

The CBBIA project

Capacity Building in Biodiversity and Impact Assessment in Southern Africa

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The main aim of the CBBIA project is improving the integration of biodiversity conservation within impact assessment and decision making processes. Through this, the ultimate objective is the achievement of sustainable development.

Safeguarding the natural environment is built into the constitution of many SADC countries. Environment management principles, including those related to the conservation of biodiversity and ecosystems, form part of several national environmental laws. 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.

As part of the CBBIA project, we will consult as widely as possible with stakeholders who are responsible for guiding or taking decisions. Through these consultations, we hope to identify the key problem areas regarding this topic so that we can address these in the guidelines and training materials. Anyone with an interest in this project, or who would like to contribute in some way, is encouraged to contact us.

SAIEA is responsible for the implementation of the CBBIA project in Southern Africa.



This project will:

- Provide practical, demand driven support for improving the integration of biodiversity in EA and decision making processes in southern Africa
- Support the work of the biodiversity-related global Conventions
- Build capacity through knowledge-transfer, institution building and networking

The three main outputs will be:

1. A Situation Assessment (how well biodiversity issues are integrated in EAs and decision making at present)
2. A Guideline document
3. Training Materials and a pilot training course

Targeted towards:

- ✓ National, provincial and local government authorities
- ✓ Proponents
- ✓ EA practitioners