

Draft Concept Note

Global dialogue with indigenous peoples and local communities on the IPBES assessment on invasive alien species

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Introduction

The Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) recently launched a new assessment on *invasive alien species and their control*, which will run between 2019 and 2023. An indigenous and local knowledge dialogue workshop will take place during the first months of the assessment, to facilitate the participation of indigenous peoples and local communities (IPLC) in the early stages of the development of the assessment.

Participation of IPLC is crucial to the invasive alien species assessment, as many IPLC have first-hand knowledge of the impacts of invasive alien species on ecosystems and people. Some IPLC groups have also been employing their knowledge of the environment to develop responses or management strategies for invasive alien species.

The dialogue workshop will be one of a series of approaches to working with IPLC and indigenous and local knowledge throughout the assessment process.

Aims of the dialogue workshop

The aim of the ILK dialogue workshop is to provide a space for dialogue between assessment authors and IPLC, with the goals of:

- Developing recommendations from IPLC for specific topics and areas of foci for the assessment;
- Beginning to develop a series of key ILK questions, which will help shape a narrative for the assessment and direct the collection, analysis and synthesis of information;
- Exploring how IPLC experience and understand invasive alien species;
- Exploring IPLC response, adaptation and management strategies for invasive alien species;
- Discussing how the invasive alien species assessment could be useful to IPLC;
- Beginning to develop case studies of relevance to the assessment;
- Determining key experts who can contribute to the assessment as contributing authors or participants in future dialogue workshops and review processes; and
- Identifying resources and sources of information that could be included in the assessment.

Participants

- ILK holders or ILK experts from indigenous and local communities;
- Selected authors from the ILK liaison group for the invasive alien species assessment, representing each of the assessment's chapters.

Objectives of the alien invasive species assessment

The objective of the alien invasive species assessment is to assess:

- the array of such species that affect biodiversity and ecosystem services;
- the extent of the threat posed by such species to various categories of biodiversity and ecosystem services, including impacts on agrobiodiversity and food, human health and livelihood security;
- the major pathways for and drivers of the introduction and spread of such species between and within countries;
- the global status of and trends in the impacts of such species and associated management interventions by region and subregion, taking into account various knowledge and value systems;
- the level of awareness of the extent of invasive alien species and their impacts; and
- the effectiveness of current international, national and subnational control measures and associated policy options that could be employed to prevent, eradicate and control invasive alien species.

Agenda

The meeting will take place over two days. Time will be set aside at the beginning of the agenda to allow participants to discuss the issues they wish to address at the meeting, and how they should be approached.

Languages

The meeting will be conducted mainly in English, with Spanish translation.

FPIC

The dialogue will follow principles of free, prior and informed consent (FPIC). The aims of the dialogue and the potential uses for the information gathered will be clearly explained at the outset. As noted above, time will be set aside for participants to collaboratively develop the agenda and protocols for use of information generated during the dialogue. Participants will be free to decline to answer any questions or participate in any activities. Any reports or products from the meeting will be sent to participants for review and approval.

What is IPBES?

The Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) is an independent intergovernmental body, established by member States in 2012. It provides policymakers with objective assessments about the state of knowledge regarding the planet's biodiversity, ecosystems and the benefits they provide to people, as well as the tools and methods to protect and sustainably use these vital natural assets. The IPBES mission is to strengthen knowledge foundations for better policy through science, for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, long-term human well-being and sustainable development. See www.ipbes.net for more information.