

6th IPBES
Pan-European Stakeholder Consultation





PESC-6

Virtual Consultations on 5th and 6th October 2020

Wrap-up

(Wrap-up on day 1 – 5th October: Mariam Akhtar-Schuster; Wrap-up on day 2 – 6th October: Eva Spehn; on behalf of the ECA-Network)



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Day 1

5th Oct

1. Take home messages from our discussions today:



Identified capacity-building needs in Eastern Europe and Central Asia to:

- Increase awareness about IPBES (mandate, structure & functions) - especially among *policy-makers*.
- Engage with IPBES processes (e.g. review, nomination processes, etc.).
- Use the IPBES findings in policy-making.
- Develop *national* biodiversity platforms.
- Establish *regional* networks of IPBES Focal Points.

For improving e.g.: data access and identifying national & regional themes; mapping relevant national and regional experts; enabling experts to engage with IPBES; better coordination of national & regional IPBES processes.

The role of the ECA network, specifically with regard to Eastern Europe & Central Asia:

- Regularly up-dating on IPBES activities and information exchange to stimulate continuous engagement.
- Knowledge exchange to support the establishment of *national* platforms.
- Promote *regional* exchange of experience and cooperation between different national biodiversity- and IPBES-Platforms by linking national platforms working on IPBES-related issues in Europe and Central Asia.
- Invitation to join the ECA-Network!

Presentation of the IAS assessment (FOD) and guidance for its review:

- Scope of the IAS assessment / ch contents / emerging key messages from FOD

2.1. Initial outcomes emerging from the break out groups on 5th Oct:

Results of break-out group 1 (ch 1 “Intro” & ch 2 “Status & Trends)

(facilitator: Hilde Eggermont; rapporteur: Lise Goudeseune; Invited CLA/expert: Peter Stoett)

- Structure is well thought, the content is very accessible for scientists and experts.
- Maybe not as easy, a bit too complex for non-specialists; it is lengthy, a lot of information is compressed and there is a need for more generalization.
- Executive summary is essential; especially since the SPM will be based on it.
- Importance of academic freedom: authors shouldn't feel too restrained/constrained (about the length, etc.) and should include what they think is important and useful.
- General research gaps could be mentioned in chapter 1 (this is an ongoing discussion between TSU and authors).
- Better reference/pointers to content of other chapters, where relevant.
- Importance to refer to and explain well the link with the IPBEs conceptual framework (consistency, systematic link with IPBES concepts).
- Table 1.1: consider social and cultural aspects of impacts.
- Explain better the choice and discussions around the definition of IAS in the body of the text.
- Add discussion on "beneficial" impacts of IAS.
- Some figures (e.g. fig. 1.6) are too complex and would benefit from simplification & more straightforward.

2.2. Initial outcomes emerging from the break out groups on 5th Oct:

Results of break-out group 2 (ch 3 “Indirect & direct drivers”)

(facilitator: Eva Spehn; rapporteur: Divija Jata; invited CLA/expert: Vigdis Vandvik)

- On the Structure: why are indirect drivers before direct drivers in the chapter— some are direct drivers for IAS, and this follows the logic of other IPBES assessments.
- Interactions between drivers will be mainly elaborated for the SOD.
- Climate change: species just tracking their climate are not considered invasive, although moving to new areas. But systems are more susceptible to invasion due to cc.
- Make study of harmful subsidies in Switzerland available
- Suggest economist able to link financial flows with IAS flows.
- Also deal with corona virus in this chapter: rare, but very impactful spillover (zoonosis), now its mainly a spread problem within humans.
- Table 3.4 is very useful to show drivers across different invasion stages.
- Move last para 6 in Executive summary to the front, to make people aware of the strong interactions between drivers.

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2.3. Initial outcomes emerging from the break out groups on 5th Oct:

Results of break-out group group 3 (ch 4 “Impacts of invasive alien species ...”)

(facilitator: Flore Lafaye de Micheaux; rapporteur: Lars Dinesen; invited CLA/expert: Sven Bacher, Bella Galil)

Due to low attendance rate, no comments were provided. However discussions with the Coordinating Lead Authors (CLAs) of ch 2 in the break out group provided valuable suggestions for preparing discussions on ch 4 session on 6th October.

Results of break-out group 4 (ch 5 “Management: Lessons learned”)

(facilitator: Agnes Hallosserie; rapporteur: Amanda Krijgsman; invited CLA/expert: Sonia Vanderhoeven)

- Make better coverage of case-studies, no examples from ECA region currently. Black Sea as a regional case studies for marine IAS.
- Discuss implications of short-term funding for the success of management strategies
- Recommendations for better alignment of policies, between IAS policies and other (e.g. forbidding shooting the invasive geese!)
- Stronger focus on prevention and integration of pathway/species/site based strategies in the key message.

