

IPBES VA Chapter 2 - Analysis of contributions on the interconnections between languages, biodiversity and values / IPBES values assessment (2.9)

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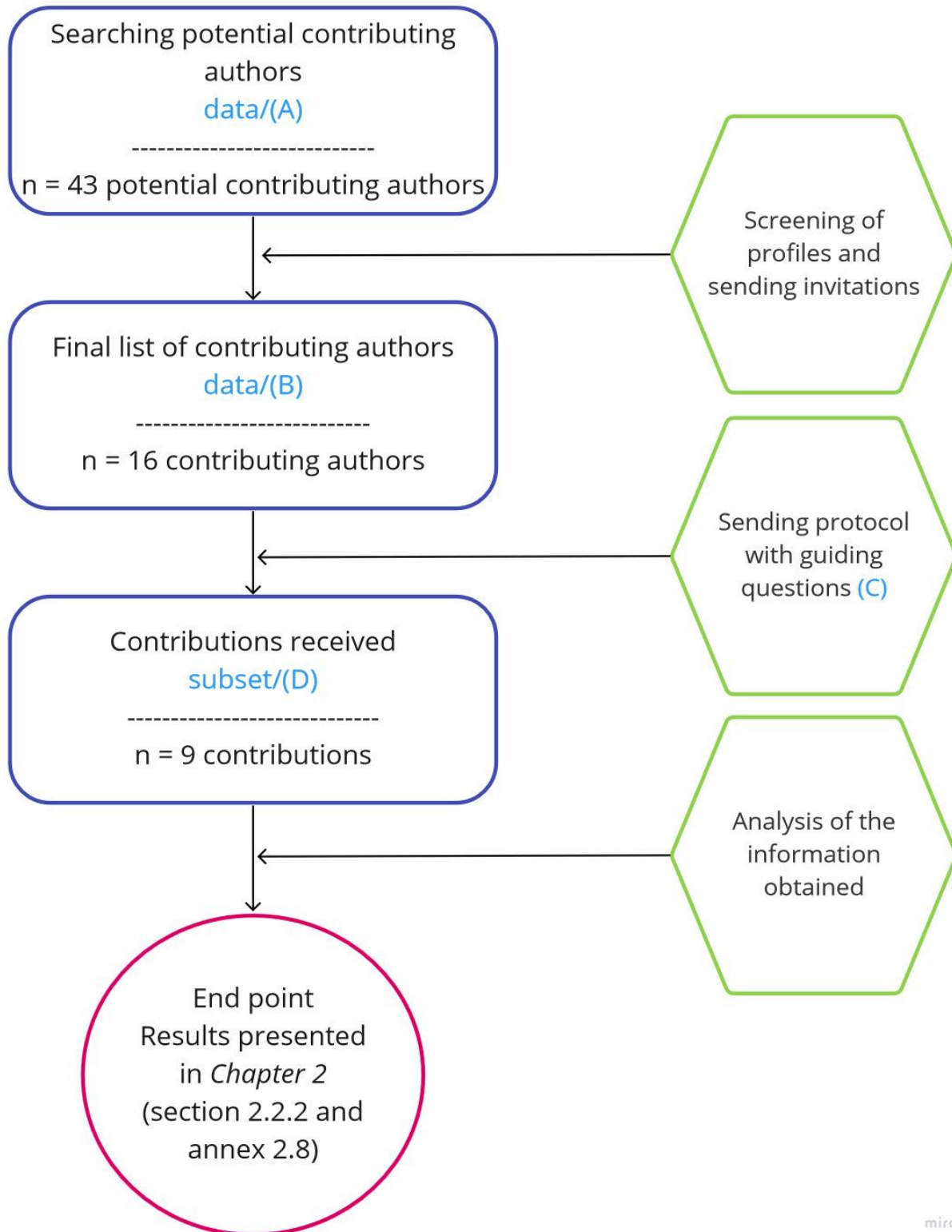
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Description

This review corresponds to the IPBES Values Assessment. The purpose of this effort was to get a deeper understanding of the connections or nexus between languages, values, and biodiversity, and the policies that exist or could be developed to support these connections. Despite the robust evidence that exists documenting the connections between linguistic and biological diversity, we identified a gap of knowledge connecting languages, values, and nature. This is relevant since Chapter 2's mandate is to describe the diverse conceptualizations of values of biodiversity and nature, and how these are expressed, communicated and articulated in decision and policymaking. This literature review is part of stage 2 of the strategy used by Chapter 2 for searching, reviewing and incorporating multiple sources of evidence appropriate for each section and subsection. The searches were tailored to specific questions that permit to obtain a broader and deeper database to fulfil the mandate of the Scoping document. This review was done following FPIC principles.

Process overview



Protocol

- **Type of analysis/search/review:** search of contributors that could provide inputs to inform section 2.2.2 on the connections between languages, biodiversity and values. The profiles looked for included indigenous or local languages native speakers or experts, that could provide information on how values of nature and languages are linked. It was also important to look for geographic balance, in order to receive information from different parts of the world.
- **Search languages:** English, Spanish and French
- **Search engines:** Google, Google Scholar, Linguist list org, LinkedIn and expert suggestions.
- **Search date:** July 2020
- **Sample extracted:** 43 potential contributors.
- **Fields extracted (A):**
 - IPBES region
 - Country where the language is spoken
 - Language
 - Potential contributor
- **Location and format of the data (A):** IPBES_VA_2.9_01-08-2020(A).csv

Treatment applied: Chapter 2 experts reviewed the profiles obtained. Based on the profiles and region, as well as accessibility to contact information, 16 potential contributors were invited. A few of them declined the invitation, others suggested new names and some accepted the invitation but asked to work along with colleagues. Given that some regional gaps were still pending to be filled, assessment experts were asked for suggestions on potential contributors. Consequently, the final list is composed of 12 contributing authors, some of whom were not found through the first search, presented in **(A)**. The final list of contributing authors can be found in **(B)**. It should be noted that besides the languages listed in **(B)**, Jotĩ was also added to the list, since one of the experts in Chapter 2 provided the information on it.

- **Sample extracted:** 12 contributing authors
- **Fields extracted (B):**
 - IPBES region
 - Country where the language is spoken
 - Language
 - Contributing author
- **Location and format of the data (B):** IPBES_VA_2.9_08-2020_(B).csv

A protocol **(C)** for collecting information provided by contributing authors was developed by *Chapter 2* authors in English and Spanish. It has eight guiding questions that allowed experts to obtain targeted contributions and relevant literature related to the subject.

- **Location and format of the data (C):** IPBES_VA_2.9_07-2020_(C).pdf

A total of 9 contributions were received, plus one provided by a chapter 2 expert. Full contributions that contributors agreed to make available, have been placed in **(D)**. Results of the analysis of the evidence collected are presented in *section 2.2.2* and *annex 2.8* of *Chapter 2* of the IPBES *values assessment*.

Definition of files

ID	Name	File Type	Size	Description
A	IPBES_VA_2.9_01-08-2020(A)	csv	3 KB	List of potential contributors
B	IPBES_VA_2.9_08-2020_(B)	csv	825 bytes	Final list of contributing authors
C	IPBES_VA_2.9_07-2020_(C)	pdf	146 KB	Protocol with guiding questions for developing the contributions
D	IPBES_VA_2.9_10-2020_(D)	pdf	622 KB	Subset of contributions received (those authorised to be shared)