

Emerging lessons, recommendations and guides for consideration in the national ecosystem assessment process

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What is BES-Net?

A consortium of UNDP, UNEP-WCMC and UNESCO, committed to building knowledge, capacity and collaboration between science, policy and practice communities for biodiversity conservation worldwide **in line with the IPBES work programme**, with the support of the Federal Government of Germany and SwedBio

Improve the national BES evidence base by coordinating the co-creation of **National Ecosystem Assessments (NEAs)**

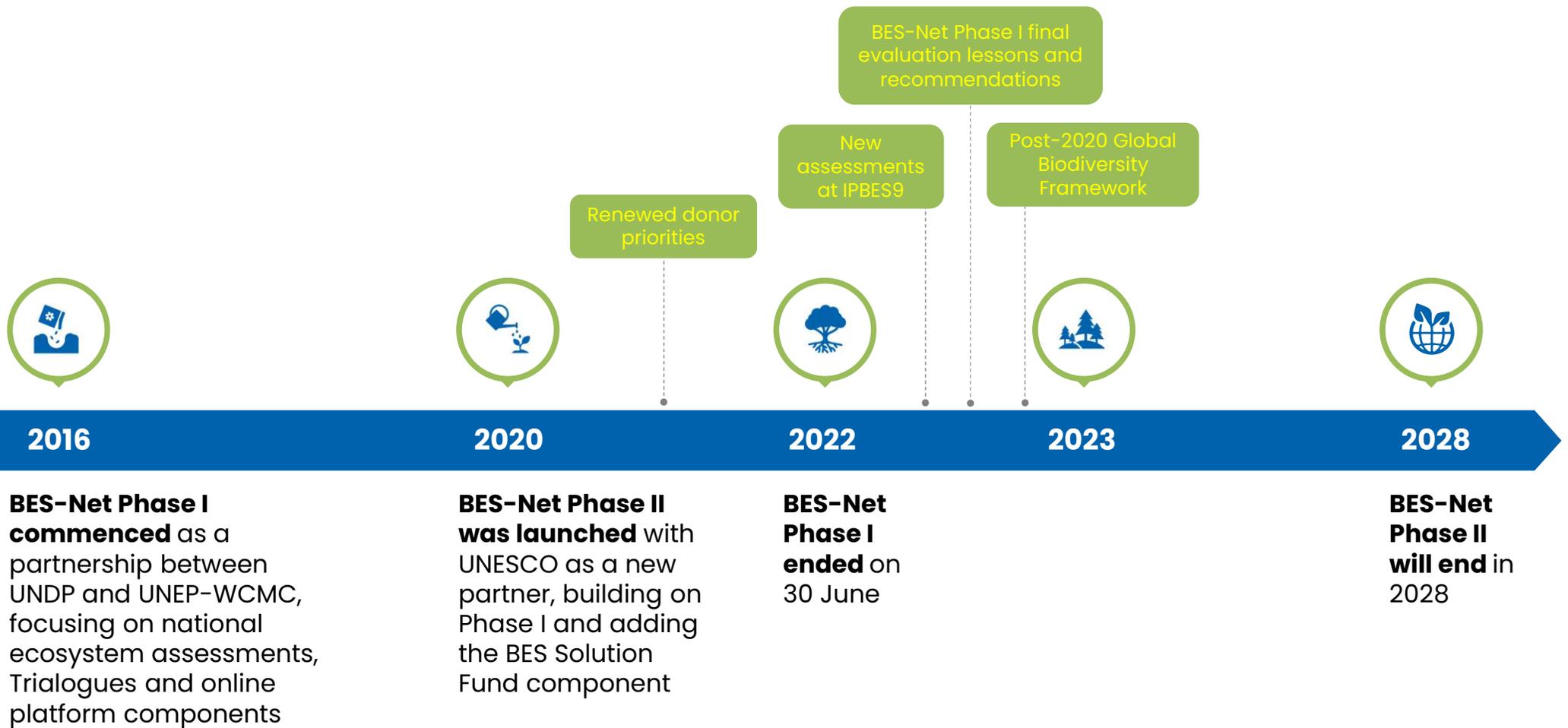


Strengthen the BES policy-science-practice network around the IPBES assessment themes through **Dialogues**

