

opportunities, and a set of indicators to be used for monitoring and evaluation.		Partners		Timeframe		Likely revision	
24. Intergovernmental Platform for Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services Programme (IPBES) Description: The Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) is a global initiative of which South Africa is a founding and participating member. IPBES aims to strengthen capacity for the effective use of science in decision-making at all levels , and to address the needs of Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) that are related to biodiversity. Working through a system of expert groups, forums, task teams and technical support units , IPBES works to produce, review, assess and critically evaluate relevant information and knowledge on the contribution of biodiversity and ecosystem services to sustainability generated by government, academia, scientific organizations, NGOs and indigenous communities. The IPBES Work Programme includes 18 deliverables , organized under 4 objectives . DEA serves as the national focal point for IPBES in South Africa, and the CSIR, with support from DEA, hosts the IPBES Technical Support Unit for Africa.	Date Established 2012	Lead Agency DEA, CSIR	Partners All sector role-players	Timeframe Not time bound	Likely revision N/A		
	Relevance to NBSAP Relevant under various NBSAP SOs, but particularly: SO 6, Outcomes 6.1, 6.2, 6.4 and 6.5 SO 5, Outcomes 5.2 and 5.3 SO 3, Outcome 3.6 SO 2, Outcome 2.1		Cross-linkages <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Environmental Sector Research, Development and Evidence Strategy Biodiversity Research Development and Evidence Strategy BHCDS National Biodiversity Information System National Biodiversity Monitoring Framework 		International alignment IPBES (global) ABT: 19 SDGs: 16, 17		
25. National Biodiversity Research and Evidence Strategy Description: The central goal of this strategy (which flows from the Environmental Sector Research, Development and Evidence Strategy – see Item 26) is to ensure that research and evidence provides appropriate and sufficient support to decision-making and policy-development in the biodiversity sector . The	Date 2015	Lead developer DEA	Partners DEA, SANBI, CSIR, Research Institutions, NRF, SAEON, DST, SANParks, provincial conservation authorities, NGOs, experts	Timeframe 2015 – 2025	Likely revision Updated every 5 years		
	Relevance to NBSAP Of cross-cutting relevance, but with specific relevance to:		Cross-linkages <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Environmental Sector Skills Development Plan 		International alignment ABT: 19 SDG: 14, 15, 17		