



Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity & Ecosystem Services

A briefing on IPBES for
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- What will IPBES do?
 - The 4 functions
 - The Conceptual Framework
 - The Programme of Work
- Deliverable 2b : A set of regional/subregional assessments on biodiversity and ecosystem services

What is IPBES?



IPBES-1 (Jan 2013, Bonn)



IPBES-2 (Dec 2013, Antalya)

- Intergovernmental **P**latform on **B**iodiversity and **E**cosystem **S**ervices
- Overall objective: To provide policy relevant knowledge to inform decision making
- Established in April 2012, Panama
- 121 Members
- Secretariat hosted in Bonn, Germany



How is IPBES organised?

Plenary: Decision-making body

Responsible for the overall work programme (WP)



Bureau

Oversight of WP



Multidisciplinary Expert Panel (MEP)

Scientific oversight of WP



Expert groups for
assessments, policy
support tools and
other studies



Task forces on
Capacity-building,
Knowledge and data,
and Indigenous and
Local Knowledge



Secretariat + Technical Support Units (TSUs)

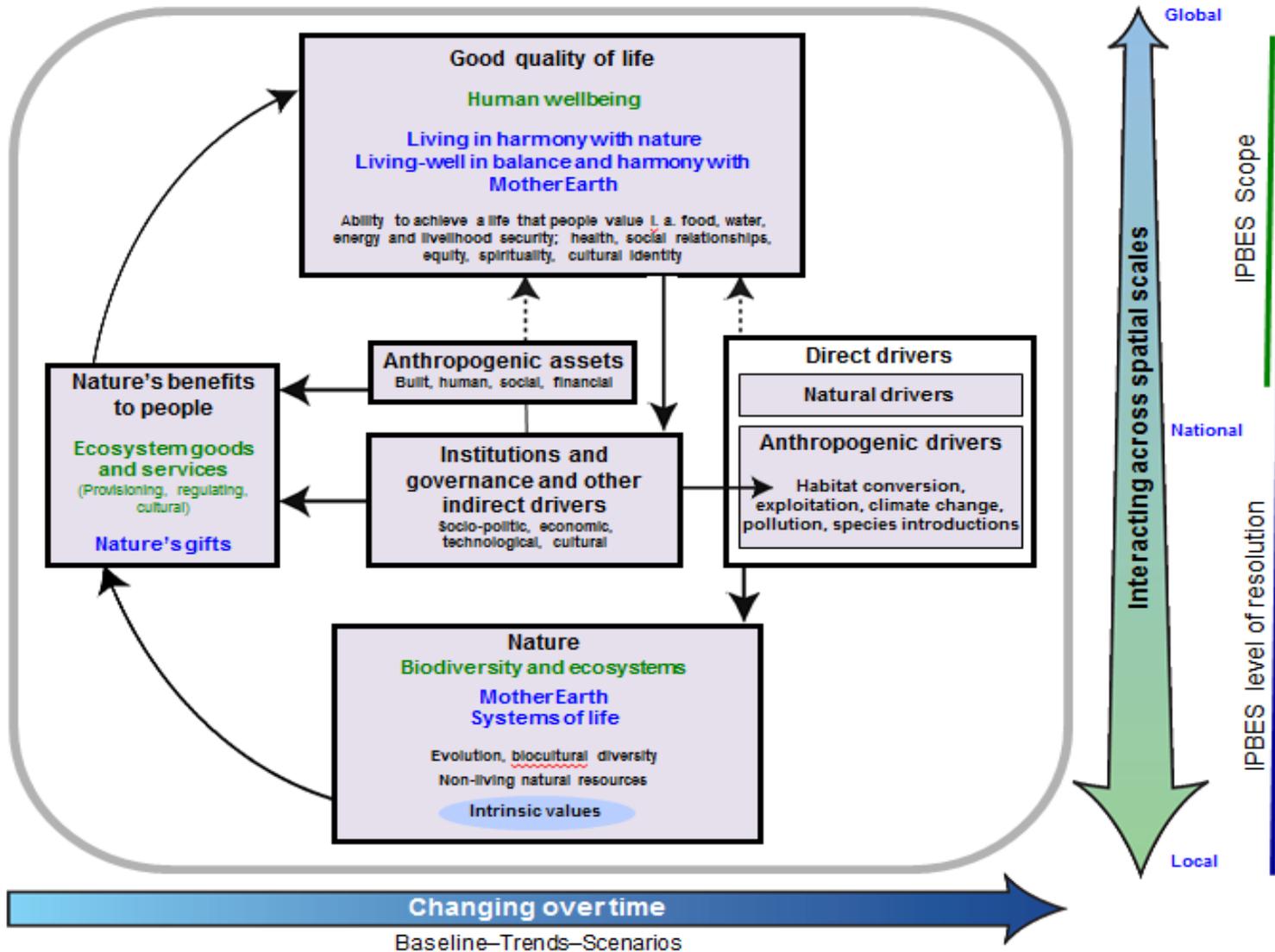
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What will IPBES do?

