EIA Tracker

Making the EIA process more accessible to stakeholders

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Background

Various initiatives have been made by NCE to make EIA information and tools available to stakeholders so that individuals, groups, communities and sectors can engage constructively in the EIA process.

1. Distribution of EIA notices

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NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

Junior Baiano Industrial Consultants cc hereby gives notice to all potentially Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) that an application will be made to Environmental Commissioner in terms of the Environmental Management Act (No 7 of 2007) and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations (GN 30 of 6 February 2012) for the following activity:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
Proposed Mineral Exploration Activities of Base and Rare Metals, Dimension stones, Industrial Minerals and Precious Metals on Exclusive Prospecting License (EPL) No: 7926.

PROJECT LOCATION:
The site is located in Outjo District, north of Kamanjab in Kunene Region
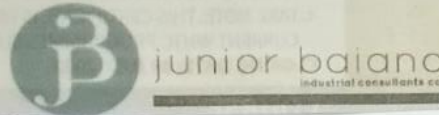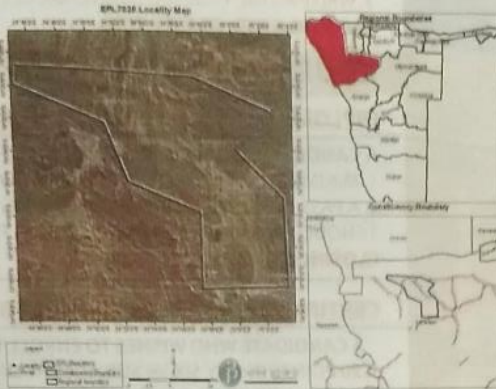
PROPONENT: Nekonga Exploration and Mining cc

IAPs are invited to register with the consultant and give their comments and concerns in writing. Please take note of the following:

PUBLIC MEETING
Date: Saturday 8 July 2023
Venue: James & Magda Marais, Vaal water 283 Farm
Time: 12h00

To register or request for documents please submit your name, contact information and interest in the project, in writing to:

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Email: juniorb200581@gmail.com

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industrial consultants cc

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NOTICE OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION OF A TOURISM AND HUNTING LODGE ON FARM WALDECK NO. 28, KHOMAS REGION, NAMIBIA

ECC ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE CONSULTANCY

Environmental Compliance Consultancy (ECC) hereby gives notice to the public that an application for an environmental clearance certificate in terms of the Environmental Management Act, No. 7 of 2007 will be made as per the following:

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NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

Galore Trading cc hereby gives notice to all potential Interested and Affected Parties, that an application for an Environmental Clearance: Environmental Management Act, 7 of 2007 and Regulations 19 and 21 of the EIA Regulations (January 2012) will be made as per the following:

APPLICANT:
Galore Trading cc

NATURE AND LOCATION OF THE PROPOSED ACTIVITY: Galore Trading cc intends on obtaining an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) for their proposed Exploration Activities as per the following:

(1) EPL 8768 (19964.4 ha) is located approximately 8 km east of Uis Settlement, Karas Region. (2) EPL 8726 (16723.3) is located along the Namibia-Angola border in Northern Namibia, Opuwo District, Kunene Region.

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NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPING ASSESSMENT (ESA) FOR THE PROPOSED EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES ON THE EXCLUSIVE PROSPECTING LICENSE (EPL) 8015, LOCATED IN KARIBIB AND OMARURU DISTRICTS, ERONGO REGION

Notice is hereby served to inform the public that an application for the Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) will be made to the Environmental Commissioner in terms of Environmental Management Act No. 7 of 2007 and the EIA Regulations (2012) for the following intended activity.

Project Name: Proposed exploration activities of dimension stone, base & rare metals, industrial minerals and precious metals on EPL 8015 located in Karibib and Omaruru districts, Erongo Region.

Proponent: Ms Ueriheka Roswitha DeAlmada

Environmental Consultant: Excel Dynamic Solutions (Pty) Ltd (EDS) Members of the public are invited to register as Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) to comment/raise issues, and opinions or receive further information regarding the proposed project.

Public Consultation meeting details will be communicated with all the registered I&APs.

Registration requests should be forwarded to EDS on the contact details below, **before or on 30th JUNE 2023.**
Contact: Mr Titus Shuuya
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or
tshuuya@edsnamibia.com
Tel: + 264 61 259 530

New era, 23/06/23

ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPING ASSESSMENT (ESA) FOR THE PROPOSED EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES ON EXCLUSIVE PROSPECTING LICENSE (EPL) No. 8016 LOCATED SOUTH

2. Guidelines to help farmers engage in EIAs, and control access to their land by prospectors

Guidelines for landowners and custodians (e.g. communal conservancies) to better engage in the Environmental Impact Assessment process and to manage and control access to their land as may be requested by prospectors and other developers

Document compiled by the Namibian Chamber of Environment and EnviroScience
March 2023

Environmental and Social Impact Assessment process

The Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) process is designed to help government and all stakeholders / Interested and/or Affected Parties understand the potential impacts of proposed developments (positive and negative), give stakeholders opportunities to raise concerns and provide input during several stages of the process, thereby strengthening the process to result in best decisions for Namibia's sustainable development. Information on ESIAs, guidelines and legislation, as well as frequently asked questions, are available on this website: www.eia.meft.gov.na.

