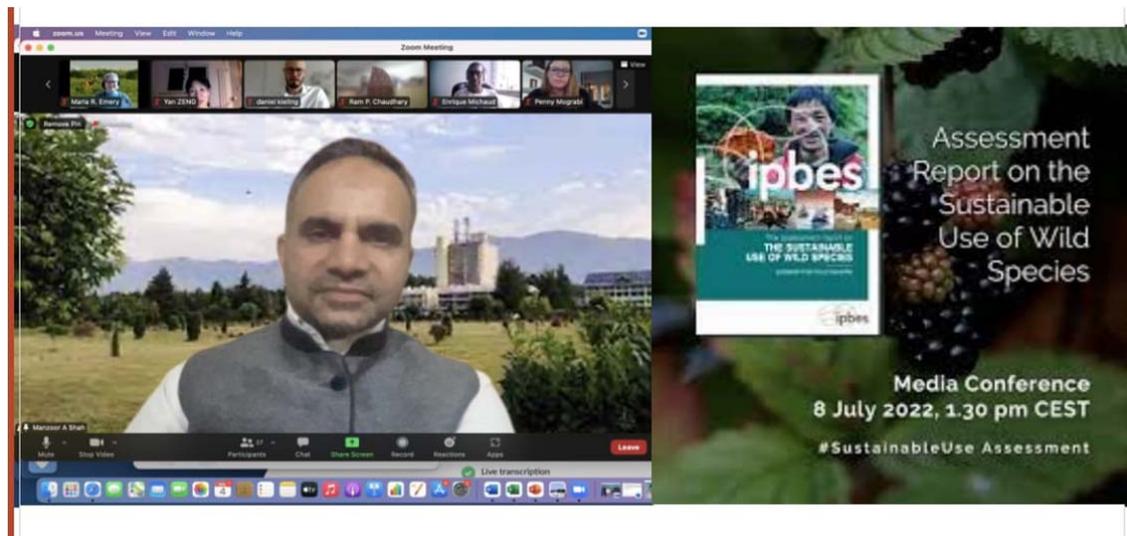


KU part of key report released by UN-IPBES on sustainable use of wild species



Srinagar, July 8: The University of Kashmir is part of a vital assessment report on sustainable use of wild species released by United Nations Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (UN-IPBES) at Bonn, Germany on Friday.

The thematic report deals with the global policy changes that are needed to reverse the trend in declining wild species across different regions of the world.

Based on the comprehensive review and in-depth analysis of scientific evidence, the report identifies the core drivers and mediating factors for the sustainable and unsustainable use of wild species, the impact of each driver in different regions and jurisdictions that merit consideration by policy makers.

The core drivers presented in this report include environmental, social, economic, cultural, science, technology and education.

The report illuminates the interaction between these drivers of change as well as the opportunities and challenges that exist for policy-makers across the globe seeking to improve sustainable use outcomes.

KU Vice-Chancellor Prof Nilofer Khan said it is a matter of honour for the University to be part of such an important global assessment report released from the platform of United Nations IPBES.

Complementing Prof Manzoor A Shah from KU's Department of Botany, one of the lead authors of this assessment, she said that the outcome of the report will go a long way to stop the exploitation of wild natural resources both globally and regionally in the Himalayan context.

The University seriously endeavours to get on the international map and is contemplating to encourage the footfall of international students and faculty on the campus, she said.

KU Registrar Dr Nisar Ahmad Mir also complimented Prof Shah and said the University aims more such endeavours to build international partnerships in academics and research.

Prof Manzoor A Shah said that after a very rich and challenging four years of work with experts from all across the world, it is a great satisfaction that our assessment is now in the hands of the decision-makers and is now available globally for implementation.

This surely makes our University a partner in developing effective policies and promoting the conservation and sustainable use of wild species globally, he said.