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Dr Anne Larigauderie
Executive Secretary
Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES)
Germany

Dear Dr. Larigauderie:

Nomination of Matthew McCartney as the IWMI Focal Point

I am pleased to nominate Dr. Matthew McCartney, Research Group Leader - Sustainable Water Infrastructure and Ecosystems, of the International Water Management Institute as the focal point to the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES). Dr. McCartney will replace Dr. Stefan Uhlenbrook who was our earlier focal point and is no longer with IWMI.

Dr. McCartney's brief bio is given in the attachment. With this background, Dr. McCartney's contributions to IPBES will be most relevant, and he will also be able to call upon other IWMI experts to advise on topics relevant to all of the Institute's work.

I would be grateful if you could consider Dr. McCartney's nomination, and send us the link (if any) to complete his online registration.

IWMI values our collaboration with IPBES very highly and we look forward to further collaboration.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,



Dr. Mark Smith
Director General

cc: Dr. Matthew McCartney, IWMI
Dr. Stefan Uhlenbrook

Short Bio of Matthew McCartney

Matthew McCartney is a principal researcher at the International Water Management Institute (IWMI), specializing in water resources and wetland and hydro-ecological studies. He is currently IWMI's Research Group leader on Sustainable Water Infrastructure and Ecosystems. His research focuses on nature-based solutions and ecosystem services across catchments and landscapes and the need to rapidly transform agriculture and food systems to ensure resilience and sustainability. He leads the CGIAR Initiative NEXUS Gains which promotes systems thinking to address climate change and other contemporary development challenges. Matthew was a steering committee member on the UNEP Dams Development Project (2002-2004) and a member of the Ramsar Science and Technical Review Panel (2007-2015). Matthew's career has given him substantial international experience including time living and working in both Africa and Asia. He is an author on over 90 peer reviewed publications and more than 120 project and consultancy reports.