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Foundations of EIA Follow-up

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Definition of EIA follow-up

The monitoring and evaluation of the impacts of a project or plan (that has been subject to IA) for management of, and communication about, the environmental performance of that project or plan



Morrison-Saunders, A and J Arts (2004) Introduction to EIA Follow-up, in Morrison-Saunders, A. and J. Arts (eds) *Assessing Impact: Handbook of EIA and SEA Follow-up*, Earthscan, London

Definition – four elements of follow-up...

monitoring – collecting data

evaluation – interpreting/analysing data

management – responsive decisions & action

communication – informing/engaging stakeholders

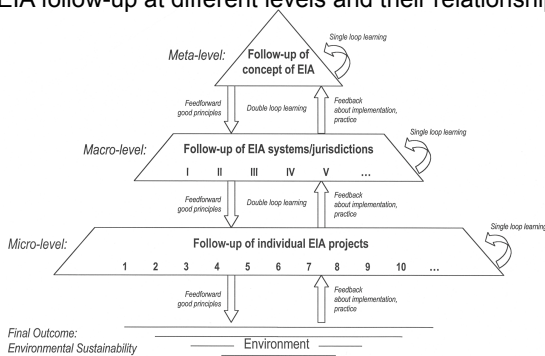
Why is follow-up important?

- Follow-up is the implementation of EIA
- Without follow-up, consequences will not be known
- Follow-up enables *learning from experience*

Main purposes:

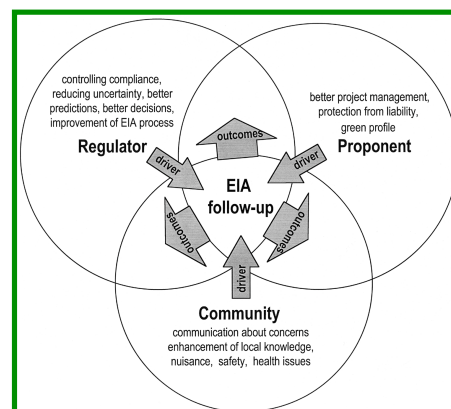
- Better project management (controlling)
- Feedback on environmental performance and EIA processes (learning)
- Communication with stakeholders (informing)

EIA follow-up at different levels and their relationship



(Arts, J and A Morrison-Saunders (2004) 'Lessons For EIA Follow-up', in Morrison-Saunders, A. and J. Arts (eds) *Assessing Impact: Handbook of EIA and SEA Follow-up*, Earthscan James & James, London, 286-314)

What do different stakeholders get from EIA follow-up?



(Morrison-Saunders, A., J. Arts, J. Baker and P. Caldwell 2001. Roles and Stakes in EIA Follow-up. *Impact Assessment and Project Appraisal*, 19(4), 289-296)