Provide catalytic **BES Solution Fund** and technical assistance to countries implementing tangible nature-based solutions based on the NEA/IPBES assessment evidence

Enhance global BES communication and knowledge sharing by connecting partners and promoting their interactions through the **BES-Net online platforms**

BES-Net: Where we are & what is happening around us



Insight 1 – Donor priority (i): IKI Gender Strategy



IKI renewed its **Gender Strategy** in September 2021



Gender analysis **mandatory** for all newly commissioned IKI projects



Gender-responsive project planning/implementation as a minimum standard for IKI projects



GENDER NEGATIVE	GENDER BLIND	GENDER SENSITIVE	GENDER RESPONSIVE	GENDER TRANSFORMATIVE
Unequal gender roles, relations and norms are upheld.	Ignores unequal gender roles, relations and norms and gender-based discrimination.	Recognises unequal gender roles, relations and norms, but does not actively address them.	Recognises unequal gender roles, relations and norms and attempts to actively combat them.	Addresses the deep roots of unequal gender roles, relations and norms.

Sources: https://www.international-climate-initiative.com/fileadmin/iki/Dokumente/Gender/IKI_Gender_Guidelines_for_Consultation_EN_220916.docx; and https://www.international-climate-initiative.com/fileadmin/iki/Dokumente/Gender/IKI_Gender_strategy_EN_202111.pdf

Insight 1 – Donor priority (i): IKI Gender Strategy (Cont'd)

Five action areas for implementation:



Governance, scope and accountability: commitment at all levels with a clear division of tasks



Criteria for implementing organizations and adaptation of processes: anchoring of gender aspects in all stages of the project cycles



Gender competence (internal and external): gender competence-building and awareness-raising



Knowledge management and communication: active data collection, exchange and learning



Resources and budget: adequate resource allocation for action areas 1-4



Insight 1 – Donor priority (i): IKI Gender Strategy (Cont'd)

Minimum standard within the BES-Net Gender Strategy

Results Code	Indicators	Unit	Target value
G II.1	# of NEA Tranche III countries with a gender expert in the assessment team , who has knowledge and experience of working on gender related issues including women's participation	# of countries	<u>At least one country with gender focal point</u>
G II.2	# of women's organizations or networks included as part of the ecosystem assessment support process	# of organization/ network	<u>At least one organization or network per assessment</u>
G II.3	# of sessions on gender-biodiversity nexus organized in relevant capacity-building activities	# of sessions	<u>At least one session</u>

Insight 1 – Donor priority (ii): SwedBio focus on knowledge collaboration and co-creation

Special interest in:



Knowledge exchange between actors and connection of their diverse knowledge systems



Equitable engagement of local actors in collaborative initiatives and policy processes

Core underlying values



Meaningful and culturally appropriate **participation and representation**



Forwarding **gender** equality and bringing unique knowledge of **women**



Mainstreaming the **Multiple Evidence Base approach**



Human rights-based approach, recognizing **indigenous peoples and local communities' rights**, including their rights to free, prior and informed consent

Insight 2 – BES-Net I final project evaluation



Mandatory exercise, undertaken in July–September 2022, as per UNDP Evaluation Policy



Evaluation based on desk review and virtual/written key informant interviews

Overall rating of the project as **satisfactory**

Overall quality of decentralized evaluations, 2018-2021



Source: <http://web.undp.org/evaluation/documents/annual-report/2022/UNDP-ARE%202021.pdf>.

Insight 2 – BES-Net I final project evaluation: overall ratings

Categories	Subcategories	Rating*
Project strategy	Project design and formulation	5 (S)
	Implementation approach	5 (S)
Project implementation	Monitoring and evaluation	5 (S)
	Execution, oversight, coordination	5 (S)
Stakeholder participation and partnership arrangement		5 (S)
Project results	Overall	5 (S)
	Outcome 2 (National ecosystem assessments)	5 (S)
Relevance		6 (HS)
Effectiveness and efficiency		4 (MS)
Efficiency		5 (S)
Sustainability	Overall	3 (ML)
	Financial	4 (L)
	Socioeconomic	4 (L)
	Institutional framework and governance	3 (ML)
	Environmental	4 (L)

