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IPBES publishes a summary of each assessment report. Designed for policymakers, these include key messages, described and laid out in a way that is accessible to lay readers. While the full reports are compiled independently by the experts, the summaries for policymakers are produced in consultation with member governments at an IPBES plenary session. Plain-text versions of these summaries are translated into all six UN languages. Sometimes, a summary for policymakers will be further distilled into a factsheet, giving a brief overview of a theme.

IPBES products can provide you with introductions to new topics, a rich set of references and datasets, as well as inspiration. You may also be interested in the knowledge gaps identified by the reports, and in mining the extensive assessment reports themselves.

The structured layouts, and colourful illustrations and infographics are excellent teaching resources; making high-quality research and the latest information on biodiversity accessible to students. IPBES stakeholders report the popularity of these materials at several levels of higher education.



While full IPBES reports span hundreds of pages, the summaries for policymakers provide an introduction and key findings for newcomers (Franziska Fischer)

Opportunities for engagement:

- IPBES supports uptake events, i.e., workshops, seminars, or other formats that introduce new audiences to IPBES's work. The IPBES Secretariat can provide you with hardcopies of summaries for policymakers and other materials; they can also put you in touch with suitable IPBES experts. [Contact the Secretariat](#) to find out more.
- While IPBES supports uptake events for all its products, there are currently two especially timely opportunities:

The uptake of the latest report, the Invasive Alien Species Assessment. Relevant activities [submitted](#) by **30 June 2024** will be reported to the IPBES plenary.

[Workshops on scenarios and models](#), including those that test the Nature Futures Framework.

- You can publish your impact or contribution to capacity-building with IPBES. If you have successfully used an IPBES product for decision-making or research, then you can record, document and share your impact in the IPBES Impact Tracking Database ([TRACK](#)). Similarly, IPBES collects and publishes [capacity-building relevant to its work](#).
- For more extensive work on a particular topic relevant to IPBES, including knowledge gaps, you can form a community of practice: "self-organizing groups of experts, policymakers and/or practitioners who work to increase access to expertise and information on a specific topic or focus area." For more details, see the [leaflet](#).

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