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This note recalls the outcomes of the tenth session of the Plenary of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES), held from 28 August to 3 September 2023 in Bonn, Germany and provides an update on current work of IPBES relevant to the work of IPCC.

I. Ongoing IPBES assessments and other work

IPBES is currently in the process of implementing its rolling work programme up to 2030, adopted by the IPBES Plenary at its seventh session in 2019 (available at: <https://www.ipbes.net/resource-file/27458>).

The Plenary, at its tenth session:

- Approved the summary for policymakers and accepted the chapters of the Assessment of Invasive Alien Species and their Control. The assessment is available at: <https://www.ipbes.net/ias>
- Approved the undertaking of a methodological assessment on monitoring biodiversity and nature’s contributions to people, as outlined in the scoping report for the assessment set out in annex I to decision IPBES-10/1, for consideration by the Plenary at IPBES 13 (2026).
- Approved the undertaking of a methodological assessment of integrated biodiversity-inclusive spatial planning and ecological connectivity, as outlined in the scoping report for the assessment set out in annex II to decision IPBES-10/1, for consideration by the Plenary at IPBES 14 (2027).
- Approved a scoping process for a second global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services, for consideration by the Plenary at IPBES 11 (2024).

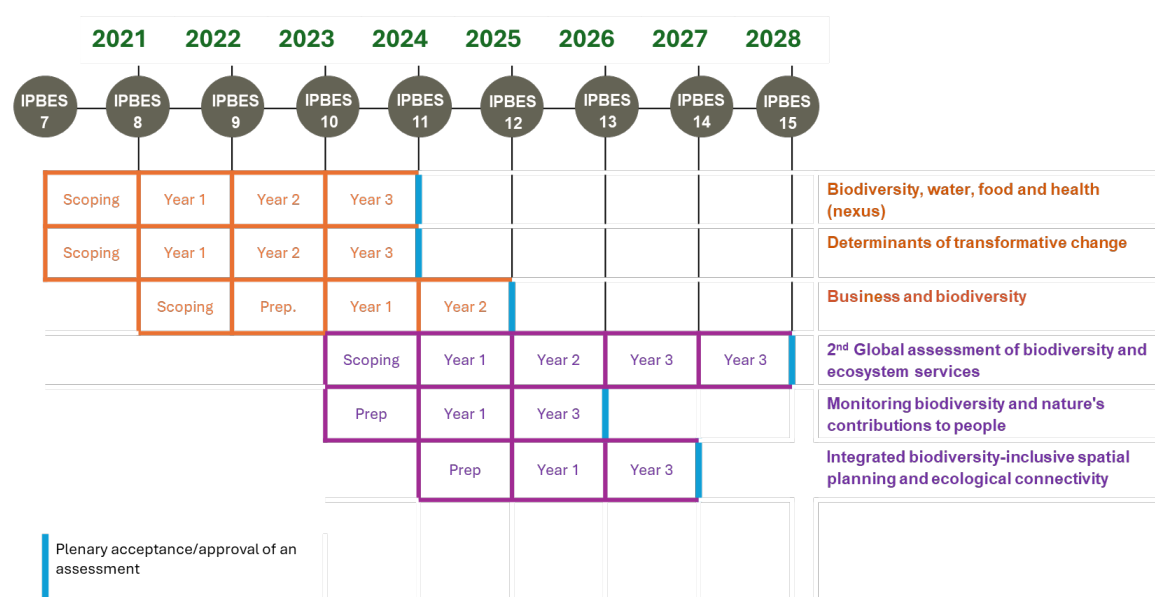


Figure 1 illustrates the six assessments currently ongoing or planned in the period up to 2030.

The thematic assessments of the underlying causes of biodiversity loss and the determinants of transformative change and options for achieving the 2050 Vision for Biodiversity (transformative change assessment); and of the interlinkages among biodiversity, water, food and health (nexus assessment) will be considered by the IPBES Plenary at IPBES 11, to be held from 10 to 16 December 2024 in Windhoek, Namibia. The nexus assessment will also address the interactions between the nexus elements and climate change.

The methodological assessment of the impact and dependence of business on biodiversity and nature's contributions to people (business and biodiversity assessment) will be finalized in time for its consideration by the Plenary at IPBES 12 in the end of 2025. A draft of the assessment will be made available for external review from 24 July to 17 September 2024.