Ratings are in:

- **6-point scales of:**

- 6=Highly Satisfactory (HS)
- 5=Satisfactory (S)

- 4=Moderately Satisfactory (MS)
- 3=Moderately Unsatisfactory (MU)

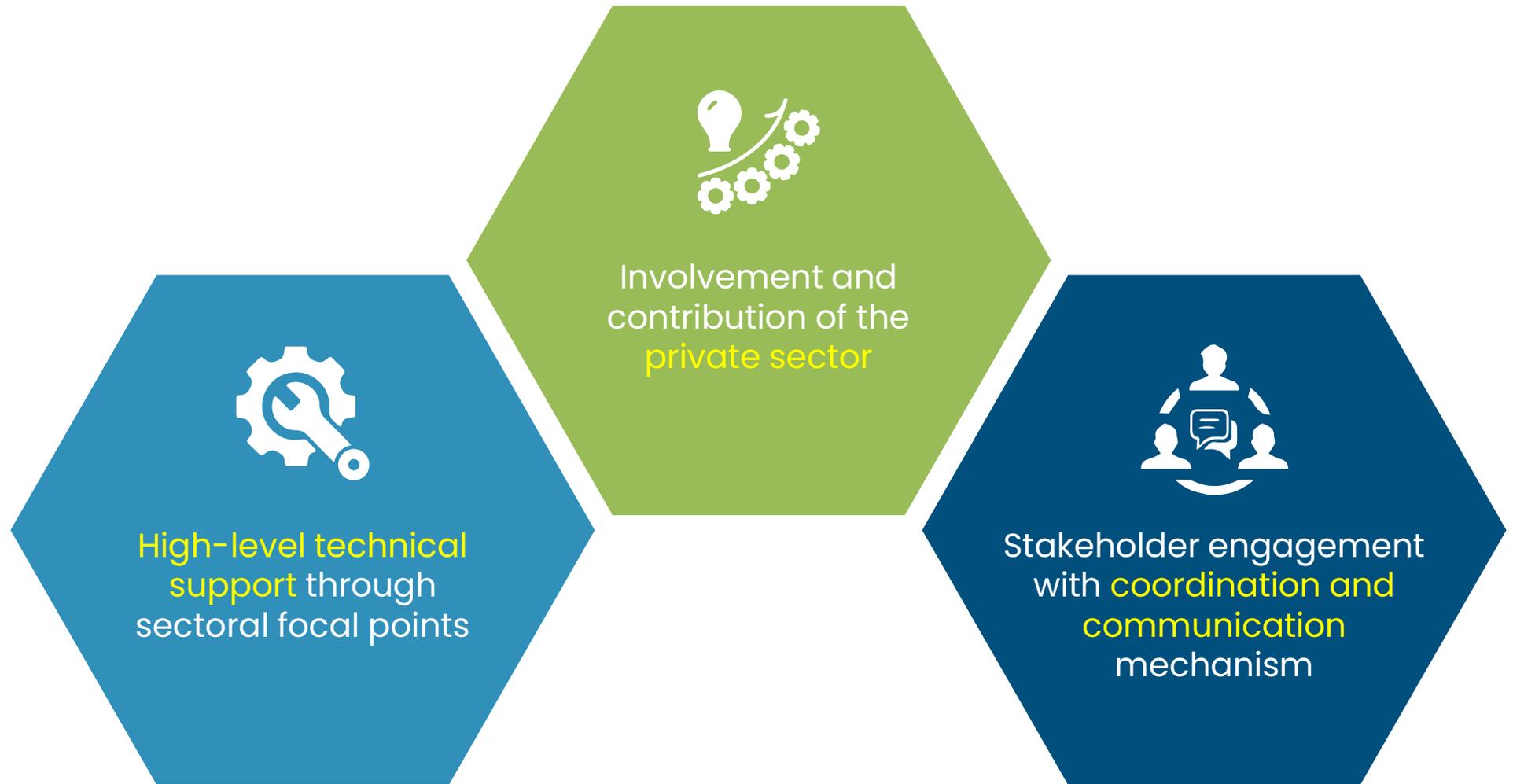
- 2=Unsatisfactory (U)
- 1=Highly Unsatisfactory (HU)