Proponents of projects usually contract a company or individual(s) with the appropriate experience to manage and run an ESIA. Depending on the size of the project specialists may also be contracted, e.g. social scientist,

3. EIA documents made permanently available on the EIS.

http://www.the-eis.com/

Environmental Information Service Namibia: eLibrary
Namibia's one-stop shop for environmental information

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the eLibrary	to the eLibrary	the eLibrary	Get in touch

The EIS eLibrary is a free, online information resource on Namibia

The Environmental Information Service is Namibia's 'one-stop shop' for public environmental information. The eLibrary component includes a large volume and variety of information and new information is added on an ongoing basis.

There are currently **27,019** records in the eLibrary of the following types of resources:

Report: 11,650
Map Data: 2,062
Book or Magazine: 543
Thesis: 426

Journal Article: 9,354
Book or Magazine Section: 1,717
Website: 444
Conference Paper: 383

QUICK LINKS

Wildlife Crime articles

Wildlife Survey reports

EIAs for public comment

EIA Tracker

http://www.the-eis.com/

EIA reports for public comment

These reports are listed currently or were previously listed on the Department of Environmental Affairs ECC Portal http://eia.met.gov.na.

The dates indicate the last date that it was/will be possible to comment on the project on the portal.

Use the checkboxes below to refine this search, amend your search or start a new search.

Explore your search results using the filter checkboxes, or amend your search or start a new search.

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- ☐ 2022 (884)
- ☐ 2021 (738)
- ☐ 2020 (748)

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Wednesday, 30 August 2023

Plan Africa Consulting 2023. 230807001836: Proposed subdivision of Portions 185 to 190 and 192 (portions of Portion 116) of the Farm Osona Commonage No.65.

Creation of a 10m wide street.

📄 1836_ESR_Proposed subdivision of Portions 185 to 190 and 192 of the Farm Osona Commonage No 65.pdf — 633.08 KB

📄 1836_EMP_Proposed subdivision of Portions 185 to 190 and 192 of the Farm Osona Commonage No 65.pdf — 346.65 KB

📄 1836_Municipal Letter_Proposed subdivision of Portions 185 to 190 and 192 of the Farm Osona Commonage No 65.pdf — 390.81 KB

📄 1836_Proof of Consultation_Proposed subdivision of Portions 185 to 190 and 192 of the Farm Osona Commonage No 65.pdf — 2.52 MB

📄 1836_Map_Proposed subdivision of Portions 185 to 190 and 192 of the Farm Osona Commonage No 65.pdf — 319.13 KB

📄 1836_Screening Notice_Proposed subdivision of Portions 185 to 190 and 192 of the Farm Osona Commonage No 65.pdf — 140.77 KB

» See full details of this Report

4. Web-based EIA Tracker

https://eia-tracker.org.na

EIA Tracker
Why is it necessary?

Pic. https://www.oag-bvg.gc.ca

There are valid concerns about the effectiveness of the EIA process and consequent decisions

Public trust in the EIA process is low, with many complaints and protests occurring after development projects have been given the green light

SAUMA OBJECTS TO MINING IN STAMPRIET AQUIFER

Ellanie Smit

3 MONTH AGO - 2023-11-27 16:45:00

Chinese firm accused of illegal mining

By Tileni Mongudhi | 3 April 2022

ReconAfrica accused of drilling in wildlife reserve, offering jobs for silence

News | Published: 15 December 2021 | Last Updated: 15 December 2021 | Written by The Namibian

CHINESE COMPANY, XINFENG, IN HOT SOUP OVER "ILLEGAL LITHIUM MINING" ...MINISTRY CONSIDERS POLICE ACTION

Hertha Ekandjo   7 Nov 2022

San communities petition against Kavango drilling

News | Published: 16 February 2021 | Last Updated: 16 February 2021 | Written by Arlana Shikongo

HOME / NODE / UIS COMMUNITY ALLEGES THAT XINFENG AND OTHERS MINES, CONTRAVENES THEIR MINING LICENSE

Environmentalists rebuff Okavango oil exploration

News | Published: 24 November 2020 | Last Updated: 24 November 2020 | Written by Arlana Shikongo

It is against this backdrop that NEWS and NCE created the EIA Tracker.

Pic New Era (2024)

Aims of the EIA Tracker

- Promote transparency
- Enable public participation
- Build understanding of the EIA process in Namibia

The Tracker provides a public platform
for EIA information,
enabling interested parties
to shine a light on controversial
or high-impact projects.

