



EIA quality control and monitoring

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Why to review EIA Reports?

To verify quality of EIA Reports?

OR

To optimize design of proposed projects?

Ideally both but

- Current emphasis mainly on impact assessment and mitigation measures
- How many EIAs really properly examine locational and process options, etc. ?
- Aren't too many important decisions related to project design actually made prior EIA and EIA process is reduced to a mere bureaucratic end-check?

Can we learn from IPPC?

- IPPC: information on impacts and comparison with best references
- IPPC approach is more proactive - discussions on references and technologies inspire design and are useful for discussions with proponents and with the affected community
- Should we require comparisons of proposed developments with best environmental references also into EIA process?

Using 'BREF' concept in EIA?

- Can support stakeholder debates and make EIA process more purposeful
- Concept of 'best reference techniques' is not limited to IPPC – best practices arise everywhere
- They can be established any type of developments where good practice emerges: e.g. shopping malls, roads, wind farms....

Static monitoring or adaptive management

- Many uncertainties: data, assumptions, limitation of knowledge of cause-effects
- Adaptive management: requires flexibility for implementation and adjustments of developments based on the information obtained
- Example: uncertainties about migration corridors for species – adaptive management for wind farms

Principles of monitoring

- **Pro-active:** must be linked to management and environmental commitments
- **Independent:** should or NOT be conducted by those that undertook EIA?
- **Transparent:** information should be made available to the public
- **Credible:** relevant authorities should double-check whether outcomes of the monitoring are correct

Improve EIA quality in 2014-2020?

- How can we best use EIA ex-ante conditionality for 2014-2020?
- Training and awareness raising is important but not enough
- We need to revive our profession and demonstrate good EIA examples -- environmentally friendly project design and operations - not only impressive EIA Reports and procedures

Show-casing good practice

- Have you ever been appreciated for doing a good job in EIA process?
- How can we promote good EIA practice that inspire our profession?
- Let's start 'EIA Awards' to find and publicly appreciate innovative or good EIA practices
- Can be given to proponents, designers, EIA experts who not only master the procedures but do a good job



Thank you for your attention!

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