

Introduction to the Data Management Policy

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IPBES Data Management Tutorials

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What is a data management policy?

- **Agreed rules** for the collection, management, accessibility, and archiving of knowledge and data
- Provide guidance on **how** knowledge and data are gathered, analysed, shared, and stored (e.g. agreed formats)
- Identify **who** is responsible for treating knowledge and data used in IPBES research activities, and the nature of the roles (e.g. TSU, Assessment authors)
- Indicates **what** should be consistently recorded about that knowledge and data (e.g. metadata - data about data- schemes and standards)

Why is a data management policy important?

- Knowledge and data are central to fulfilling the IPBES mandate
- To ensure the credibility, relevance, and legitimacy of knowledge, data, and the outputs of IPBES research activities (e.g. Assessments)
- To ensure generation/obtaining, curation, and sharing data in the most cost efficient manner
- To promote the broadest possible access to the knowledge data and product of IPBES research activities (e.g. through use of open-source software)

Thank you!

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