



Policies and Procedures of the International Resource Panel

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ANNEX 4. Guidelines on the Use of Literature in IRP Scientific Publications

The following guidelines apply to all scientific publications included in Section IV of the Policies and Procedures of the International Resource Panel (hereinafter referred to as the IRP) and shall be interpreted in accordance with said procedures and its other annexes.

1. During the preparation process of IRP scientific publications, authors will strive to assure the accuracy and validity of all cited literature. The authors are required to critically assess the information they would like to include from any source.
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