



Belgian IPBES Uptake Event

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State of Play of IPBES

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Outline

1. A bit of background on IPBES
2. Achievements and Impact of IPBES
3. Where next?





1.

What is IPBES?



The Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES)

- IPBES's objective:

To strengthen the science-policy interface for biodiversity and ecosystem services for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, long-term human well-being and sustainable development.

- An independent intergovernmental body, established in 2012 by Governments, with currently 130 Members
- IPBES is currently implementing its first work programme (2014-2018)
- Collaborative partnership arrangement with UNEP, UNESCO, FAO and UNDP
- Secretariat hosted by Germany, in Bonn



What does IPBES do?

The work of IPBES is grouped around four complementary functions:

- **Assessing knowledge (synthesis & critical evaluation of available knowledge)**
 - On specific themes: “Pollinators, Pollination and Food Production” (2016); “Land Degradation and Restoration” (2018), ...
 - On methodological issues: “Scenarios and Models” (2016), “Values” (ongoing)
 - At both the regional and global levels: 4 Regional assessments of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (2018); “Global Assessment of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (2019)
- **Policy support**
 - Identifying policy-relevant tools and methodologies
 - Facilitating their use & catalysing their future development
- **Building capacity**
 - Identifying & meeting priority capacity needs of IPBES Members, experts & stakeholders.
- **Catalysing the generation of new knowledge**
 - Identifying and communicating gaps in knowledge to help fill gaps

The overall policy context

- The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable development (Sustainable Development Goals)
- The Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, and the post 2020 Strategic Plan
- The Paris Agreement on Climate Change



How is IPBES Structured?

Plenary: Decision-making body

Responsible for the overall work programme, working through Bureau and MEP



Bureau

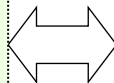
Responsible for overseeing the **administrative** functions of IPBES

Multidisciplinary Expert Panel (MEP)

Responsible for carrying out the **scientific** and **technical** functions of the work programme,



Expert groups for assessments, policy support tools and other studies



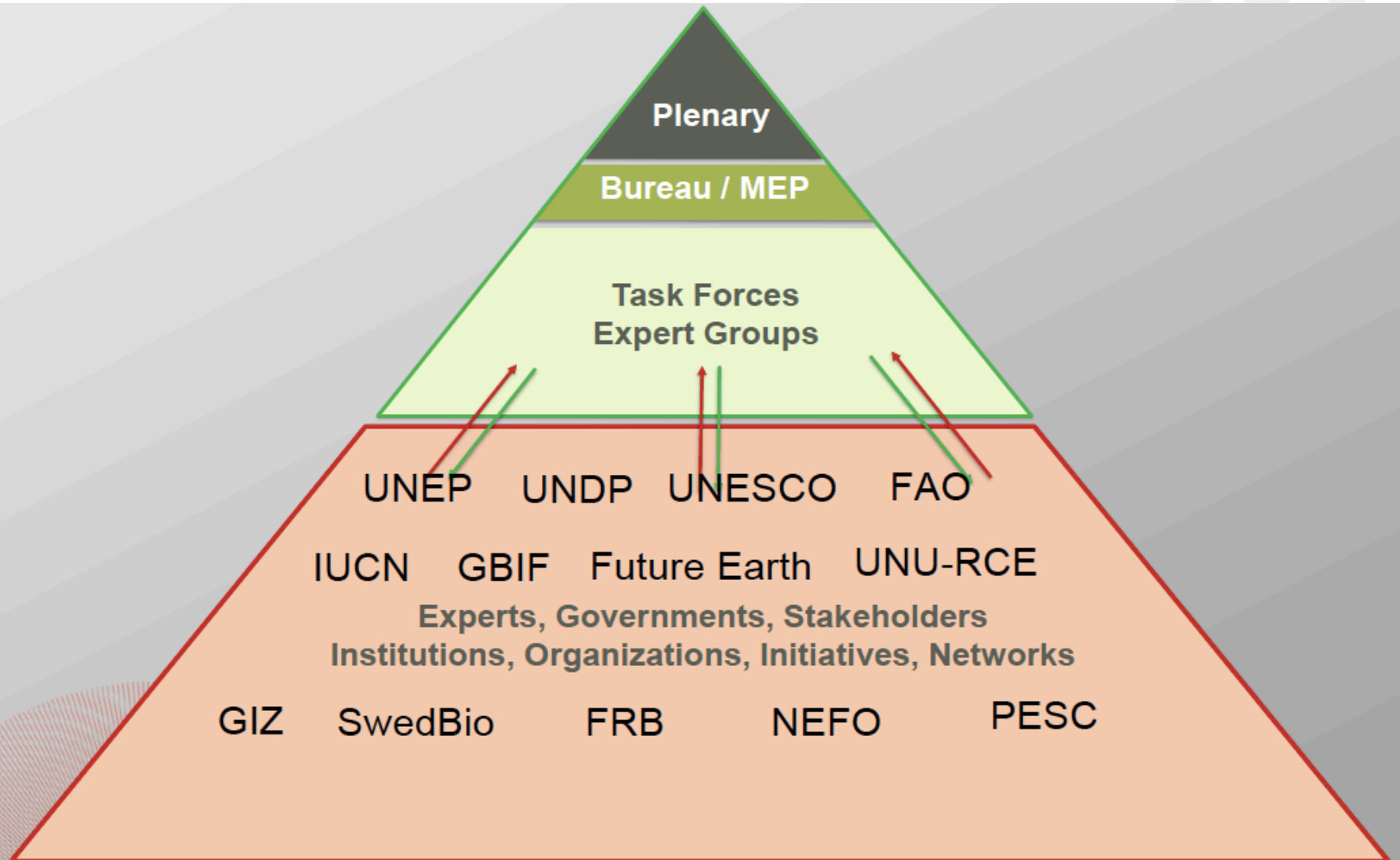
Task forces on capacity-building, knowledge and data, and indigenous and local knowledge



