

Press briefing

Concrete actions for the sustainable use of biodiversity and consideration of biodiversity values



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Two new IPBES assessments

1. Diverse Conceptualization of the Multiple Values of Nature and its Benefits

2. Sustainable Use of Wild Species



Programme

- 09:05 Presentation of Biodiversa+ and links with the IPBES
 - By Hilde Eggermont, Chair and Coordinator of Biodiversa+
- 09:15 Context for the new IPBES assessments & Biodiversa+'s contributing actions
 - By Frédéric Lemaître, Senior officer for science-policy-society interface
 - Prof Tord Snäll, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences
 - Dr Dagmar Haase, Humboldt University
- 09:45 Q&A session
- 10:00 End of the press event





Biodiversa+ and its links with the IPBES

Hilde Eggermont, Chair and Coordinator of Biodiversa+

Biodiversa+





Promote and support Nature-based Solutions, and valuation of biodiversity in private sectors Internationalisation of European R&I



Context for the new IPBES assessments & Biodiversa+'s contributing actions

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Two new IPBES assessments

Sustainable use of wild species

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Diverse values and valuation



I. In paragraph 4 of section V of decision IPBES-4/1, the Plenary of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services approved the scoping report on the methodological assessment regarding diverse conceptualization of multiple values of nature and its benefits, including biodiversity and ecosystem services, set out in annex VI to the decision. In paragraph 5 of decision IPBES-5/6, on financial and budgetary arrangements, the Plenary decided to consider at its sixth session, subject to the availability of sufficient funds, the pending thematic assessment of the sustainable use of wild species, the pending methodological assessment regarding the diverse conceptualization of multiple values of nature and its benefits and the pending thematic assessment of invasive alien species.

2. At its sixth session, the Plenary will be invited to consider the undertaking of the assessment regarding the diverse conceptualization of multiple values of nature and its benefits, including biodiversity and ecosystem services, based on the approved scoping report, which is reproduced in the annex to the present note, without formal editing. Section V of the scoping report, on process and timetable, and section VI, on cost estimate, have been revised to take into account information set out in the note by the secretariat on considerations pertaining to the pending assessments, including a suggested revised process, timeline and budget (IPBES/6/8).



Sustainable use of wild species



→ Using wild natural resources in a durable way e.g. fishing, logging, harvesting animals & plants, but also tourism and recreation

→ State of the art review of status, trends and insights into solutions



BUFFER project

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- ✓ Worldwide review of 100 MPAs effectiveness
- ✓ Further showed that e.g. in Mediterranean, of 6% covered by MPAs, only 0.23% are ecologically effective (Claudet et al 2020, OneEarth)



(8) Unregulated extraction

4 Highly regulated extraction



Rebuilding boreal forest green infrastructure - GreenFutureForest project

Prof. Tord Snäll, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU)

Landscape & approach



Three alternative futures

1. green infrastructure (GI)

 biodiversity indicators, expected wood demand, economy

2. reference scenario

- expected wood demand, economy

3. economy scenario

- Maximising economic aspects only

Questions answered (for each scenario): Which forest managements fulfil the scenario objectives?

Impact on forestry economy?

Impact on species negatively affected by forestry?

Forest management reaching the scenario objectives



Proportion of landscape area



Birds – compared to today





Wood fungi – compared to today





Wood fungi – compared to today









- Helen Moor
- Boreal green infrastructure (GI) can be rebuilt by large focus on biodiversity indicators and forestry less intensive than the typical clear-cutting forestry
 - → longer rotation lengths, more broadleaves, less thinning, continuous cover forestry, which together also increase forest functioning, resilience and other uses
- Forestry profit reduced by 14%, but with increased functioning, resilience and other uses of the forest
- Biodiversity negatively affected by forestry is projected to increase if green infrastructure is rebuilt, otherwise their viability depends on the area protected as reserves
- → Overall, sustainable use of forest by rebuilding the GI means somewhat reduced profit from wood production, yet with increased biodiversity, functioning, resilience, and other uses



Presentation based on:

Moor H. Eggers J, Fabritius H, Forsell N, Henckel L, Bradter U, Mazziotta A, Nordén J, Snäll T. 2022. Rebuilding green infrastructure in boreal production forest given future global wood demand. Journal of Applied Ecology 59: 1656-1669.

Diverse values and valuation



- → About how different groups of people value nature, and methods to capture these in our planning and decisions.
- \rightarrow Clear that nature and benefits undervalued
- → Show how values are formed, evolve, how to standardize, and provide principles and action points for integrating the diverse values of nature in our decisions



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- $\checkmark\,$ Linked to maps of supply of wild food



Studied mushroom

Europe

species richness across

Importance of mushrooms as an ecosystem service







What is behind greening? - URBES & ENABLE projects

Dr. Dagmar Haase, Humboldt University



Trees and urban forests state & connectivity



Gardens for biodiversity and social cohesion





Brownfields as nature experimental sites



We need equity to make all these benefits accessible for vulnerable groups.





15 – minute Q&A session

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