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Notification: Call for contributions on Indigenous and local knowledge

Dear IPBES members, observers and other interested stakeholders, and in particular Indigenous Peoples and local communities,

The Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) is launching a “call for contributions on Indigenous and local knowledge”, to invite Indigenous Peoples and local communities from all over the world to support the development of two IPBES assessments:

- The assessment of monitoring biodiversity and nature’s contributions to people (“monitoring assessment”) (2024-2026, <https://www.ipbes.net/monitoring>)
- The assessment of integrated biodiversity-inclusive spatial planning and ecological connectivity (“spatial planning assessment”) (2025-2027, <https://www.ipbes.net/spatial-planning-assessment>)

The IPBES Plenary, in decision IPBES-5/1, approved an approach to recognizing and working with indigenous and local knowledge in IPBES (available [here](#)), giving IPBES an ambitious and ground-breaking process for bringing indigenous and local knowledge to the core of large-scale assessments. The present “call for contributions” is part of the activities undertaken by IPBES to implement this approach.

Contributions from Indigenous Peoples and local communities will help assessment authors to reflect in the assessments the role of Indigenous and local knowledge, and relevant practices, values and actions in biodiversity conservation by Indigenous Peoples and local communities, as well as related challenges faced by them. Through the assessments, this information can be brought to the attention of policymakers.

We invite the submission of materials that express community-based knowledge, practices, values, needs, and/or experiences related to one or both the assessments. Materials can be submitted in national or local languages. We also welcome recommendations of individuals, communities, organizations and networks that could engage in the development of the assessments as reviewers, contributing authors or dialogue workshop participants.

To read more about the call for contributions and to participate, please follow this link:
<https://www.ipbes.net/ilk-global-survey-2024>.

The deadline for the call is **29 October 2024**.

I thank you in advance for your contributions and for your support of IPBES.

Yours sincerely,



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