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## NATURE CONSERVATION AND PROTECTED AREAS

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### Module 3: HOW AND WHEN TO APPLY PROPER STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT IN THE EIA PROCES

#### Identification of entry points in the EIA process for Stakeholder Engagement



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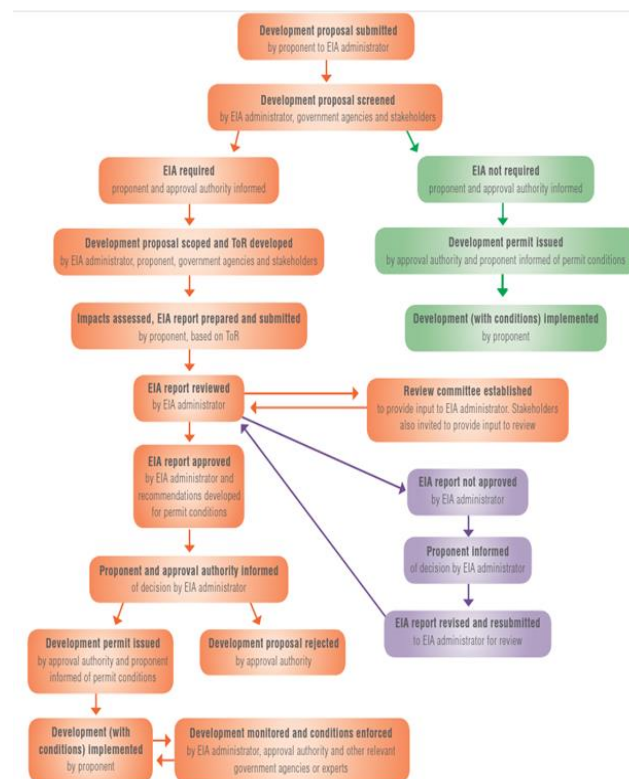
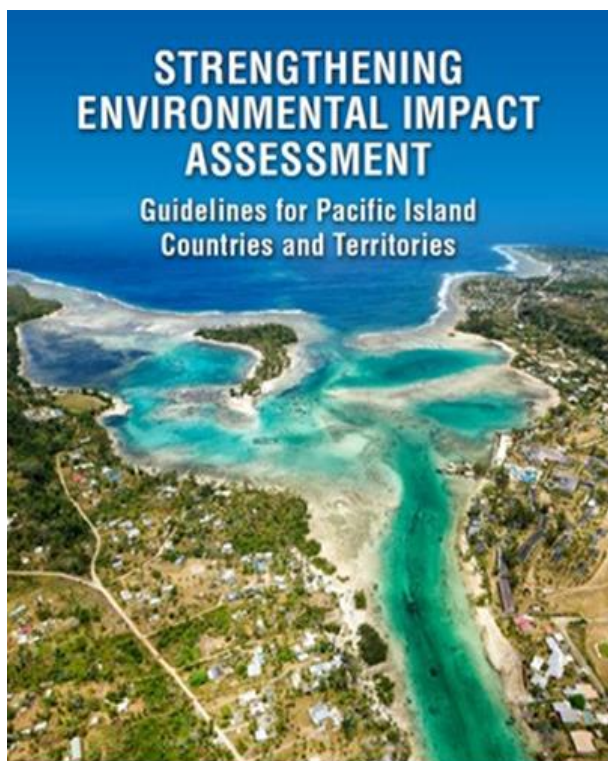


