

## **Appendix 2: Respondents' profile**

A total of 30 respondents completed the online survey (70% response rate). The respondents covered all four of the IPBES regional assessments as well as the global assessment (Figure 1). The most represented regional assessment was Asia-Pacific, followed by Europe and Central Asia, Africa and Americas (See Figure 1). In addition to a specific regional assessment, some respondents contributed to other IPBES assessments and groups in parallel, e.g. the global assessment, the Scenarios and Models Thematic Assessment, the Expert Group on Scenarios and Models or the Technical Support Unit on Scenarios and Models. Multiple contributions were possible, therefore the counts of experts in individual groups do add up to more than  $n = 30$ .

Nearly half of respondents identified themselves as having natural science background (47%), followed by interdisciplinary background (40%), social science (7%) and humanities (3%). The vast majority of respondents were primarily based at academic or research institutions (87%).

Most of the respondents indicated that they have experience of working within the science-policy interface by virtue of being selected as experts for the assessment by their national focal points and have experience in policy as well as working closely with end-users in applied research. Six respondents are engaged directly in policy and decision-making processes.

Most of the respondents were fairly new to the field of using scenario applications, with 57% having 1-5 years of experience in the scenario field, 23% with 6-10 years, 7% with 11-20 years and 10% having more than 21 years of experience. At the same time, 73% of respondents had not used a scenario archetype approach before their work on the IPBES assessments. Of those that had previously used scenario archetypes, respondents indicated that scenario archetypes had been used for example in national ecosystem assessments, to translocate scenarios from a regional action project to a local case study, to compare scenarios across case studies using specific archetypes, or to classify scenarios based on worldviews and cultural theory.

Figure A2.1: Number of respondents according to a) region of origin, b) background, c) sector, d) number of years of expertise (n = 30).

