



Society for Conservation Biology

A global community of conservation professionals

SCB integrates conservation professionals across networks to advance the science and practice of conservation science.

- International organisation of conservation professionals
- Mission: To Advance the science and practice of protecting Earth's biological diversity
- Membership database of professional skills
- Society organised into 7 geographic sections; increasing number of local chapters (so far 40); 4 topical working groups
- Active science-policy program to promote integration of conservation science into decision-making
- Publication of leading journals in the field of conservation





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SCB Goals at IPBES, January 2013, Bonn, Germany

Observer participation

- **Promote involvement in IPBES by key stakeholders, including recognition and inclusion of knowledge holders**
- **Allow full participation of observers in all non-voting aspects of the platform**





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Building capacity

- **Build relationships with existing networks such as scientific societies and other local and regional organisations to assist in building capacity to support this large, multi-scale work programme, and access knowledge holders at global, regional and local scales**





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Transparent, evidence-based outcomes

- **Independence of science gathering, reporting, and decision-making from political biases**
- **Transparent and inclusive decision-making that includes concurring and minority opinions (that are supported by evidence), and recognition and quantification of uncertainty wherever possible**
- **Precautionary approach in the absence of sufficient information**