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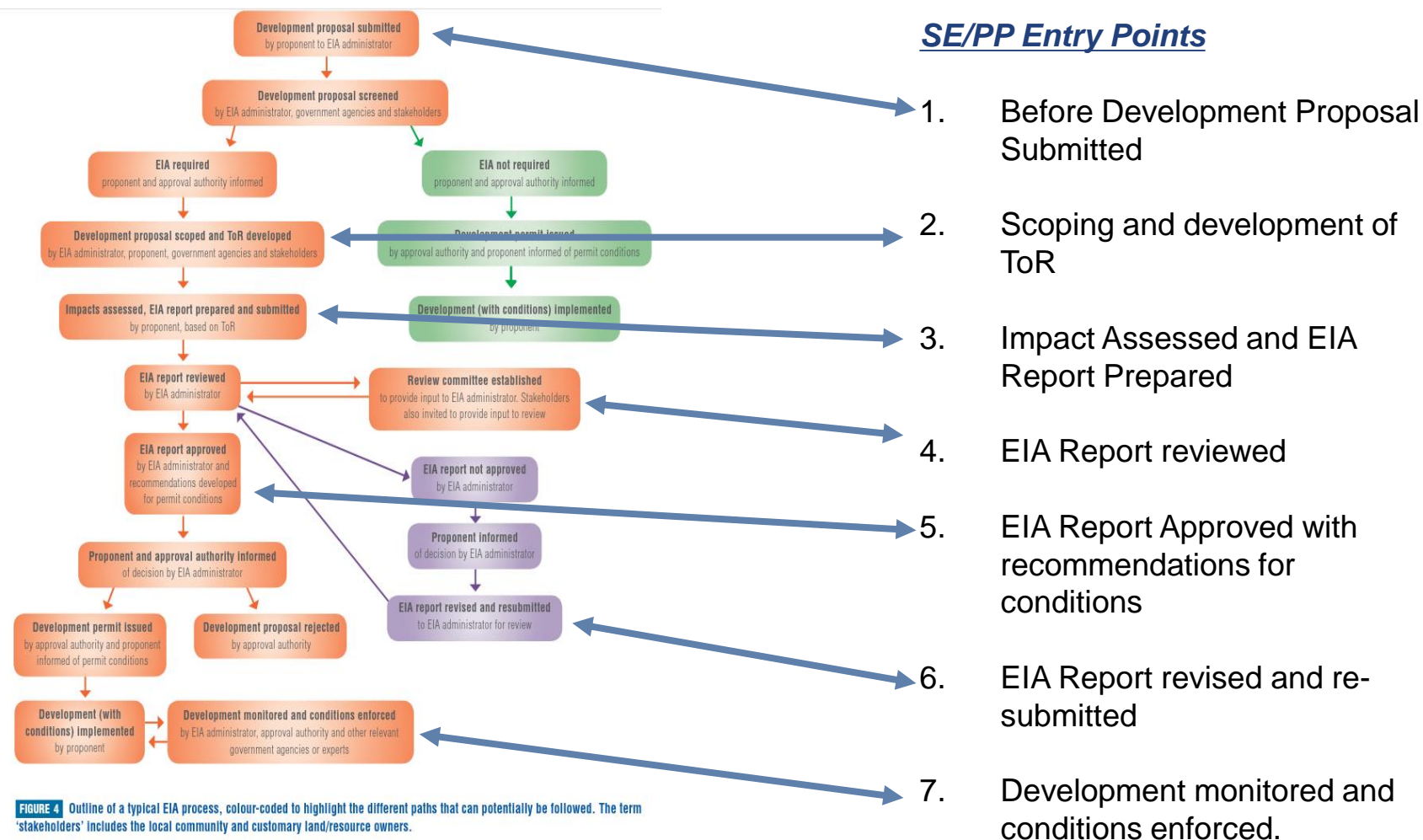
## EIA Process in the Regional EIA Guidelines



**FIGURE 4** Outline of a typical EIA process, colour-coded to highlight the different paths that can potentially be followed. The term 'stakeholders' includes the local community and customary land/resource owners.



## EIA Process in the Regional EIA Guidelines – Stakeholder/Public Engagement Entry Point



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## 1. Before Development Proposal Submitted

- Developer
- Resource Owners
- Regulators
- Investment Authorities



- Introducing the development
- Clearance from Investment Authorities
- Support of the resources owners
- Knowledge on the approval process





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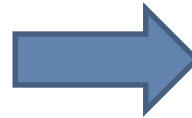
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## 2. Scoping and development of EIA ToR

- EIA Administrator
- Other Sectors
- EIA Consultant
- Resource Owners
- Developer
- Partners



- Site Inspection
- Identification of significant areas
- Team Meeting
- Understanding Traditional Knowledge
- Development of EIA ToR



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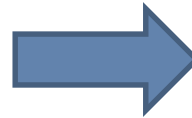
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## 3. Impact Assessed and EIA Report Prepared

- EIA Administrator
- EIA Consultant
- Resource Owners
- Developer
- Stakeholders
- Public



- EIA Study
- Public Consultation
- Stakeholder Consultation
- Questionnaire Survey
- Notice on Public Meeting
- Update Meeting



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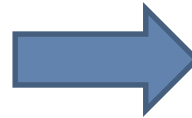
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## 4. EIA Report Reviewed

- EIA Administrator
- Other Sectors
- EIA Consultant
- Resource Owners
- Developer
- Stakeholder and Public
- Partners



- Crosschecking Content to be aligned to TOR
- Reference to SPREP EIA Toolkit
- Follow EIA Consultation Legal requirements on timing
- Number of Days required under the law
- Public Display



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### NOTICE: REVIEW OF EIA REPORT AND PUBLIC MEETING INVITATION

Notice Scoping and EIA Process: Application for Environmental  
Authorisation with regards an Exploration Right Application for  
Petroleum on various farms in the KwaZulu-Natal Province (12/3/291  
ER)

Rhino Oil and Gas Exploration South Africa (Pty) Ltd (Rhino Oil and Gas) has lodged an application for an exploration right with the Petroleum Agency South Africa (PASA) in terms of Section 79 of the Minerals and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (MPRDA) and an application for environmental authorisation of exploration activities in terms of Section 24(5) of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA).