Secretariat (including Technical Support Units)



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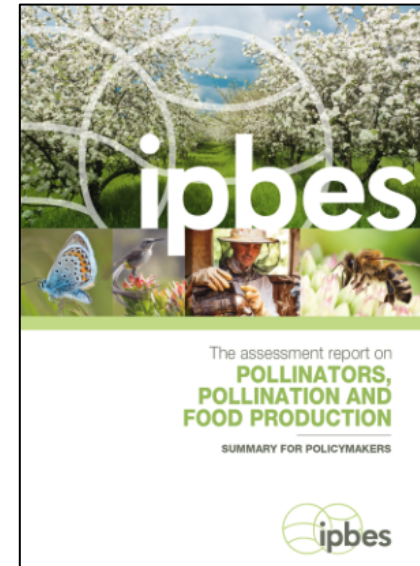


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Achievements and Impact

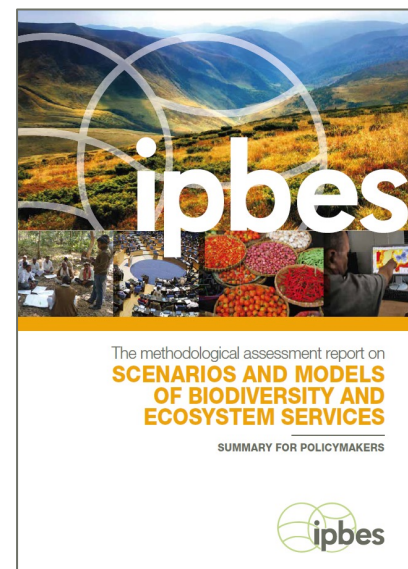
IPBES assessment on Pollinators, Pollination & Food Production

- Released in 2016
- Uptake:
 - **International level**
 - World Bee Day: Bee with us on 20 May! (<https://www.worldbeeday.org/en/>)
 - CBD: Decision XIII/15 (Dec. 2016) on the implications of the IPBES assessment on pollination for the work of the Convention
 - FAO: International Initiative on Pollination
 - UNDP: “Dialogues on pollination” (UNDP/BES-Net)
 - **National level**
 - An expanding list of national strategies and action plans on pollination: Argentina, Canada, Colombia, England, India, Scotland, Wales, Ireland, France, the Netherlands, Norway, Brazil, South Africa, Republic of Korea, USA.
 - Coalition of the willing to protect pollinators and to promote pollination (<https://promotepollinators.org/>)



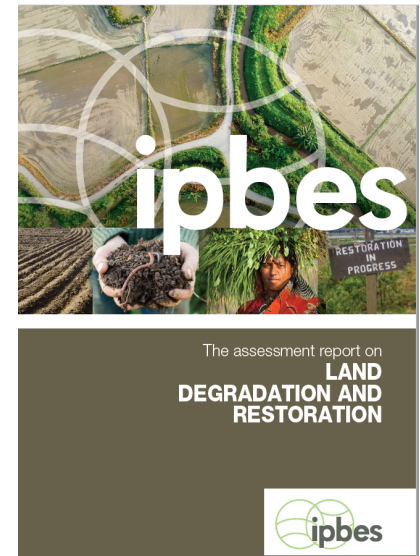
IPBES assessment of scenarios and models of biodiversity and ecosystem services

