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**MESSAGE BY DR. ANNE LARIGAUDERIE, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF IPBES, FOR INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY ON 22 MAY 2022**

“Building a shared future for all life” is much more than just the theme for International Biodiversity Day this year: it’s the cornerstone of every effort by IPBES, the CBD and all our partners to advance science and policy for people and nature.

People are intricately linked to all the other species with which we share our planet.

The IPBES expert community is committed to providing the science and evidence to help every decision-maker build a more positive and sustainable shared future for all life.

In July this year, we will be launching two key new reports – one on the sustainable use of wild species and another on the many different ways to value biodiversity.

Both reports will add vital new evidence for better-informed decisions and actions for nature.

While human activities play a central role in the loss of biodiversity, our choices and our actions are also vital parts of the solution – on International Biodiversity Day...and every day.

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