This notice serves to inform Interested & Affected Parties (I&APs) that SLR has prepared an environmental impact report (EIR), including an environmental management programme. The purpose of the EIR is to summarise the EIA process followed to date, provide an overview of the proposed project and the affected environment; present the assessment of the potential impacts; and set out the recommended mitigation measures. The EIR is being made available to I&APs for a 30-day comment period from the 13th of September 2016 until the 14th of October 2016.



Copies of the  
EIR have  
been placed  
at the  
following  
locations for  
public  
review:





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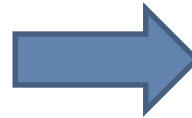
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## 5. EIA Report and EMP Approved with recommendations for conditions

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- Other Sectors
- EIA Consultant
- Resource Owners
- Developer



- Finalisation of recommendations and conditions
- Planning on Monitoring
- Redress and appeals



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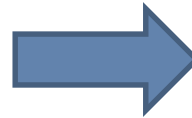
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## 6. EIA Report revised and re-submitted

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- Developer



- Public
- Stakeholders



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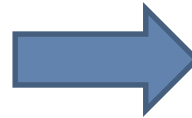
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## 7. Development monitored and conditions enforced

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- EIA Consultant
- Resource Owners
- Developer



- Site Inspection
- Monitoring Committees
- Team Meeting
- Enforcement



## How and When to Apply Proper Stakeholder Engagement

### • Building a Strategy

- ✓ Understand what stakeholder engagement means
- ✓ Why engage and who is at stake.
- ✓ Understand and manage stakeholder expectations



### • Stakeholder Mapping

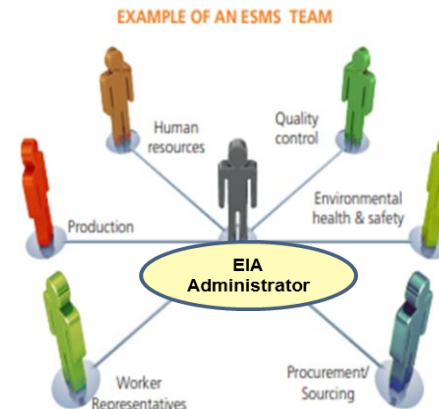
- ✓ Who your key stakeholder are
- ✓ Prioritizing and identifying issues

### • Preparation

- ✓ Choosing your format
- ✓ Coach the team

### • Engagement

- ✓ Allow equal contribution
- ✓ Manage cultural dynamics
- ✓ Mitigate tension
- ✓ Timing





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## Benefits of Stakeholder Involvement in EIA

- Helps the EIA address relevant issues, including those perceived as being important by other sectoral agencies, public bodies, local communities, affected groups, and others;
- Helps to improve information flows between proponents and different stakeholder groups, improving the understanding and 'ownership' of a project;
- Enables project proponents to better respond to different stakeholders' needs;







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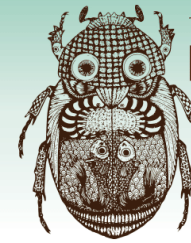
- Helps identify important environmental characteristics or mitigation opportunities that might be overlooked;
- Helps ensure that the magnitude and significance of impacts has been properly assessed; and
- Improves the acceptability and quality of mitigation and monitoring processes.





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## Stakeholder Engagement in the new norm – Covid-19.

SE/PP Legal  
requirement

“ ....This is with reference to the **draft EIA notification, 2020** which has been uploaded on the environment ministry's website on 12.3.2020 seeking public comments within sixty days of the issuance of the notification. We are deeply concerned that this draft notification has been put out in the midst of a national health crisis.

The  
Situation

As you are aware, **most of the country is under lockdown and there are severe restrictions on movement in public places.** Most offices are closed and staff are working from home. **These restrictions may be indefinite and it is not clear when public life and work can resume.**

SE/PP is still  
important

**Therefore, it is critical that the government provides suitable and adequate opportunity for those impacted or likely to be affected by the design and implementation of EIA notification.** .....**These restrictions also make it impossible to disseminate information about the notification to communities who deserve to know and influence the notification.....”**

# Thank You

