Amendment No. 1 to the Memorandum of Understanding

between

the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) in its capacity as the institution
providing the secretariat of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity
and Ecosystem Services (IPBES)

and

IUCN, International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN)

on collaboration and partnership

Pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding reference MOU/2016/IPBES/IUCN/1
(MOU) signed between IUCN and UNEP/IPBES, effective on 6 April 2016 on collaboration and
partnership, the Parties agree to amend the MOU.

The purpose of this Amendment No. 1 is to extend the framework of cooperation and
understanding and to facilitate collaboration between the Parties to further their shared goals
and objectives in regard to the implementation of the IPBES rolling work programme up to 2030
and the IUCN programmes 2017-2020 and 2021–2024.

1. General provision

1.1 Preamble, fourth Whereas, is hereby amended as follows:

“1. Whereas IUCN builds on its strengths in the areas of: “Science” – 15,000
experts in six (6) Commissions setting global standards in their respective
fields, including, for example, the definitive international standard for species
extinction risk (the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species); “Action” –
conservation projects throughout the world from the local level to those
involving several countries, all aimed at the sustainable management of
biodiversity and natural resources; and, “Influence” – through the collective
efforts of more than 1,300 governmental and non-governmental Member
organizations to influence international environmental conventions, policies
and laws. IUCN has been involved in the negotiations for the establishment of
IPBES from the very beginning; and, as requested by its Members in
resolutions WCC-2012-Res-117 and WCC-2012-Res-118, IUCN will support the

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delivery of the IPBES Work Programme 2014-2018 and the IPBES rolling work programme up to 2030.”

1.2 Agreement Article 2 (Duration), is hereby amended in its entirety as follows:

“1. This MOU shall be effective upon the last date of signature of the approving officials and remain in force six months following the conclusion of the tenth session of the Plenary of IPBES, unless terminated in accordance with Article 15 below. At the end of this period, the Parties may decide to extend the duration of this MOU by amending the present article in accordance with Article 14.”

1.3 Agreement Article 3, sub-article 1 (Purpose), is hereby amended as follows:

“1. The purpose of this MOU is to provide a framework of cooperation and understanding, and to facilitate collaboration between the Parties to further their shared goals and objectives in regard to the implementation of the IPBES work programme 2014-2018, the IPBES rolling work programme up to 2030 and the IUCN programmes 2013-2016, 2017-2020 and 2021–2024.”

1.4 Agreement Article 4, sub-articles 2, 3. a., b. and c. (Areas of Cooperation), are hereby amended as follows:

“2. The Parties have agreed that the basis for areas of cooperation in the context of this MOU is the IPBES 2014–2018 work programme\(^1\) and the IPBES rolling work programme up to 2030\(^2\). In this context, IUCN’s offer of support to IPBES, dated 19 November 2013, was welcomed by Decision IPBES-2/5 (IPBES/2/17, page 50) and is documented in Annex VII to this Decision (IPBES/2/17, page 76).

3. The Parties have agreed to:

a. Facilitate and encourage the provision of technical support by IUCN to objective 1 of the 2014-2018 IPBES work programme; IPBES assessments in relation to objectives 2 and 3 of the 2014-2018 IPBES work programme; and other IPBES work in relation to the development of tools, methodologies and capacity building under the 2014-2018 IPBES work programme (drawing from data, information, and other relevant IUCN knowledge products where

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\(^1\) IPBES/2/17
\(^2\) Decision IPBES-7/1, annex I.

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appropriate and feasible); and to facilitate the provision of support by IUCN to the IPBES rolling work programme up to 2030, drawing from data, information, and other relevant IUCN knowledge products where appropriate and feasible.

b. Collaborate in the areas of communication, outreach and stakeholder engagement activities, based on IUCN’s offer to provide technical support to the implementation of the communication, outreach and stakeholder engagement activities set out in deliverable 4(d) of objective 4 of the 2014-2018 IPBES work programme (please see the Supplemental Agreement on the Implementation of the IPBES Stakeholder Engagement Strategy attached as Annex I to this MoU) and based on IUCN’s offer to support the implementation of objective 5(c), strengthened engagement of stakeholders, of the IPBES 2030 rolling work programme;

c. Facilitate and encourage the provision of logistical support to IPBES by IUCN, where appropriate and feasible, through the hosting of meetings at IUCN premises of groups of IPBES experts, as part of the activities to implement the deliverables of the 2014-2018 IPBES work programme and the 2030 rolling work programme.”

2. Entry into force

2.1 This Amendment No. 1 shall enter into force upon the date of the last signature of the approving officials below.

All other terms and conditions of the Agreement remain valid and unchanged.

This Amendment shall be appended to the Agreement, and shall be construed an integral part of it.

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Date: 5 December 2019

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Date: 13 December 2019