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Save the date: Review of the second order draft of the chapters and the first order draft of the summary for policymakers of the invasive alien species assessment

Dear IPBES members, observers and other interested stakeholders,

I am pleased to announce that the second order draft of the chapters and the first order draft of the summary for policymakers of the thematic assessment of invasive alien species and their control is planned to be open for external review from **15 December 2021 to 15 February 2022.**

This second external review is addressed to Governments and interested and qualified experts, including scientists, decision makers, practitioners and other knowledge holders. To ensure the highest scientific quality and policy relevance of the assessment, the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel is seeking the widest-possible participation of experts from all relevant disciplines and backgrounds. To ensure consistency with and continuity from the first external review, those who participated in the first review are particularly invited to send comments.

Information on how to register as a reviewer and access the documents will be shared at the beginning of the review period.

The Plenary will be invited to consider the summary for policymakers of the invasive alien species assessment for approval and its chapters for acceptance at IPBES 10, currently planned for April/May 2023.

I thank you for your continued support to IPBES.

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