- Released in 2016
- Uptake:
 - Decision CBD/COP/13/XIII/29 on the Global Biodiversity Outlook 5
 - SBSTTA 21 (December 2017)
 - BiodivERsA/Belmont Forum joint research call for proposals on scenarios and models of biodiversity and ecosystem services: 25 million Euros
- Phase 2 of scenario work



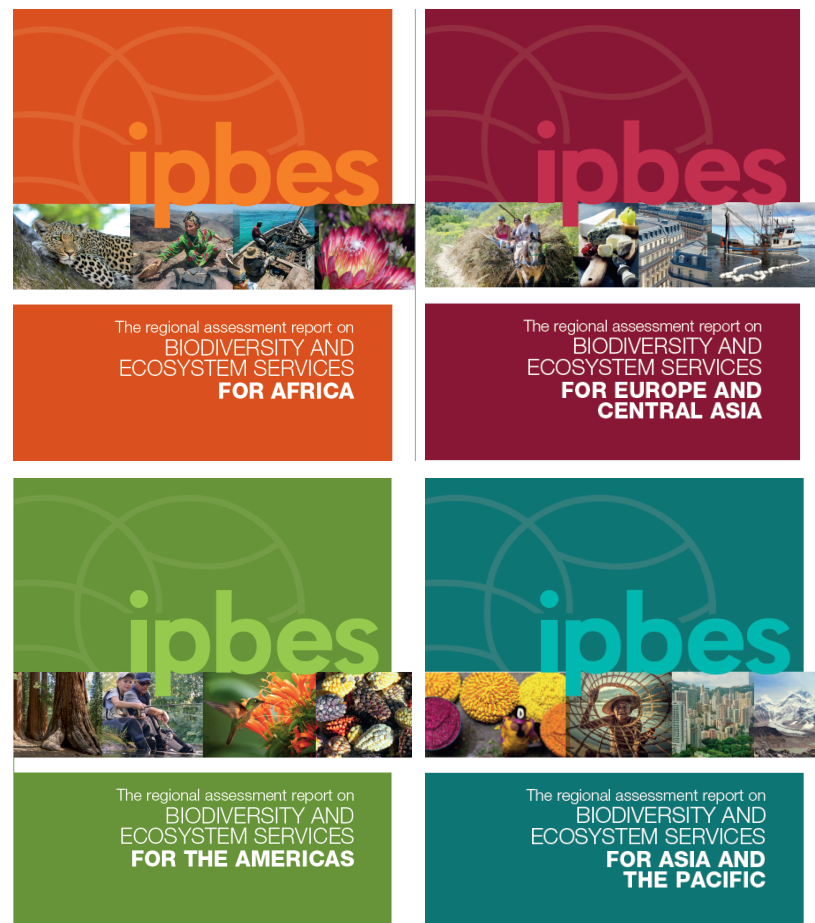
IPBES assessment of land degradation and restoration

- Released in 2018
- Uptake (in progress):
 - Working with UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) on uptake at next COP
 - UNDP: “Dialogues on land degradation and restoration” (UNDP/BES-Net)
 - ...



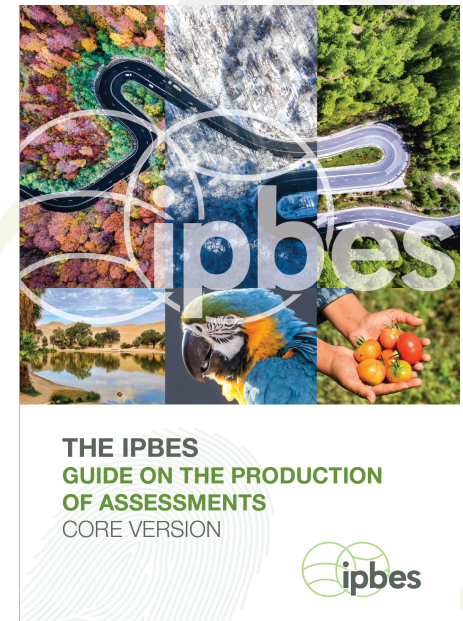
IPBES regional assessments of biodiversity and ecosystem services

- Released in 2018
- Uptake (in progress):
 - Working with CBD on uptake at next COP
 - CBD SBSTTA22** (**Montreal, July 2018**): Full day workshop; IPBES reports considered by SBSTTA-22
 - Presentation of the key findings of the Asia-Pacific Regional Assessment at a high-level **roundtable on SDG15** during the Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (**Bangkok, March 2018**).
 - Promoting and supporting uptake events at various levels
 - EU, Belgium, Switzerland, Finland ...
 - Africa, Latin America, Asia Pacific ...



