



IPBES Forum

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Scoping of the Sustainable Use Assessment &

Consideration of the undertaking of thematic and methodological assessments (deliverables 3 (b) (ii), 3 (b) (iii) and 3 (d))



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Scoping document Sustainable Use of Wild Species

Context deliverable 3b(iii), Sustainable Use

- In May 2013, a request for the IPBES Work Programme was made by the CITES, asking IPBES to “strengthen capacities and tools for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity” with a focus on wild species. This request was approved **at IPBES-2**.
- **At IPBES-3**, the Plenary approved the initiation of scoping a thematic assessment of sustainable use of biodiversity, primarily using virtual approaches.
- **At IPBES-4**, Plenary asked IPBES to undertake a further scoping with a face-to-face meeting, external review and finalization of draft scoping for IPBES-5.

Main external review comments received on sustainable use scoping report during IPBES 4

Topic	Suggested edit
Scope of the assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Contrasting comments were received either on that the scope was presented too broad or too narrow. Important to make a decision and to explain why scope is suggested
Title of the assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Link to scope
Definitions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Request for defining ‘wild species’ and other key terminology
Importance of social approaches within assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Need to include social approaches with a focus on living in harmony with nature in order to provide a more holistic perspective on the sustainable use of biodiversity.
Need to focus on lessons learned and success stories	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Request for the assessment to include lessons learned and particular success stories of sustainable use
Face to Face meeting needed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Recommendation to meet face-to-face to deal with the complexity of the topic

Scoping meeting Sustainable Use

Composition of expert group:

- 233 submitted nominations
- Selected a group of 22 scoping experts (of which 5 of regional assessments)
- Balance in terms of expertise, geographical coverage and gender. Importantly, policy experts, technical experts and practitioners were selected to encourage policy relevance.

Objective of meeting:

- to address comments of IPBES-4 and develop a revised draft scoping document.

Outcome:

- Revised scope with focus on Sustainable Use of Wild Species

External review of revised scoping document:

- 51 reviewers of which 13 governments
- 476 review comments received

Main external review comments received on SUB scoping report after external review in 2016	
Topic	Suggested edit
Scope of the assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Explain rational for focus on ‘wild species’ - Original request linked to CITES & wild species - Need for direction & compromise.
Title of the assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Link to scope
Relationship with CITES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Highlight usefulness assessment to the work of CITES - Relate to CITES COP outcomes
Scale	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Explain importance for national policy-making despite global scale of the assessment
Policy relevant questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Further define the objective of each chapter and align the policy relevant questions to these objectives
Categories of use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Revisit categories of use with the MEP and link them to the nature’s benefits to people system.
ILK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Have separate para on ILK inclusion in scoping report, with link to ILK procedures currently under development

Scope: Sustainable Use of Wild Species

Scale: Global

Objective: to consider various approaches to the sustainable use of wild species of flora and fauna within the ecosystems that they inhabit and to strengthen related practices, measures, capacities and tools for their conservation through such use.

Focus: on consumptive and non-consumptive uses of wild species, and recognizing the inherent interdependencies between the use of wild species and its wider socio-ecological contexts. Will analyse the strengths and weaknesses of relevant governance systems

Utility:

- Provides users with comprehensive analysis of the sustainable use of wild species based on the current state of scientific and other knowledge systems, including indigenous and local knowledge
- **CITES**: contribute to CITES' goal of ensuring that international trade in wild animals and plants does not threaten their survival in the wild
- **Contribute to international goals of SDGs and CBD**

Chapter outline

1. Setting the scene
2. Conceptualizing the sustainable use of wild species
3. Environmental aspects and implications of the use of wild species
4. Societal relevance and indirect drivers of the use of wild species
5. Future scenarios
6. Policy options and responses

Cross-cutting issues

Sustainable use assessment is interlinked with:

- Capacity building
- Policy support tools
- Values work
- Indigenous and local knowledge & practices
- Other IPBES assessments
- Data and Knowledge task force

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Outstanding assessments:

- Methodological assessment regarding diverse conceptualization of multiple values of nature and its benefits
- Thematic assessment of the sustainable use of wild species
- Thematic assessment of invasive alien species and their control

Set-up

- Estimated minimum budget of \$997,000
- Carried out over 3 years with 3 full author meetings
- 62 experts (2 co-chairs, 12 coordinating lead authors, 36 lead authors and 12 review editors) or about 8 experts per chapter
- Technical support unit (1 paid & 1 staff through in-kind support)

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Considerations

- Timing and staggering of assessments
- Overload for all involved (governments, secretariat, MEP & Bureau and experts)
- Current budget shortfall
- Which assessment to start first?



**Thank
you !**

