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scientific, business, nongovernmental, organizational, and indigenous peoples. The objective of the MA was to assess the consequences of ecosystem change for human well-being and to establish the scientific basis for actions needed to address the conservation and sustainable use of ecosystems and their contributions to human well-being.

The MA comprises four assessment reports: *Current State and Trends, Scenarios, Policy Responses*, and *Integrating Assessment* and six synthesis reports (one for a global synthesis and others focused on issues of biodiversity, agriculture and water, desertification, health, and human well-being). The synthesis reports were prepared for decision-makers in these different sectors, and they integrate findings from across all the working groups for use of use by those decision-makers.

This volume contains the Summary for the decision-makers from the four sectors of reports prepared by the following groups: the *Current State and Trends Working Group*, which assessed the state of knowledge on ecosystems and their services, drivers of ecosystem change, and the consequences of ecosystem change for human well-being; the *Scenarios Working Group*, which examined possible changes in ecosystems services during the twenty-first century by developing four global scenarios exploring desirable future changes in drivers, ecosystem, ecosystem services, and human well-being; the *Responses Working Group*, which examined the strengths and weaknesses of various response options that have been used to manage ecosystem services and identified promising opportunities for improving human well-being while sustaining ecosystems; and the *Sub-global Assessment Working Group*, which summarized lessons learned from the local, watershed, national, and regional assessments that were under-

taken or are being undertaken in the future, but also that their assessment which reach that could inform policy makers both present well-being and conservation of ecosystems.

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