



# 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
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# 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

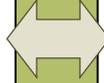


## Bureau

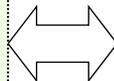
Responsible for overseeing the **administrative** functions of IPBES

## 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



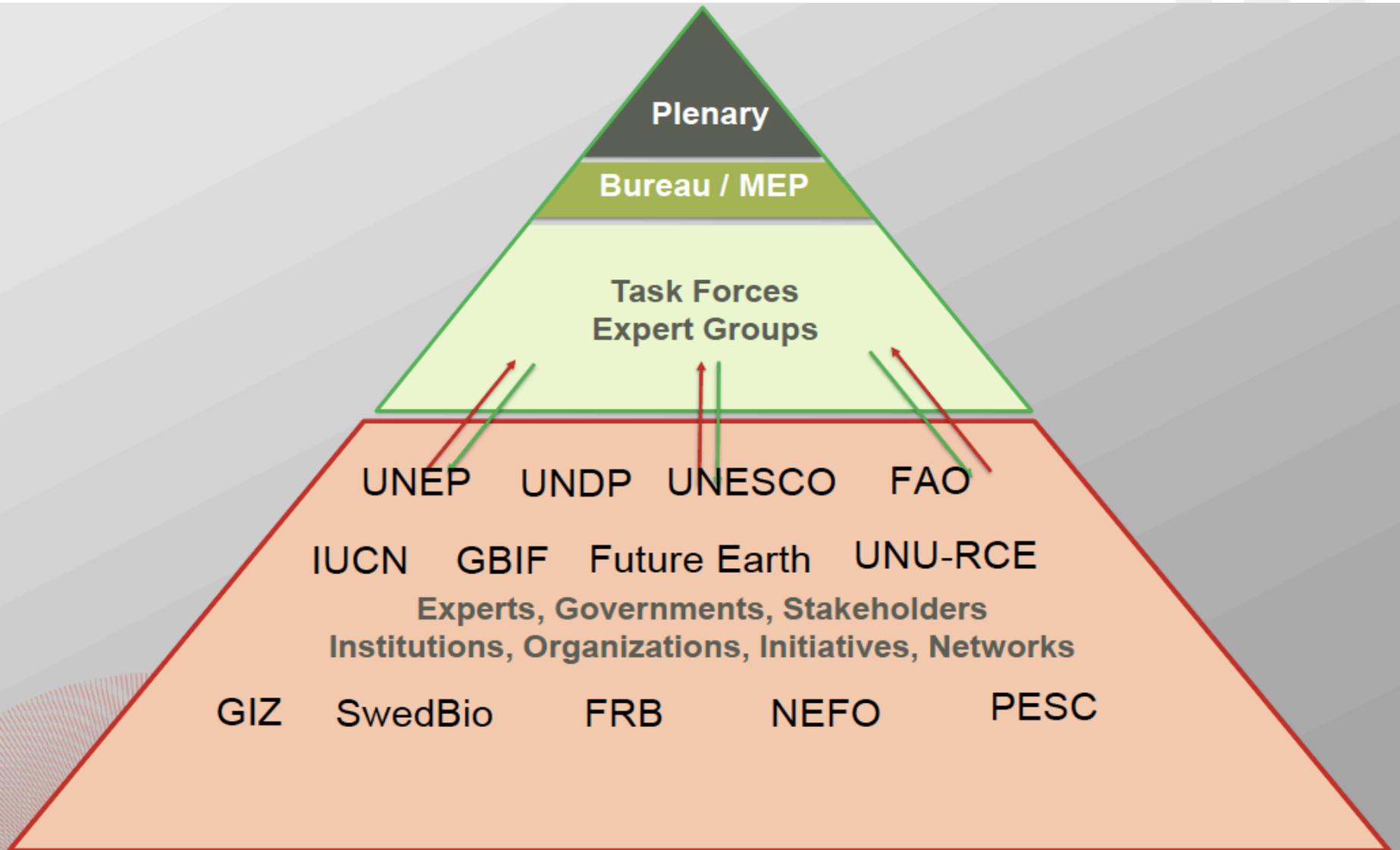
**Task forces** on capacity-building, knowledge and data, and indigenous and local knowledge



**Secretariat (including Technical Support Units)**



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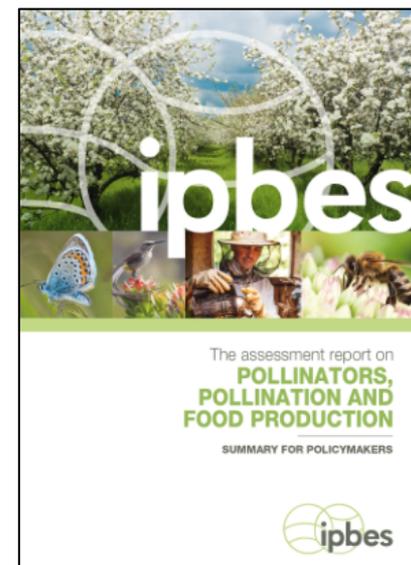


