



IPBES wins Blue Planet Prize

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Recently, the [Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services \(IPBES\)](#) won the **Blue Planet Prize** for 2024.

- IPBES was awarded as "the leading global authority on the state of knowledge and science about biodiversity, ecosystem services and nature's contributions to people".
 - The other awardee is **Robert Costanza** from the Institute for Global Prosperity, University College London, for his contributions to the field of **ecological economics**.
- **About Blue Planet Prize:**
 - It was established in **1992**, the year of the [Rio Earth Summit](#).
 - This award is given annually by **Japan's Asahi Glass Foundation** for **outstanding achievements in scientific research** and its application which have helped to solve **global environmental problems**.
 - Two winners are chosen every year and the prize includes an award of USD 500,000.
- **About IPBES:**

About	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ An independent intergovernmental body aimed at strengthening the science-policy interface for biodiversity and ecosystem services.
Established	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ In Panama City in 2012 by 94 Governments (including India)▪ Currently has more than 145 Member States.▪ Secretariat - Bonn, Germany.
Goal	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ To provide the best expertise from across all scientific disciplines and knowledge communities to provide policy-relevant knowledge and to catalyse the implementation of knowledge-based policies at all levels in government, the private sector and civil society.
Relations with UN	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ It is not a United Nations body, however, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) provides secretariat services to IPBES.

Read More: [Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee: UNEP, Environmental Conventions \(Climate Change\)](#).

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