

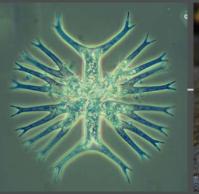
### Towards a biodiverse future Earth

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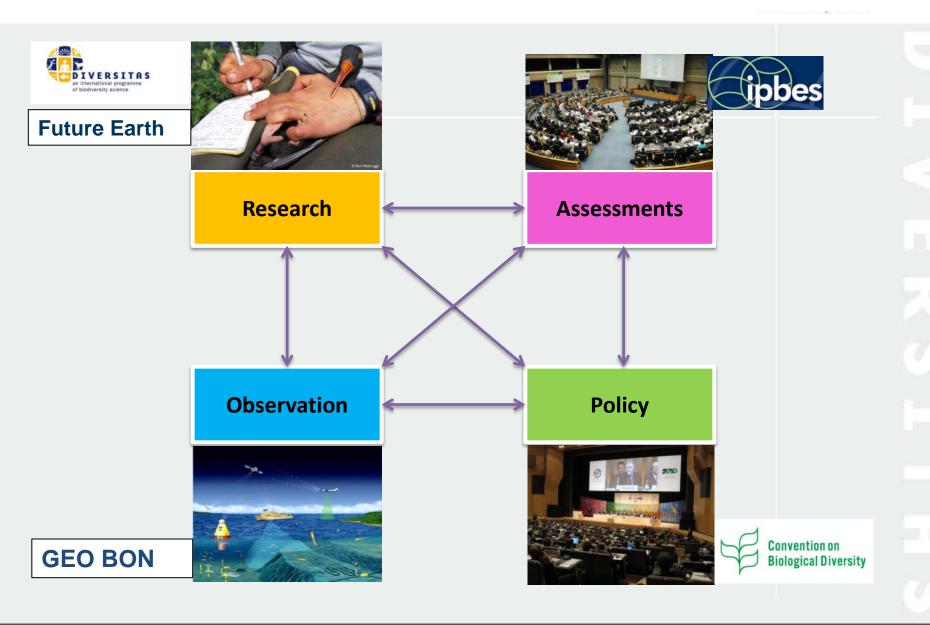








## Biodiversity science-policy interface





- Observation GEO BON
- Science
- Assessment IPBES
- Policy
- The way forward







### **Observation: GEO BON**



## The Group on Earth Observations (GEO)

An Intergovernmental
 Organization with 86
 Members and 61
 Participating Organizations
 (2003)

#### **GEOSS**



GEO BON: Global partnership to help collect, manage, analyse & report data relating to the status of the world's biodiversity



Biodiversity
Observation
Network



### **GEO BON & freshwater**



- Working group on freshwater biodiversity
  - Co-Chairs: I Harisson, E Turak
  - Global Wetland Observing System (GWOS)
    - Mandate from Ramsar
    - Draw on collaboration, data, and analyses from relevant earth observation programmes and agencies, MEA and other sources
    - Include elements of a web-based inventory meta-database
    - Serve to support Ramsar's effectiveness indicators for status and trends of ecosystem extent







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# Biodiversity & ecosystem services science for a sustainable planet



- Challenge 1: Identify urgent detrimental changes in biodiversity & ecosystem services and provide the knowledge to avoid, limit or mitigate such changes
- Challenge 2: Enhance the capacity of socio-ecological systems to support biodiversity & ecosystem services under global change
- Challenge 3: Develop the knowledge base on the use and conservation of biodiversity to sustain ecosystem services and human well-being
- Challenge 4: Build a global network of biodiversity science





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### Some history...



## Informal Consultation 2005-08

- International mechanism of scientific expertise on biodiversity (IMoSEB)
- MA Follow-Up Initiative
- MA Follow-Up Initiative merges with IMoSEB: IPBES

## Formal Consultation 2008-2010

- 1<sup>st</sup> ad-hoc intergovernmental and multi-stakeholder meeting on IPBES (Putrajaya, 2008)
- 2nd ad-hoc intergovernmental and multi-stakeholder meeting on an IPBES (Nairobi, 2009)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> and final ad-hoc intergovernmental and multi-stakeholder meeting on IPBES (Busan, 2010)
- UN General Assembly decision (Dec. 2010)

### **Design** 2011-12

- Design of IPBES (Plenary, Nairobi Oct. 11, Panama Apr. 2012)
- Launch of IPBES (Apr. 2012, Panama )

