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**Save the date: External review of the IPBES monitoring assessment starting soon!**

Dear IPBES members, observers and other interested stakeholders,

With reference to notification [EM/2025/25](#), I am pleased to inform you that the external review of the methodological assessment on monitoring biodiversity and nature's contributions to people (monitoring assessment) will be conducted from **3 November 2025 until 7 January 2026**.

As you might recall, the Plenary approved the undertaking of the monitoring assessment at its tenth session, held from 28 August to 2 September 2023 ([decision IPBES-10/1](#)). This assessment is being carried out following a fast-track approach, involving a single regular external review.

The 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 peer review from the widest-possible participation of experts from all relevant disciplines and backgrounds.

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 monitoring assessment for approval and its chapters for acceptance at IPBES 13. An additional Government review is being considered for 2026.

Yours sincerely,

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