Virtual Expert Forum on SEEA EEA
The IPBES Values Assessment

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1. What is IPBES?
What is IPBES?

Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services

Objective:
To provide policy relevant knowledge on biodiversity and ecosystem services to inform decision making processes.

Some facts:
- Established April 2012, Panama
- 137 Members
- Secretariat hosted in Bonn
IPBES mandate

The Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) is an independent intergovernmental body, established by member States in 2012.

The objective of IPBES is to strengthen the science-policy interface for biodiversity and ecosystem services for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, long-term human well-being and sustainable development.
2. IPBES Values Assessment
What is an IPBES assessment?

An **IPBES assessment** is a critical evaluation of the state of knowledge by independent experts interacting with government representatives and other stakeholders in a stepwise process to ensure legitimacy, relevance and credibility.

- Gender and regional balance
- Thematic and methodological assessments
Who are the authors?

- 86 expert authors, 11 review editors and 100+ contributing authors
- 50+ spoken languages
- 51% female experts

Balance in expertise from social and natural sciences
(see wordcloud of expert’s reported expertise) =>
Regional balance

Nationality of experts:
Scope of the Values Assessment

The objectives of the proposed methodological assessment are to assess:

(a) the diverse conceptualization of values of nature and its benefits, including biodiversity and ecosystem services (provisioning, regulating and cultural) consistent with the Platform’s conceptual framework;

(b) the diverse valuation methodologies and approaches;

(c) the different approaches that acknowledge, bridge and integrate the diverse values and valuation methodologies for policy and decision-making support; and,

(d) knowledge and data gaps and uncertainties.
Chapter structure

Chapter 1. Introducing the Values Assessment

Chapter 2. Conceptualizing the diverse values of nature and their contributions to people

Chapter 3. Assessment for Valuation Methods

Chapter 4. Values and decision-making

Chapter 5. Incorporating multiple values of nature and nature’s contributions to people for just and sustainable futures

Chapter 6. Policy options and capacity development to operationalize the inclusion of multiple (plural) values of nature in decision-making
Original timeline of the Values Assessment

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Updated timeline of the Values Assessment

- Submission of progress (13 April)
- Second Internal Review (15-30 April)
- SPM Virtual workshop (18-20 May)
- Pre-SOD deadline For MEP/Bureau (August)
- SPM virtual Writing workshop (TBC Sep/Oct)
- Review of SOD & First draft of SPM (December-February)

### 2020
- ILK Strategy implementation (February - September)
- Review of SOD & First draft of SPM (December-February)
- Third author meeting & SPM Writing workshop (TBC Feb/March)
- Additional SPM review by Governments (TBC June/July)
- NFP meeting (TBC June/July)
- Final submission of chapters and SPM to Secretariat (TBC Oct)

### 2021
- ILK Dialogue workshop (January-February)

### 2022
- Final government review of SPM (February)
- Consideration of the assessment by the Plenary (TBC)
Thank you!

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