IPBES was established with **four** agreed functions:

Knowledge generation	Identify knowledge needs of policymakers, and catalyse efforts to generate new knowledge
Assessment	Deliver global, regional and thematic assessments, and promote and catalyse support for sub-global assessment
Policy support tools	Identify policy relevant tools/methodologies, facilitate their use, and promote and catalyse their further development
Capacity building	Prioritize key capacity building needs, and provide and call for financial and other support for priority needs

IPBES Analytical Conceptual Framework



Structure of the work programme

Objective 1: Strengthen the **capacity** and **knowledge foundations** of the science-policy interface to implement key IPBES functions

Objective 2: Strengthen the science-policy interface on biodiversity and ecosystem services at and across the **sub-regional, regional and global levels**

Objective 3: Strengthen the knowledge-policy interface with regard to **thematic and methodological issues**

Objective 4: **Communicate** and **evaluate** IPBES activities, deliverables and findings

18 Deliverables

Objective 1: Strengthen the capacity and knowledge foundations of the science-policy interface to implement key functions of the Platform:

- a) **Priority capacity-building-needs** to implement the Platform work programme are **matched with resources** through catalysing financial and in-kind support
- b) **Capacities needed to implement the Platform work programme are developed** with support provided by network on capacity-building
- c) Procedures and approaches for **working with indigenous and local knowledge systems**
- d) **Priority knowledge and data needs for policy-making are addressed through catalysing efforts to generate new knowledge and networking**

Objective 2: Strengthen the science-policy interface on biodiversity and ecosystem services at and across the subregional, regional and global levels:

- a) **Guide on production and integration of assessments** from and across all scales
- b) **Regional/Subregional assessments** on biodiversity and ecosystem services
- c) **Global assessment** on biodiversity and ecosystem services

Objective 3: Strengthen the science-policy interface with regard to thematic and methodological issues:

- a) One fast-track thematic **assessment on pollination** and food production
- b) Thematic **assessments on land degradation** and restoration; **on invasive alien species; and on sustainable use.**
- c) **Policy support tools and methodologies for scenarios analysis and modelling** of biodiversity and ecosystem services based on a fast-track assessment and a guide
- d) **Policy support tools and methodologies regarding diverse conceptualizations of values** of biodiversity and nature's benefits to people based on an assessment and a guide

Objective 4: Communicate and evaluate Platform activities, deliverables and findings:

- a) **Catalogue of relevant assessments**
- b) **Development of an information and data management plan**
- c) **Catalogue of policy support tools and methodologies**
- d) Set of **communication, outreach and engagement strategies**, products and processes
- e) **Reviews of the effectiveness** of guidance, procedures, methods and approaches to inform future development of the Platform

14 Deliverables under way

In 2014:

- work on 15 out of 18 deliverables was initiated;
- 3 task forces and 7 expert groups were established, with a total of 516 experts selected from a total of 1691 nominations submitted;
- 16 meetings were held in 8 different locations (including the 3rd and 4th MEP and Bureau meetings, excluding the 3rd Plenary); and
- 6 institutional arrangements, with 4 TSUs and 2 consultants, were established to provide the technical support to implement specific deliverables.

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Background

- Deliverable 2b set out preparation of regional assessments as requested by IPBES-2
- Regional assessments to run 2015-2017
- Scoping process used is set out in the procedures for the preparation of the Platform's deliverables

The Scoping Process

Points

- Call for nominations and received 300 nominations from Governments & stakeholders
- 25 experts from each of the 5 UN Regions
- Expert meeting held 16-22 August, UNESCO, Paris

Mandate

- The task of the group was to **scope** a set of regional and sub-regional assessments (i.e. not the full regional assessments)

5 Regions were identified:

- Africa,
- The Americas,
- Asia-Pacific,
- Europe and Central Asia,
- Open Oceans

Common scope reflected in chapter outline:

1. Setting the Scene
2. Nature's benefits to people and its impact on quality of life
3. Status, trends of biodiversity and ecosystems underpinning nature's benefits to people
4. Direct and indirect drivers of change in the context of different perspectives of quality of life
5. Integrated and cross-scale analysis of interactions of nature and people
6. Options for governance, institutional arrangements and private and public decision making across scales and sector

Implementation of regional/subregional assessments:

- Decision on 5 regional assessment units, subregional focus embedded within
- One Technical Support Unit, potentially with a network of supporting institutions
- About 100 authors (CLAs and LAs) and 12 Review Editors

Next steps

Call for Technical Support Units	TBC – anticipated to be before the end of 2014
IPBES-3 Plenary	12-17 Jan 2015
Call for Co-Chairs, CLAs and LAs	Quarter 1, 2015
Regional Assessments begins	Quarter 2, 2015

Thank you!