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Right now, two IPBES reports are under review:

- The **[Nexus Assessment](#)** is a thematic assessment of the interlinkages between biodiversity, water, food and health. As a member of the Cambridge Global Food Security IRC, it likely addresses your field: it “will examine the interlinkages among the sustainable development goals related to food and water security, health for all, protecting biodiversity on land and in the oceans and combating climate change.” For a more detailed outline see the [scoping report](#).

This assessment is open for review until **14 January 2024**. For instructions how to join — including hints for newcomers — see [this article](#).

- The **[Transformative change Assessment](#)** is a thematic assessment of the underlying causes of biodiversity loss, determinants of transformative change and options for achieving the 2050 vision for biodiversity. It seeks “to understand and identify factors in human society at both the individual and collective levels, including behavioural, social, cultural, economic, institutional, technical and technological dimensions”; these factors “may be leveraged to bring about transformative change for the conservation, restoration and wise use of biodiversity, while taking into account broader social and economic goals in the context of sustainable development.” For a more detailed outline see the [scoping report](#).

This report stands out for its unusual approach, and its wide-ranging comparison of visions, scenarios, and practical options: you are encouraged to join in a spirit of exploration. The assessment is open for review until **31 January 2024**. For instructions how to join — including hints for newcomers — see [this article](#).

Serving as a reviewer allows you to try working with IPBES, with a view to further engagement. Perhaps for the upcoming second global assessment and for an assessment on biodiversity-inclusive spatial planning and ecological connectivity; IPBES will recruit further experts for both projects.

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“I like to contribute to the valuable work of IPBES because I believe that a strong scientific and policy-relevant basis contributes to better decision making by policy makers and leaders and can foster a transition towards a net zero and nature positive world.

I also love the collaboration with great scientists and experts from a wide range of disciplines and across the world that jointly work on very complex topics and understand the need of making this work scientifically sound, policy-relevant, and useful for decision makers.”



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