2.3. Initial outcomes emerging from the break out groups on 5th Oct:

Results of break-out group 5 (ch 6 “Future options …”)

(facilitator: Axel Paulsch; rapporteur: Mikhail Shakhnazarov; Invited CLA/expert: Alejandro Ordonez-Gloria)

Template for comments for the external review of the first order draft of the thematic assessment of invasive alien species and their control. The external review runs from 31 August until 18 October 2020 (7 weeks).							
1	Please send in the completed excel file to the assessment technical support unit (ipbes-tsu-ias@iges.or.jp) no later than 18 October 2020.						
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3	Reviewer Name (Last, First)	Chapter	From Page (start)	From Line (start)	To Page (end)	To Line (end)	Comments / Feedback
4	Mariam Akhtar-Schuster	6	0	0			The chapter should be more practically oriented. Perhaps the theoretical aspects of the text could be moved to an appendix.
5	Axel Paulsch	6	0	0			Perhaps the scenarios should include risks from modern genetic technologies. New species we create, such as genetically modified mosquitoes, could potentially become invasive.
6	Mariam Akhtar-Schuster	6	1	1	2	52	The issue of scale and the fact that there will not be a 'silver bullet' solution was discussed in the foregoing chapters. This should also be reflected in the executive summary. Perhaps the executive summary of CH6 should be written in consultation with the authors of the other chapters to ensure that options presented here reflect the issues that emerge in the other chapters.
7	Malte Timpfe	6		15		18	"different sectors" There should be a reference to the sectors in question by name.
8	Mariam Akhtar-Schuster	6	0	0			When previous assessments were discussed, the question of graphs came up. There should be more graphical representation of the information in this chapter.
9	Malte Timpfe	6	0	0			The post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) addresses the issue of invasive alien species as well. The overlap could be productively exploited in this chapter. The same goes for the subchapter on SDGs. This is an opportunity to highlight the entry points from a policy-oriented point of view. The EU 2030 agenda als has targets and goals regarding IAS.
10	Mariam Akhtar-Schuster	6	0	0			All of the chapter have some very old (20 years old) references. Perhaps a cut-off date for references needs to be introduced.



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Day 2

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Discussion conclusions on ch 1 “Intro” (facilitator: Hilde Eggermont; rapporteur: Lise Goudeseune):

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Discussion conclusions on ch 2 “Status & Trends” (facilitator: Hilde Eggermont; rapporteur: Lise Goudeseune):

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Discussion conclusions on ch 3 “Indirect & direct drivers” (facilitator: Eva Spehn; rapporteur: Divija Jata):

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Discussion conclusions on ch 4 “Impacts of invasive alien species ...” (facilitator: Flore Lafaye de Micheaux; rapporteur: Lars Dinesen):

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Discussion conclusions on ch 5 “Management: Lessons learned” (facilitator: Agnes Hallosserie; rapporteur: Amanda Krijgsman):

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Discussion conclusions on ch 6 “Future options ...” (facilitator: Axel Paulsch; rapporteur: Mikhail Shakhnazarov):

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4. Next steps after 6th Oct:



Comments!

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1. Day 2 - 6th October:
Breakout Groups: Analyses of
the 6 chapters of the **IAS FOD**
(Engl./Russian)

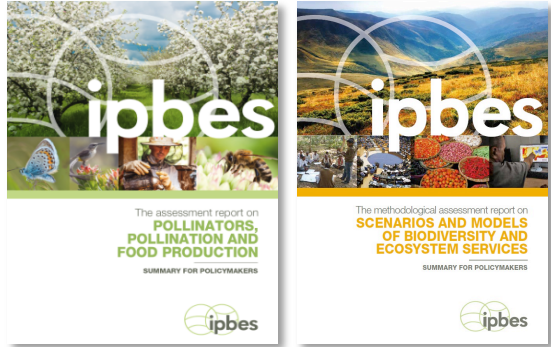
2. Facilitators of the Breakout Groups will list your comments (Engl.) in the standard IPBES-Template

3. Facilitators of each breakout group will finalize the comments and share it with the group members for approval.

4. **ECA-Network** will submit your comments before 18th October 2020 to the Technical Support Unit in Japan to inform the development of **IAS SOD**

5. Long-term goal of PESC-6 / ECA network:

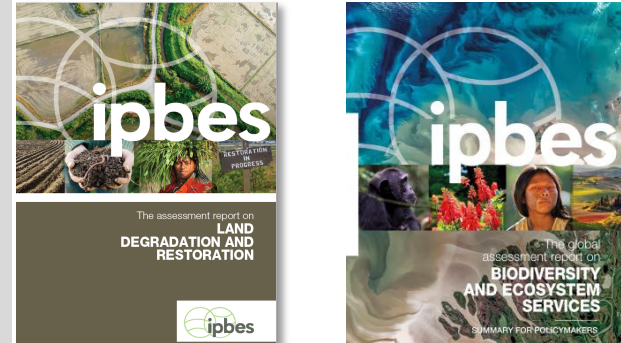
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Our goal

