

The EIA Process on St Helena

Nature's Benefits: Natural Capital in
the South Atlantic

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Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is:

“A formal procedure through which decision makers gather environmental information about projects and take this information into account in decision making.” (Bell et al, 2017)

“...an activity designed to identify and predict the impact on the bio geophysical environment and on mans health and well-being of legislative proposals, policies, programmes, projects and operational procedures, and to interpret and communicate information about the impacts.....” (Munn, 1979)



Legislative Framework:

Land Planning and Development Control Ordinance, 2013

s.19 (1) An application for development permission under section 18, in respect of development which may have **significant effects on the environment**, must be accompanied by a report (hereinafter referred to as an “EIA Report”) assessing the environmental impacts of the proposed development.

Land Planning and Development Control (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations, 2013

Land Development Control Plan - some policies refer to a need for environmental impact assessment.



Stages in the EIA process:

- Screening
- Scoping
- EIA Report preparation
- Review
- Decision making
- Monitoring



The Environmental Screening Checklist considers the following:

- General issues
- Biodiversity
- Landscape and visual amenity
- Cultural heritage and archaeology
- Water environment
- Air quality and greenhouse gas emissions
- Noise and vibration
- Traffic and access
- Land use and other assets
- Marine and coastal environment



Environmental Screening Checklist

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Topic Area	Yes No Uncertain	Effect Likely to be Significant or Not Significant?	Comments
Biodiversity			
Would it affect the wirebird or its habitat?			
Would it affect protected endemic and native flora and fauna?			
Would it interfere with other wildlife conservation objectives?			
Would it introduce or encourage the spread of invasive species?			

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