24	ILK Task Force Meeting (Deliverable 1c)	Chiang Mai, Thailand
June 27-30	ILK & Asia-Pacific Regional Assessment Dialogue (Deliverable 1c)	Chiang Mai, Thailand
July 11-15 (tbc)	ILK & Americas Regional Assessment Dialogue (Deliverable 1c)	Sucre, Bolivia

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August 15-19	Global Assessment First Author Meeting (Deliverable 2c)	Bonn, Germany
August 22-26	Joint second authors meeting of Regional Assessments (Deliverable 2b) and Land Degradation & Restoration Assessment (Deliverable 3bi)	Bonn, Germany
September 19-23 (tbc)	Forum on Capacity Building (Deliverable 1ab)	New York, USA
October 3-7	Scenario analysis and modelling meeting (Deliverable 3c)	Leipzig, Germany
October 24-28	8 th MEP & Bureau Meeting	Bonn, Germany
November-January (tbc)	Forum on Knowledge Generation (Deliverable 1d)	tbc
January 23-27 (2017) (tbc)	IPBES Fellows Training workshop (Deliverable 1ab)	tbc
March 6-12 2017	IPBES-5	tbc

[The IPBES web site](#)

IPBES launched on the occasion of its fourth Plenary a new web site. The site is being further developed and content added. Please send comments and suggestions to secretariat@ipbes.net

The IPBES secretariat

Two new people joined the [secretariat](#) since January 2016:

Enkhtuya Sereenen joined in January 2016. She is administrative officer, and plays the role of fund management officer for IPBES.

Simone Schiele joined in February 2016. She is associate programme officer, in charge of supporting the implementation of the work programme, with a focus on capacity building needs, capacity development, indigenous and local knowledge, as well as knowledge, information and data.

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