



BECOME AN IPBES EXPERT!

Invitation to experts: Apply to our calls for nominations for IPBES experts

Who can be an IPBES expert?

Anyone with expertise relevant to a specific assessment topic can be an IPBES expert, for example **academic researchers, practitioners**, including those with policy expertise, and **experts in Indigenous and local knowledge**.

Why be an IPBES expert?



Impact global and national change

The ambitious scope of IPBES assessments, and the involvement of highly qualified and renowned experts in their development, allow for the production of cutting-edge, policy-relevant assessments that have the potential to inform and drive global change. Assessment experts are critical contributors in:

- Shining a global spotlight on current and emerging threats to nature and nature's contributions to people
- Strengthening the evidence base to inform domestic and international policy and action
- Offering sound policy and governance options for decision-makers



Build your network

Being an IPBES assessment expert provides you with the opportunity to:

- Meet and collaborate with other experts from around the world working in your field (from a research, policy, practitioner, or Indigenous peoples and local communities (IPLC) perspective)
- Work closely with a small group of authors on your designated chapter, remotely and at in-person author meetings
- Engage with governments through the IPBES process



Publish high-impact high-uptake research

The global spotlight on an IPBES assessment report when it is released can bring increased recognition to IPBES experts and their home institutions. IPBES assessments are key information sources within both academia and government policymaking and are widely cited. Furthermore, following the publication of IPBES assessment reports, authors frequently choose to publish follow-up scientific articles building on the Assessment findings in leading global journals. Examples of publications and their uptake include:

- Over 2,000 citations of the IPBES Global Assessment Summary for Policymakers
- Papers building on assessment findings published in the prestigious journals Nature and Science
- Almost 30,000 downloads of the IPBES Invasive Alien Species Assessment Summary for Policymakers within three months of its publication



Gain experience in multilateral environmental processes

Through their involvement with IPBES, experts have the opportunity to:

- Engage with the functioning of multilateral environmental processes, like the Convention on Biological Diversity
- Get first-hand experience of the interface between science and policy



Become a mentor

As an IPBES assessment expert, you will be able to participate in the IPBES fellowship programme for early-career individuals as a mentor.

What is IPBES?

The Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) is an independent body established in 2012. IPBES provides policymakers with objective scientific assessments about the state of knowledge regarding:

- The planet's biodiversity, ecosystems and their contributions to people
- Tools & methods to protect and sustainably use these vital natural assets.

Find more about IPBES at www.ipbes.net

IPBES second global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services

The overall objective of the second global assessment is to assess relevant knowledge that has become available since the publication in 2019 of The Global Assessment Report on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services and to assess progress towards achieving the goals of sustainability and living in harmony with nature.

You can find the scoping document of the second assessment in the following link:
<https://www.ipbes.net/second-global-assessment>



How to apply?

1. Register on the IPBES website
2. Apply to become an expert
3. Get nominated by a government or organization

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