- **4-point scales of**

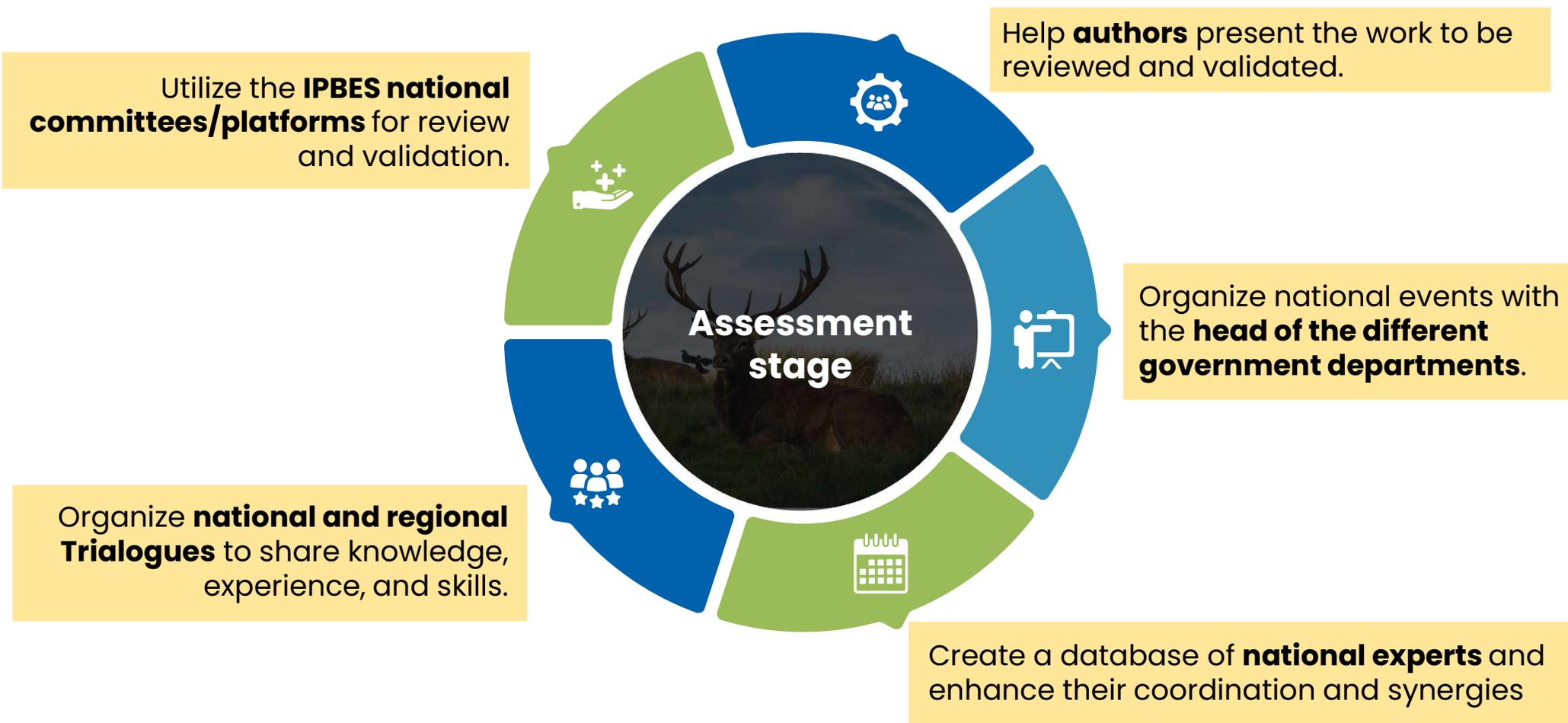
- 4=Likely (L)
- 3=Moderately Likely (ML)

- 2=Moderately Unlikely (MU)
- 1=Unlikely (U)

Insight 2 – BES-Net I final project evaluation: lessons



Insight 2 – BES-Net I final project evaluation: recommendations



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Post-assessment stage



Maintain a **triangular network** to drive the implementation of the assessment findings.