IPBES work on capacity building

- **Development of guidance**
 - Guide on assessments
 - Guide on national science-policy platforms
 - ...
- **Development of capacity building plan**
 - Priorities & strategies
 - ...
- **Promotion & catalysis of capacity building activities**
 - Uptake events, work shops, larger projects ...
 - Catalysed capacity building activities worth >15 Million USD
 - ...

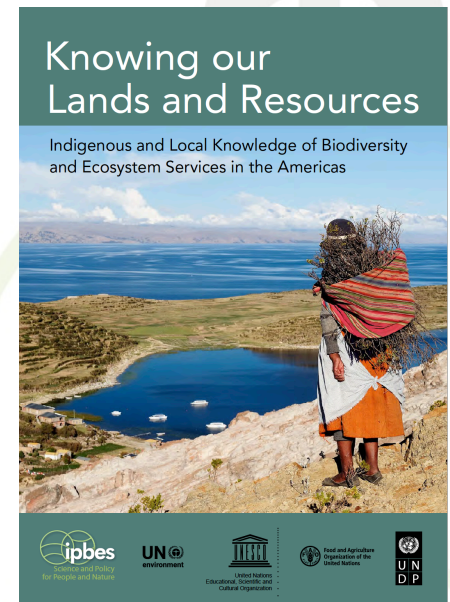


IPBES work on policy support

- 2 methodological assessments and their follow-up
 - Scenarios & models, values
 - Phase 2 (scenarios & models)
 - ...
- Development of policy support web portal
 - Catalogue of policy support tools and methodologies
 - Facilitating access to policy instruments and policy support tools to be used by policy makers and practitioners in their specific context

IPBES work on mobilisation and generation of knowledge

- Working with indigenous and local knowledge
 - Development and approval of ILK approach
 - Catalysing supportive activities mobilizing ILK
 - ...
- Identification of knowledge gaps and needs arising from assessments
 - Development of an approach including e-conference
 - Promoting the uptake of identified needs in future research (example: BiodivERsA / Belmont Forum)



IPBES Social Media Results May 2017 – May 2018

- Approximate number of social media 'mentions': **60,000**
- Facebook: **Followers +383%; Reach +2897%; Engagement +649%**
- Twitter: **Followers +83%; Reach +178%; Engagement +100%**
- YouTube: **Followers +235%; Reach +311%; Engagement +477%**
- Instagram: **Followers +811%; Reach 19,000 impressions; Engagement +1675%**
- Visitors to the IPBES Website: **+101%**



‘TRACK’: New IPBES Impact Tracking Database

- Secretariat cannot track alone: Need the assistance of all stakeholders.
- Developed new tool: ‘**TRACK**’ to:
 - (a) Document indicative evidence of IPBES impact.
 - (b) Share via public searchable database on IPBES website.
 - (c) Use to support IPBES communications and outreach.
- **NB:** TRACK is not designed to be comprehensive, analytically rigorous or offer wider monitoring functions – indicative list, externally populated, unverified.
- **Please help us to populate TRACK :** <https://www.ipbes.net/impact-tracking>



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What is next?

What next?

Remaining deliverables from IPBES First Work Programme:

- Global assessment – to be adopted at IPBES 7 (May 2019)
- Methodological assessment on values – just started, to be adopted at IPBES 9 (2021?)
- Assessment on sustainable use of wild species– just started, to be adopted at IPBES 9 (2021?)
- Assessment on invasive alien species– will start next year, to be adopted at IPBES 9 (2021?), there will be a call for nominations of experts coming very soon

IPBES Next Work Programme:

- To be adopted at IPBES 7 (May 2019)
 - MEP & Bureau currently working on a draft of the next work programme
 - Including strategic framework for 10 years until 2030; requests from governments and stakeholders for deliverables
 - Draft to be shared for comments and reviews from governments and stakeholders in November / December
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Thank you!