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## Achievements and Impact

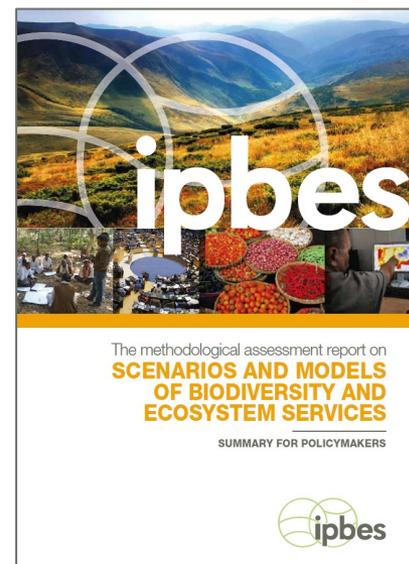
# IPBES assessment on Pollinators, Pollination & Food Production

- 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/>)



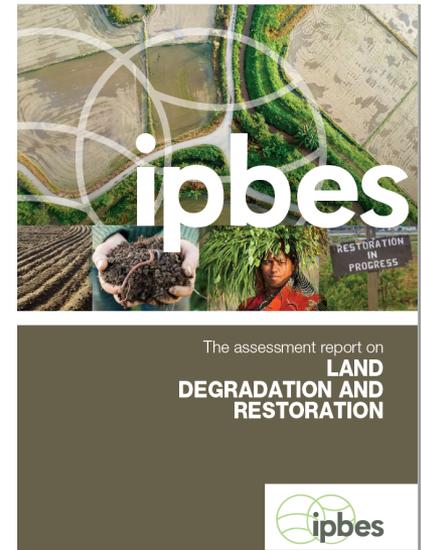
# IPBES assessment of scenarios and models of biodiversity and ecosystem services

- 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



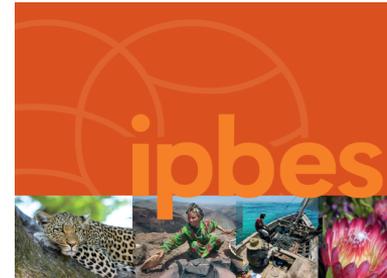
# IPBES assessment of land degradation and restoration

- 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 ...



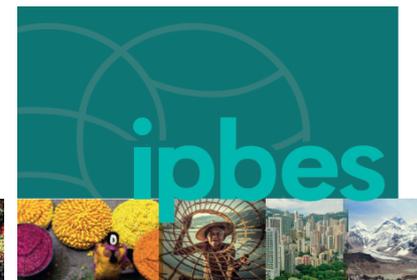
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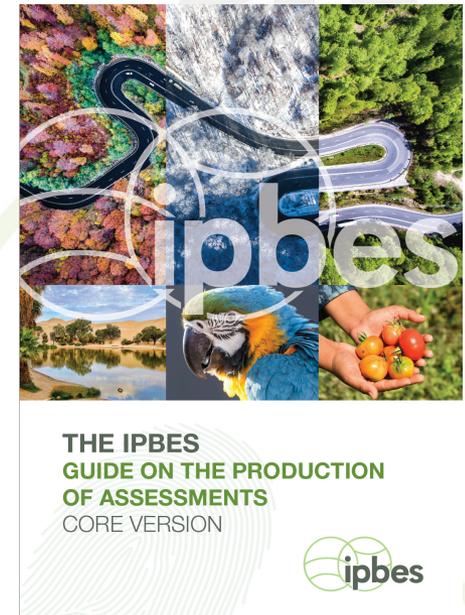
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# IPBES work on capacity building

- **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
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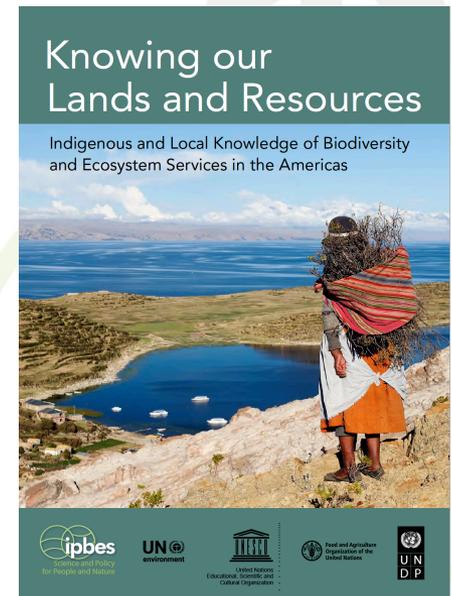


# IPBES work on policy support

- 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%**



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# '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!



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