

SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL COMMENTS
(arising from ScC-SC6)

**COOPERATION WITH THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL SCIENCE-POLICY PLATFORM ON
BIODIVERSITY AND ECOSYSTEM SERVICES (IPBES)**

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(ScC-SC6 Agenda item 5.1)

RECOMMENDATIONS TO COP14

The Sessional Committee of the Scientific Council endorses the Recommendations to COP14 contained in paragraph 25 of the document, subject to the specific additional text revisions noted below.

GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE DOCUMENT

The Sessional Committee reinforced the value of CMS cooperation with IPBES, and noted that in the current triennium this had been particularly fruitful, with CMS input helping to make improvements in the scoping of relevant assessments.

**COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC SECTIONS/ INCLUDING POSSIBLE PROPOSALS FOR TEXT
REVISION**

- Page 5 of the background document, paragraph 23:

Delete the last sentence, and replace with the following:

“On 14 June 2023, the IPBES Secretariat published its document IPBES/10/10 [Report on the prioritization of requests, input and suggestions for additional elements of the rolling work programme of the Platform up to 2030](#). In this, three new deliverables are proposed for consideration by IPBES-10: a second global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services; a fast-track assessment of monitoring biodiversity and ecosystem services; and a two-year fast-track assessment of integrated biodiversity-inclusive spatial planning and ecological connectivity”.

(Note that this paragraph could be updated once the outcomes of IPBES-10 are known).

Annex 1. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO RESOLUTION 10.8 (REV. COP13)

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Delete the following preambular paragraphs which are obsolete:

“Acknowledging the outcomes of the Conference on Biodiversity, Science and Governance held in Paris, in January 2005, highlighting that there is a need for an objective source of information on the status of biodiversity and its impact on ecosystem services and human well-being,

Welcoming the outcome of the third ad hoc intergovernmental and multi-stakeholder meeting held in Busan, Republic of Korea in June 2010, and recalling the following recommendations:

- a) that an Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) should be established that should be scientifically independent, should ensure credibility, relevance and legitimacy, and perform regular and timely assessments on knowledge on biodiversity and ecosystem services and their linkages,
- b) that the IPBES Plenary as a decision-making body should be open to participants of all Member States of the United Nations, and regional economic integration organizations as well as for intergovernmental organizations and other relevant stakeholders as observers,
- c) that IPBES should collaborate with existing initiatives on biodiversity and ecosystem services, including multilateral environmental agreements,

Recalling that the Standing Committee was briefed on progress on the establishment of the IPBES process by the Secretariat through document CMS/StC37/Inf.7 at its 37th meeting held in Bonn, Germany in November 2010,

Taking note of decision GC.26/6 of the 26th UNEP Governing Council Meeting held in Nairobi in February 2011, endorsing the “Busan Outcome” and, based on resolution GA 65/162 of the United Nations General Assembly, requesting UNEP to convene a plenary meeting to determine modalities and institutional arrangements for IPBES in 2011,”

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Add the following preambular paragraph:

“Acknowledging the establishment of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services and the adoption of its functions, operating principles and institutional arrangements by the second session of the plenary meeting to determine the modalities and institutional arrangements for IPBES, held in April 2012;”

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Add the following preambular paragraph:

“Taking note of the outcome of the IPBES-10 Plenary in August-September 2023 in Bonn, which updated the IPBES rolling work programme up to 2030 with the inclusion of [xxx] new deliverables consisting of [XXXX to be completed/updated after IPBES-10], all of which are of relevance for the objectives of the CMS;”

(Note that this paragraph could be updated once the outcomes of IPBES-10 are known).

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Operative paragraph 4:

Correct the Spanish language translation, as follows:

“Invita a la IPBES que incluya, en la medida de lo posible, materias relevantes para las especies migratorias, incluida la conectividad ecológica, así como las principales amenazas para las especies migratorias, como la sobreexplotación y la destrucción y fragmentación del hábitat en todas sus futuras evaluaciones relevantes y documentos técnicos;”

Annex 2: DRAFT DECISIONS

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14.AA (13. 12)

Add the following amendments:

“The Scientific Council is requested to, subject to the availability of resources, actively engage in relevant scoping processes and review of drafts of the IPBES thematic assessments adopted agreed by the IPBES-10 Plenary, including with respect to the assessment on [integrated biodiversity-inclusive spatial planning](#) and ecological connectivity and a second global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services, [as well as on the assessment of monitoring biodiversity and ecosystem services, as relevant](#), with a view to ensure that elements of connectivity CMS priority elements are addressed”

(Note that this paragraph could be updated once the outcomes of IPBES-10 are known).

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14.AA (13. 13) a):

Add the following amendments:

“support the Scientific Council in engaging in relevant scoping and other processes of the new IPBES thematic assessments adopted agreed by the IPBES-10 Plenary, including with respect to the assessment on [integrated biodiversity-inclusive spatial planning and](#) ecological connectivity and a second global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services, [as well as on the assessment of monitoring biodiversity and ecosystem services, as relevant](#),”

(Note that this paragraph could be updated once the outcomes of IPBES-10 are known).

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Decision 14.AA (13. 11) b)

Correct the Spanish language translation, as follows:

“...revisen los resultados de las evaluaciones realizadas por IPBES ~~a la importancia de la conectividad para los esfuerzos de conservación como se describe en el informe del Estudio de Evaluación Global sobre Biodiversidad y Servicios Ecosistémicos de IPBES~~, y consideren [su relevancia para la CMS y](#) la manera de reflejar dichos resultados en sus medidas de conservación a nivel nacional.”