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**Notification:** Save the date: First external review of the IPBES assessment of invasive alien species

Dear IPBES members, observers and other interested stakeholders,

I am pleased to announce that first order draft of the chapters of the IPBES thematic assessment of invasive alien species and their control will be open for external review from **31 August 2020 to 18 October 2020 (7 weeks)**.

The first external review is one of the most important phases in the IPBES assessment process. The widest-possible participation and most diverse engagement of interested and qualified experts, including scientists, decision makers, practitioners and other knowledge holders, is vital to ensure the scientific quality, credibility and policy relevance of this assessment

Information on how to register as a reviewer and access the documents will be shared in the beginning of the review period.

I thank you in advance for your participation in the review and your continued support to IPBES.

Yours sincerely



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