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Dear Professor Zakri,

In response to your letter dated 30 October 2013, I write to reiterate IUCN's strong interest and support for IPBES. This is based on our many years of scientific work and our wish to offer our expertise in designing and developing tools and methodologies that we feel will support the Platform.

IUCN is delighted to see the considerable progress made by IPBES over the past few months since its official establishment at the Panama meeting in April 2012. We consider that the draft work programme 2014-2018 is realistically ambitious and has identified priority activities based on the four functions of IPBES. We particularly welcome the strong place given to regional activities, which will allow participation of a wide range of stakeholders.

Mandated by our Members at our World Conservation Congress in 2012, IUCN is ready to contribute to the implementation of the IPBES work programme by establishing a strategic relationship with the Platform, based on the strong alignment between our respective programmes. The current IUCN Programme 2013-2016 and the draft IPBES Programme 2014-2018 show numerous areas for synergies, most notably through the provision of information and data from the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species, the Key Biodiversity Areas and the IUCN Red List of Ecosystems. The IUCN Commissions can also contribute to the Platform's work, in view of the expertise of their large volunteer networks.

IUCN is therefore ready to provide support to the implementation of the Platform's work through the following:

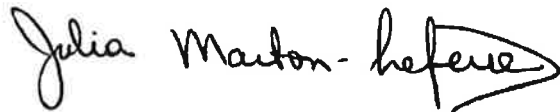
- facilitated access to IUCN data and information contained in the IUCN Knowledge Products, including tailored analyses and publications;
- design and development of policy tools and methodologies;
- implementation of capacity-building projects;
- participation of the IUCN Commissions in the development of regional/sub regional networks to assist in assessments and capacity-building;
- in-kind technical support through one professional (full time equivalent) staff member every year engaging on relevant activities including global, regional, thematic, general or methodological assessments, communication, outreach and stakeholder engagement;

- hosting meetings in IUCN offices throughout the world (excluding travel and DSA for participants).

Following your request, you will find in the attached form a financial estimation of these in-kind contributions encompassed in our commitment. More details may be provided once the IPBES work programme is adopted and the procedure for identifying and engaging strategic partnerships has been agreed.

Once again, I reiterate IUCN's availability to work with IPBES and we look forward to a successful outcome from the meeting in Antalya.

With best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julia Marton-Lefèvre". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

Julia Marton-Lefèvre
Director General

Attached: Form with indicative financial and in-kind support for IPBES work programme 2014-2018.



Indicative financial and in-kind support for IPBES 2014-2018 work programme

Please indicate below ways in which your Government or organization might expect to support implementation of the 2014-2018 IPBES work programme, once it has been agreed by the second session of the IPBES Plenary, meeting in Antalya, Turkey, 9-14 December 2013. It is recognized that unless otherwise specified this list is indicative, and many Governments and organizations may not be able to make a final commitment at this time. As this information will be compiled as an information document to inform discussion at the IPBES Plenary, please return this form to the IPBES Interim Secretariat (secretariat@ipbes.net) by **Monday, 25 November 2013**.

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Anticipated Contribution (please specify duration and whether financial or in-kind)	Anticipated value of contribution (USD)	Anticipated timing to confirm contribution
<p>Technical inputs, data and information drawing on IUCN Knowledge Products, adequately analyzed and reported. It is expected that every thematic and regional/subregional assessments and the global assessment will be subject to a special report. This in-kind contribution will last for the period 2014-18.</p>	<p>Required expertise is valued 50.000USD per report, with up to 20 reports to produce over the period.</p>	<p>Once the work program is adopted and pursuant to guidance on strategic partnerships</p>
<p>Technical support to develop tools and methodologies and to build capacities following priorities and guidance of IPBES This in-kind contribution will last for the whole period 2014-18.</p>	<p>Required expertise is valued 20.000USD per project, with up to 5 projects to develop over the period.</p>	<p>Once the work program is adopted and pursuant to guidance on strategic partnerships</p>
<p>Technical support to develop and maintain</p>	<p>No estimate</p>	<p>Once the work program is adopted and pursuant to</p>

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regional/subregional networks of experts IUCN Commissions (including voluntary experts and support staff) will contribute to the building of adequate networks. This in-kind contribution will last for the whole period 2014-18.		guidance on strategic partnerships
Staff support to assessments or work of the task forces This will represent assignment of IUCN staff of 0.5 Full Time Equivalent per year. This contribution will last for the whole period 2014-18. In 2014 and 2015, IUCN will assign half the time of a professional staff for supporting the assessment on invasive alien species.	0.5 Full-Time Equivalent valued 75.000 USD	Once the work program is adopted and pursuant to guidance on strategic partnerships
Staff support to stakeholder engagement This will represent assignment of IUCN staff of 0.5 Full Time Equivalent per year. This contribution is expected for the period 2013-16 but might be extended in time, depending on available resources. In 2014, IUCN will assign half the time of a professional staff to implement the communication, outreach and stakeholder engagement activities planned in deliverable 4c.	0.5 Full-Time Equivalent valued 75.000 USD	Once the work program is adopted and pursuant to guidance on strategic partnerships
Hosting meetings in IUCN Offices, located in 45 countries. This does not include travel or DSA for participants. This in-kind contribution is expected for the whole period 2014-18.	Facilities for a meeting of 30 persons during 4 days are valued 20.000 USD, with up to 10 meetings over the period.	Once the work program is adopted and pursuant to guidance on strategic partnerships