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### External review of the IPBES monitoring assessment opens on 3 November!

Dear IPBES members, observers and other interested stakeholders,

With reference to notification [EM/2025/47](#), I would like to remind you that the external review of the methodological assessment on monitoring biodiversity and nature's contributions to people (monitoring assessment) will be open **from 3 November 2025 to 7 January 2026** (9 weeks).

This assessment is being carried out following the fast-track approach, involving a single regular external review. Consequently, a draft of the chapters and a draft of the summary for policymakers are made available for review.

This 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.

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.

I would like to encourage Governments and interested and qualified experts to actively participate in the upcoming external review. Your valuable expertise and insights are essential to ensuring policy relevance and scientific quality of assessments.

Thank you for your continued support to IPBES.

Yours sincerely,

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