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Save the date: Ninth session of the Plenary of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES)

Dear IPBES members, observers and other interested stakeholders,

I am pleased to inform you that the ninth session of the IPBES Plenary (IPBES 9) will be held from **3 to 9 July 2022** in **Bonn, Germany**. At present, the session is planned as a physical meeting. If closer to the meeting it becomes apparent that owing to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, a physical meeting cannot be held, the Bureau will further decide on the modalities of the session.

IPBES 9 will be preceded by regional consultations and a Stakeholder Day on 2 July 2022. Further information on these events will follow in due course.

At IPBES 9, the Plenary will consider, among other items, the thematic assessment of the sustainable use of wild species, the methodological assessment regarding the diverse conceptualization of multiple values of nature and its benefits, including biodiversity and ecosystem functions and services, and the scoping report for a methodological assessment of the impact and dependence of business on biodiversity and nature's contributions to people.

Considering the experience acquired in the preparation for IPBES 8, a preparatory process will be organized to allow for refinement of documentation and informal consultations prior to IPBES 9.

Further information on the preparatory process as well as information on the registration process and meeting documentation will be shared in due course.

I thank you for your continued support to IPBES.

Yours sincerely,

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