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## **IPBES Expert Profile:**

### **Professor Sandra Díaz**

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Sandra Díaz is Professor of Community and Ecosystem Ecology at Córdoba National University, and Investigador Superior in the Argentine National Research Council (CONICET).

She is interested in plant functional traits and their links with ecosystems. She has greatly influenced the theoretical development and practical implementation of the concept of functional diversity and how it affects ecosystem properties and the benefits that people derive from them.

She has authored more than 150 scientific publications and is among the world's most cited authors in her field.

Prof. Díaz was Selected by *Nature* as among the "Ones to Watch in 2019". She received the Gunnerus prize in sustainability for 2019 for her work on biodiversity and the Senckenberg Prize 2019 in the category of natural research. She was also elected this year as a Foreign Member of the Royal Society.

A member of the Academies of Science of Argentina, USA, France, and the Developing World (TWAS), she is also an Honorary Fellow of the British Ecological Society and a Fellow of the Ecological Society of America.

She was been awarded many other international distinctions, such as the Cozzarelli Prize 2008 of the USA National Academy of Sciences, and the 2017 Margalef Prize for Ecology of the Generalitat de Catalunya.

She has served in leading positions in the IPCC, the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment and DIVERSITAS, and the ICSU integrated science initiative Future Earth.

She is a former member of the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel of the Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES). At present she is one of three Co-chairs of the IPBES Global Assessment on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services.

Prof. Díaz is fluent in English and Spanish.