EIA REPORT REVIEW

What involves an EIA review

- **Evaluating if an EIA report (EIS):**
- ✓ Addresses the Tor (terms of reference)
- ✓ Is complete and accurate
- ✓ Uses appropriate impact assessment or technical methods
- ✓ Has reached fair conditions
- **Examining identified impacts of the project on the environment and impacts of the environment on the project.**
- **Review of the Environmental Management Plan**
- **Evaluating whether it meets the national environment legislation and other relevant legislations**

Linking it to Solomon Islands Environment Act 1998

Publication of public environmental report and procedure in respect of objections and appeal.

22. (1) The Director on being satisfied that a public environmental report meets the requirements of this Act, shall cause the public environmental report to be published in such manner as he considers adequate or most effective for the purpose of bringing it to the attention of all public authorities and other persons, whose interests are likely to be affected by the proposed development.

Publication of environmental impact statement and procedure in respect of objections and appeal.

24. (1) The Director on being satisfied that an environmental impact statement meets the requirements of this Act shall cause such statement to be published in such manner as he considers adequate or most effective for the purpose of bringing it to the attention of all public authorities, and other persons whose interests are likely to be affected by the proposed development.

What is often inadequate or done poorly

- Public consultation or proper documentation of consultation meetings.

- Environmental Monitoring and Monitoring Plan. (Provides key elements to minimize and mitigate impacts and in the monitoring and enforcement of the project,)

- Alignment and harmonize with national and sectoral development plans and policy frameworks. (avoid conflict, delay, cancellation)

What is often missing.

- EIA Terms of Reference (ToR)

- Without a ToR – becomes very difficult to assess adequacy, appropriateness and completeness of the EIA/EIS. (Going back to scoping).

- Alternatively - use the EA requirements/contents or **SPREP Regional Guidelines toolkit**

EIA reviewers need to be able to determine.

- If the EIA/EIS contains sufficient information and detail and an acceptable standard;

- What key issues, impacts and **alternatives** the EIA/EIS highlights for the development;

- What recommendations or recommended conditions should be provided for the development.

EIA review tips

- Have a read through first of the whole report (for orientation) followed by a detailed review.

- Use critical analysis skills

- Cross check with ToR or legislation requirements/contents

- Don't work alone (team/group session, involve technical/relevant agencies, share and discuss your findings),

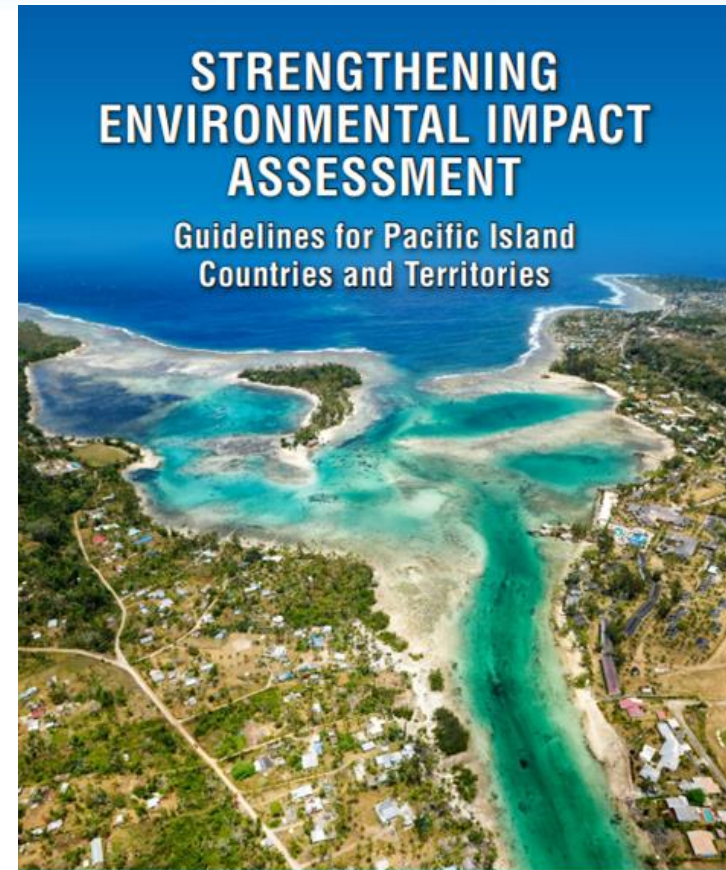- Use template or evaluation sheet. – record your findings.

SPREP Regional EIA Guidelines – Template for EIA Report Review

- General questions – Assessing the comprehensiveness and adequacy of the EIA/EIS

- Identification of significant or outstanding issues

- Other comments

- Recommendation (Accepted or not accepted)

- Reasons for recommendation

THANK YOU