Leverage **established platforms** to engage in public awareness of assessments and findings.



Involve **national ecosystem assessment and Triologue champions** for knowledge sharing.

Insight 3 – IPBES assessments

Thematic assessment on the sustainable use of wild species



Methodological assessment on the diverse values and valuation of nature



Thematic assessment of invasive alien species and their control



Timeline of IPBES assessment under the 2030 work programme



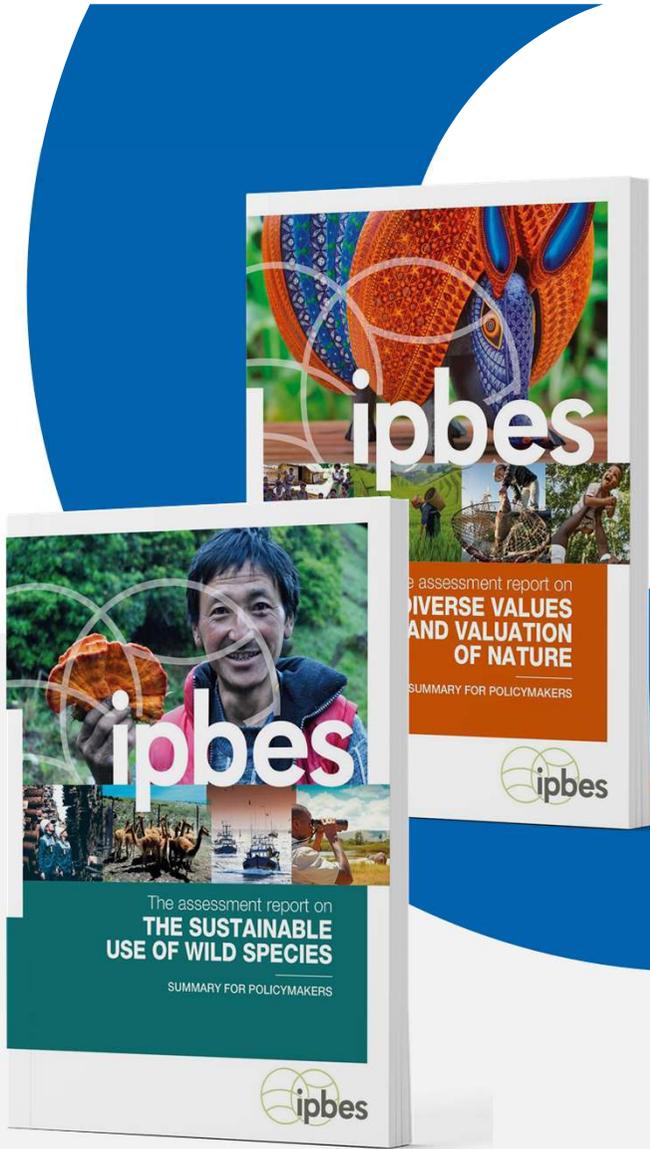
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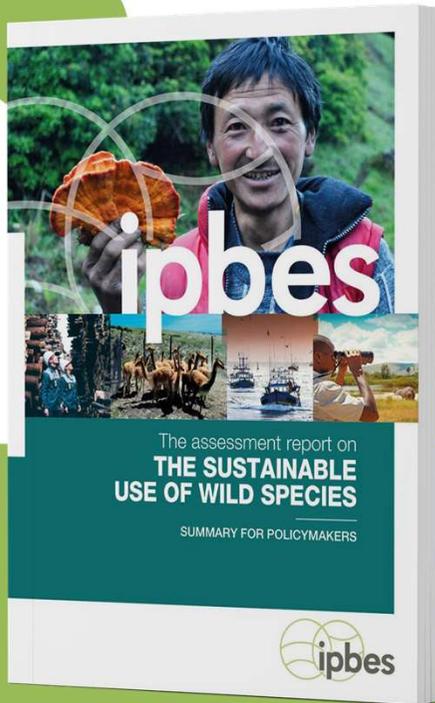