### Implementation Starting 2012

- Implementation of IPBES
  - Inter-sessional work
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Plenary (2013)



### What did happen in 2011-2012?

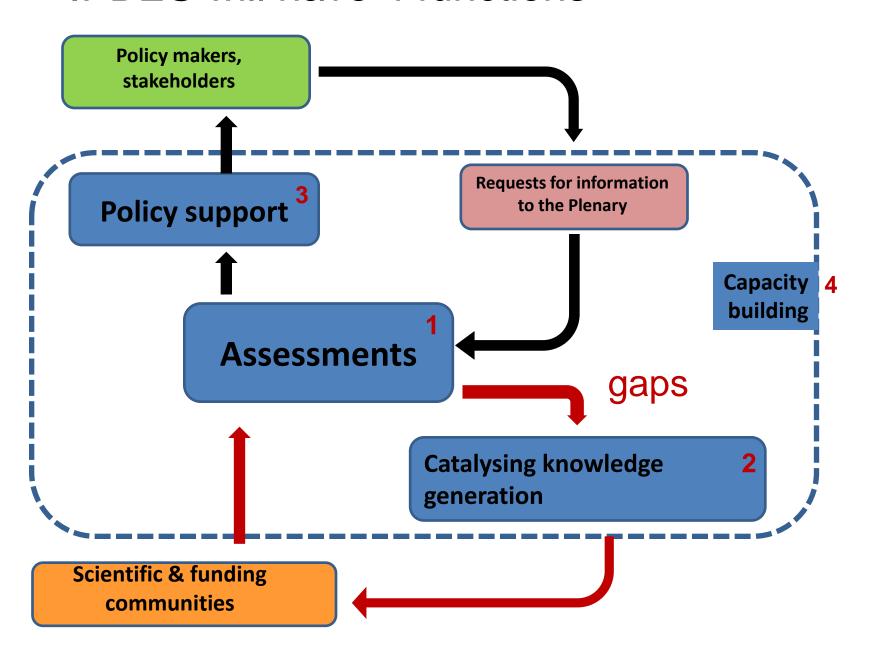




- 2<sup>nd</sup> session of the plenary (16-21 April 2012, Panama)
  - Selection of the Secretariat: Bonn, Germany
  - Agreement on major principles and procedures governing the work of IPBES and its governance structure (MEP)
  - Official launched



### IPBES will have 4 functions



### So what happens now?



- First IPBES Plenary, 21-26 Jan. 2013
- Inter-sessional work
  - Administrative issues: Joint United Nations proposal for institutional hosting; Rules of procedure for meetings of the Platform's Plenary; Interim secretariat management
  - How the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel would be structured?
  - Preparations for an initial work programme: overview of assessment; conceptual framework; capacity building; scoping process for selecting assessment themes; requests from governments
  - Nomination of the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel





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### Contributing to Rio+20

- Ahead of Rio
  - Planet under Pressure Conference
  - Policy brief on biodiversity and ecosystem services (Diaz et al. 2012)
  - Cardinale et al. 2012 Nature
- In Rio
  - S&T Forum: Biodiversity session (UNESCO-DIVERSITAS-ICSU-STAP)
  - Input to the Rio declaration: « The Future we want »
- Post Rio
  - Langlois et al. 2012 EcoHealth





challenges and solutions





### **DIVERSITAS** and CBD



- Mandate to prepare the scenario chapter of GBO-4 (with UNEP-WCMC)
- Mandate to GEO BON
  - Adequacy report: evaluation of existing observation capabilities
  - Essential Biodiversity Variables (EBVs): relatively small number of EBVs necessary to derive the CBD operational indicators
- Involvement in work on Strategic Plan for Biodiversity (20 targets for 2020; AHTEG on indicators)
- Other topics: mountain biodiversity, climate change,
   Global Taxonomy Initiative, health, inland water













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## Preparing for Future Earth



- Research topics
  - Socio-ecological scenarios (GBO-4)
  - GWOS
  - Activities related to Global threats project
    - Global change scenarios and FW related ecosystem services
    - Inland fishing pressure
    - Synthesis (Belmont proposal)
- Belmont Forum future calls
  - 2013: Food security and landuse change; Artic; E-infrastructure
  - 2014 (TBC): Biodiversity & ecosystem services (IPBES); Climate services (WMO); Green growth; Peri-urban systems





## Thank you!

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## AquaBase

DIVERSITAS
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of biodiversity science

- Biophysical basis of aquatic ecosystem services
- To inform restoration and conservation policies