For the methodological assessment on monitoring biodiversity and nature's contributions to people, the IPBES Multidisciplinary Expert Panel selected Dr. Alvaro D'Antona (Brazil), Dr. Andrew Gonzalez (Canada/UK), and Dr. Patricia Miloslavich (Australia/Venezuela) as co-chairs. The selection of experts is expected to be completed in August 2024.

The call for the nomination of experts for the methodological assessment on integrated biodiversity-inclusive spatial planning and ecological connectivity will be issued later in 2024.

The second global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services is expected to be similar in scope to the first IPBES Global Assessment of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, and is planned to be conducted between 2025 and 2028. A scoping meeting was held from 8 to 10 April 2024 in Monaco, and the draft scoping report made available for external review in May/June 2024. A final version of the scoping report will be presented for consideration by the Plenary at IPBES 11. The call for the nomination of experts for the second global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services is expected to be issued in early 2025.

The IPBES Secretariat will bring the invitations to participate in the external reviews of draft assessments and the calls for the nomination of experts to the attention of the IPCC Secretariat.

IPBES continues its work on building capacity, strengthening the knowledge foundations, including work related to data management and Indigenous and local knowledge, and supporting policy. The IPBES Multidisciplinary Expert Panel and Bureau are in the process of undertaking an internal review of IPBES by IPBES 11.

II. Engagement with IPCC

In decision IPBES-10/1, the Plenary also addressed IPBES' engagement with IPCC.

At its ninth session in 2022, the Plenary had invited national focal points of IPBES to engage with their IPCC counterparts to jointly consider potential means of increasing scientific cooperation and information sharing and improving understanding of relevant processes, procedures and workplans. At its tenth session, the Plenary invited IPBES national focal points to continue this engagement.

Also at its ninth session, the Plenary had encouraged IPBES members, relevant stakeholders, scientific bodies and research organizations to undertake knowledge development and research regarding the interlinkages between biodiversity and climate change, including the impacts of climate change. At its tenth session, the Plenary recalled this encouragement.

At its tenth session, the Plenary invited the IPBES Bureau and Executive Secretary to continue to explore with IPCC, early in its seventh assessment cycle, concrete approaches for cooperation and potential joint activities between IPCC and IPBES, including as part of the seventh cycle of IPCC, reaffirming the need for transparency of any activity, in conformity with the decisions of IPCC and IPBES and their respective policies and procedures.

For IPBES 8, in 2021, the secretariat had prepared a note ([IPBES/8/6](#)), which included options for different forms of collaboration with IPCC. The note provided an overview of the procedural requirements for each form of cooperation, including joint assessments, joint technical papers, co-sponsored workshops and liaison groups. In 2022 and 2023, calls for thematic or methodological issues related to biodiversity and climate change that would benefit from collaboration between IPCC and IPBES were issued, in response to decisions IPBES-8/1 and IPBES-9/1, and the resulting submissions compiled in documents [IPBES/9/INF/26](#) and [IPBES/10/INF/20](#). At its tenth session, the Plenary requested the Executive Secretary to issue an additional call for suggestions, which has been issued on 8 November 2023, with a deadline of 15 February 2023. The submissions received in response to this call were compiled together with the submissions received in response to the two earlier calls, and the options outlined in section II of document IPBES/8/6, and made available for external review in April/May 2024. The compilation will also be made available to the Plenary at IPBES 11.

Already at its eighth session in 2021, the Plenary had thanked the organizers of and participants in the workshop on biodiversity and climate change, co-sponsored by IPBES and IPCC, appreciated the significant effort that went into the report, and invited the experts who prepare the IPBES nexus assessment and transformative change assessment to consider the report, as appropriate, in the undertaking of those assessments, in line with the procedures for the preparation of IPBES deliverables. In particular the IPBES nexus assessment is drawing on the outcomes of the co-sponsored workshop.

According to the IPBES rules of procedure, the Chair of IPCC is an observer to the MEP, like the chairs of the scientific subsidiary bodies of multilateral agreements related to biodiversity and ecosystem services, and representatives of the four UN partners of IPBES. In this capacity, he was invited to attend the 21st and 22nd meetings of the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel and to provide an update on relevant work of IPCC, where he was represented by the Deputy Executive Secretary of the IPCC Secretariat.

IPCC and IPBES continued to informally exchange information on ongoing and upcoming work at various levels and to share experiences with regard to the implementation of their work programmes. The IPCC and IPBES Chairs jointly participated in a UNEA 6 event on “Tackling the Triple Planetary Crisis: Building the Linkages from Science to Action” in February 2024.