Sustainable use of wild species

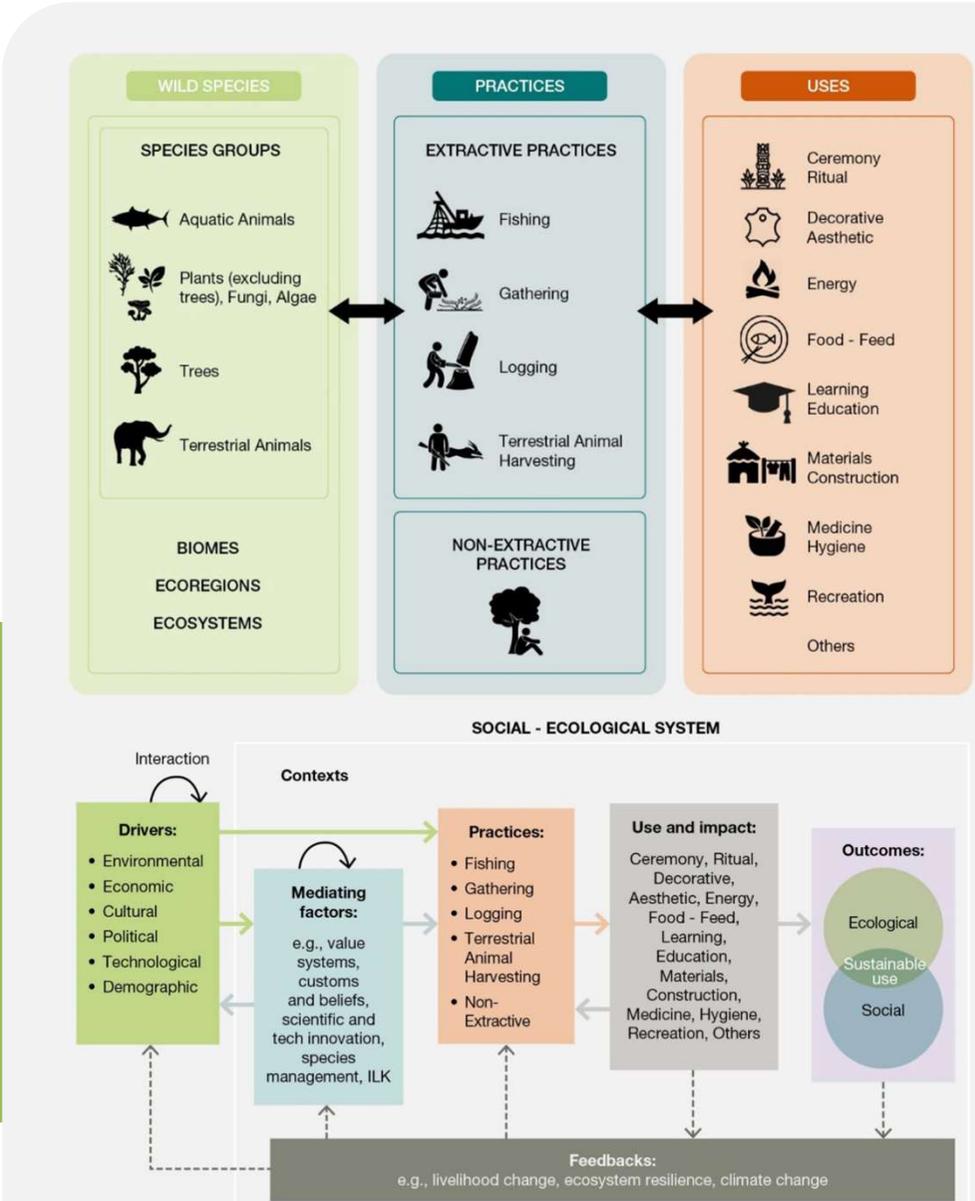
Values

Invasive alien species

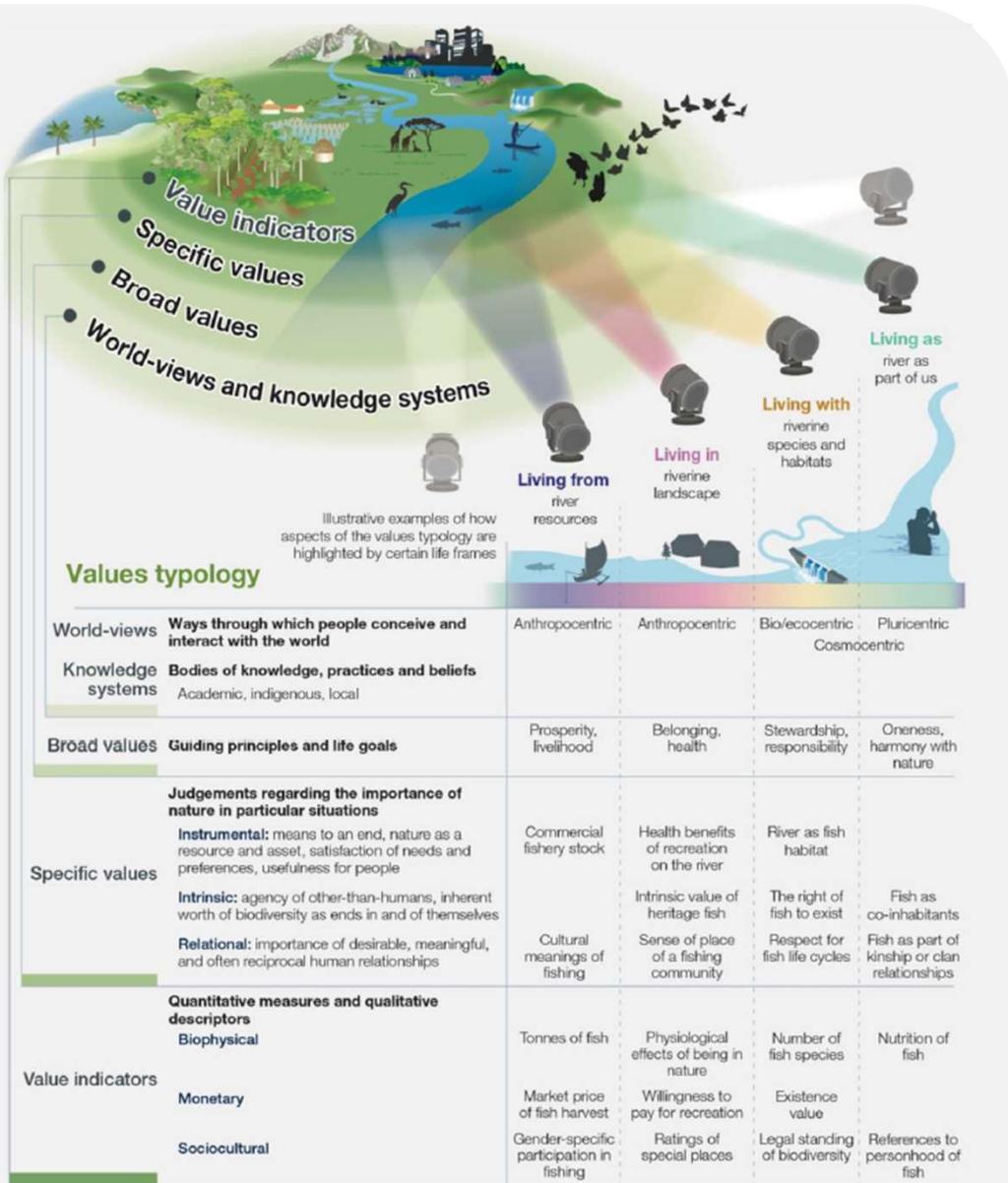




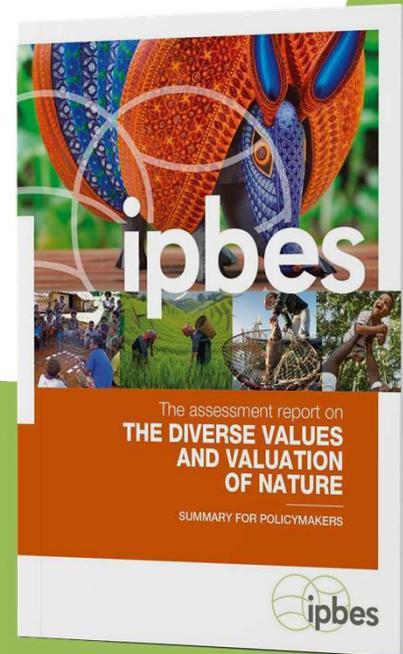
Thematic assessment on the sustainable use of wild species (2022)



