

Biodiversity, Impact Assessment and decision making

A training course on improving the consideration of biodiversity in Impact Assessment



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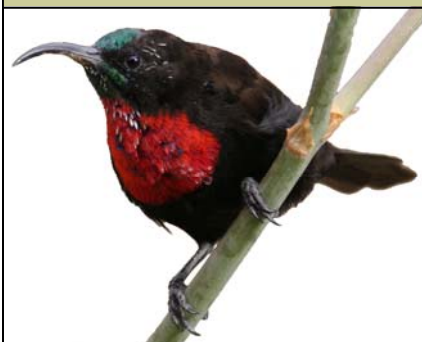
Capacity-building for good practice in biodiversity and impact assessment

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A one Day Training Course at IAIA sa '07

- ✓ Based on extensive research in southern Africa and globally
- ✓ Geared to practical implementation
- ✓ Reviewed by international experts and refined according to feedback from previous course-goers
- ✓ Incorporates Biodiversity Guidelines from the UN Convention on Biological Diversity
- ✓ Facilitated by professional trainers (Susie Brownlie and Peter Tarr)



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This excellent course builds capacity among decision makers to improve the integration of biodiversity conservation within impact assessment. It thus provides tools and guidance to improve the decision making processes, with the ultimate objective of achieving sustainable development.

It is widely recognized and emphasized that natural systems are essential for livelihoods, economies and development. Safeguarding the natural environment has been built into the constitution of many SADC countries. Environmental management principles, including those related to the conservation of biodiversity and ecosystems, form part of several national environmental laws. Also, many countries have legislation for mandatory Environmental Assessment (EA) and for conserving biodiversity.

In order for EAs to be effective, consideration of biodiversity (and associated ecosystem services) must be soundly addressed at all levels—by consultants and sector specialists, by decision-makers and by the proponent.

This Course is a culmination of two years of research and consultations by IAIA's CBBIA Project. It emphasizes the importance of biodiversity and ecological processes. It highlights the importance of natural resources and ecological goods and services for livelihoods and regional economies. It demonstrates the importance of biodiversity and ecosystem services integration in the EA process and, shows how to balance the need for rapid economic development with the need for longer term sustainable development.

Lastly, the course provides **practical tools** that can be used during the EA process to ensure that biodiversity is adequately addressed and integrated.

This course provides :

- Detailed information on biodiversity, ecological processes and the goods and services provided by nature
- Guidelines and tips for making decisions and ensuring that impact assessment provides the right information.
- Interactive training with Lectures, Role Playing, Case Studies
- Guidelines and tips on more effective ways of integrating biodiversity in Impact Assessment
- Training materials, literature and CD provided to each participant
- A certificate on successful completion of the course.

Who should attend

- ✓ *National, provincial and local government authorities (especially water, mining, agriculture, planning and conservation agencies)*
- ✓ *EA practitioners*
- ✓ *NGOs*