Source: <https://zenodo.org/record/6810036#.YzqkCnZByUI>



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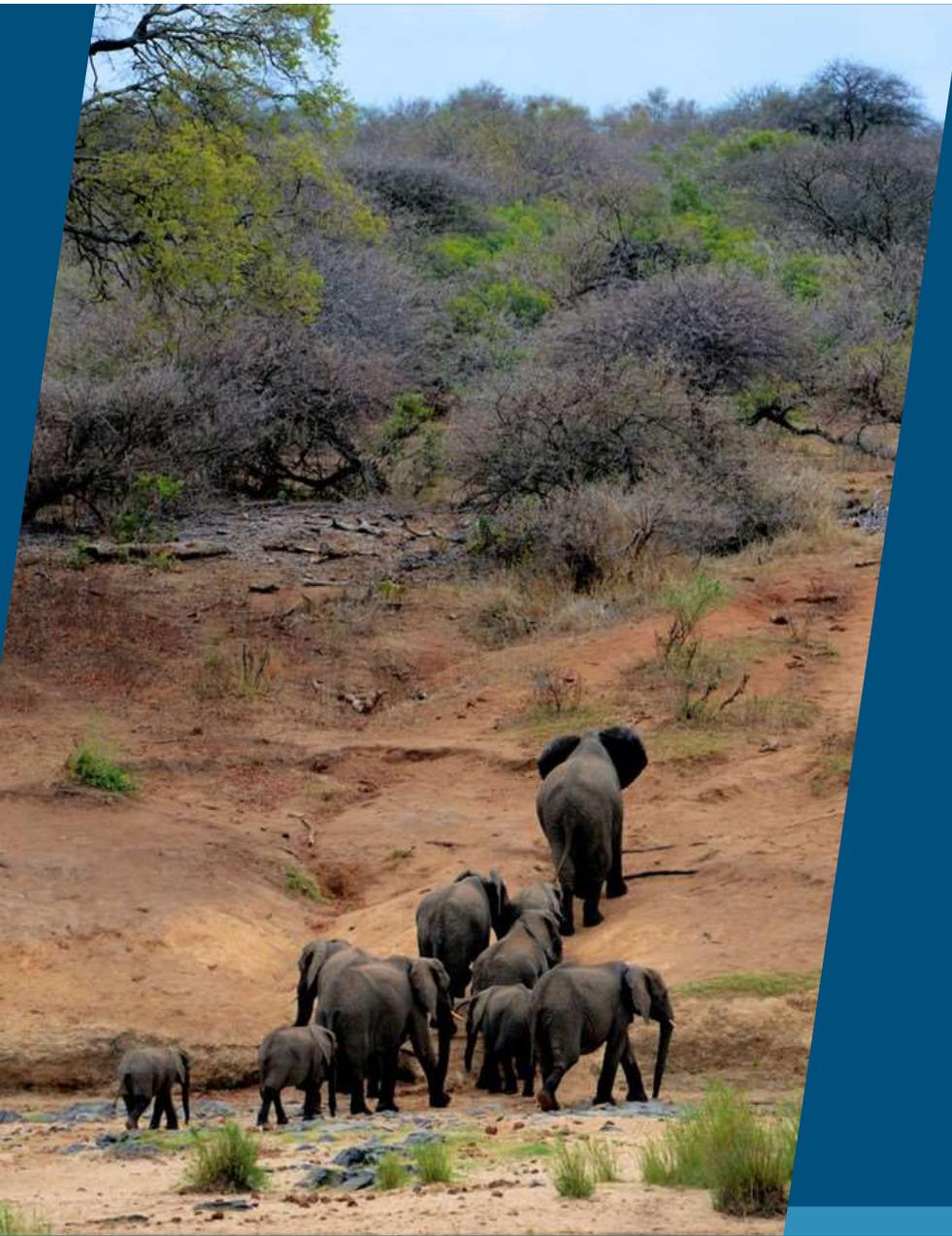
Methodological assessment on the diverse values and valuation of nature (2022)



Download the Assessment



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