Features

- Simple to access and navigate

- Information clearly displayed on a map of Namibia

- EIA info is up-to-date, gathered from newspaper adverts and the DEA website

- All relevant EIA info is permanently accessible

- The database is searchable, and gives a good spatial overview
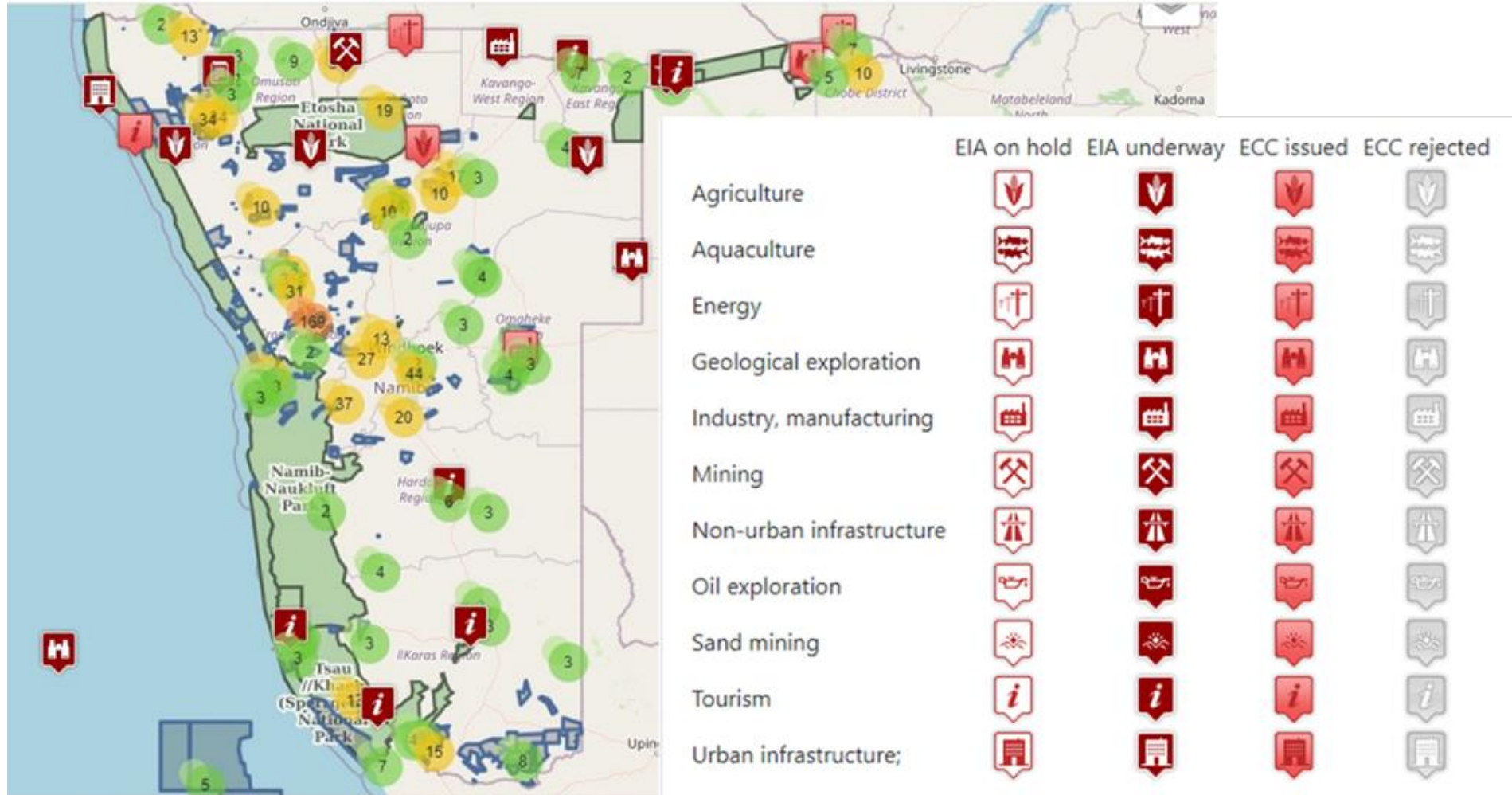
Features

- The data are presented in the **map** and a **table** that provide an overview of the EIA information for each project.

- The map can also show **different land uses** in Namibia, e.g. protected areas, biodiversity hotspots, heritage sites

- Users can **choose** which layers to display on the map, and thus determine which protected areas or farms could be impacted by proposed development projects.

- The Tracker is in line with the **Access to Information Bill**, which will compel public and private entities to make information available proactively and promptly.

Live EIA tracker demo

https://eia-tracker.org.na

Categories

Cluster markers indicate areas with more than one EIA and the icons used for each category

Risk ratings

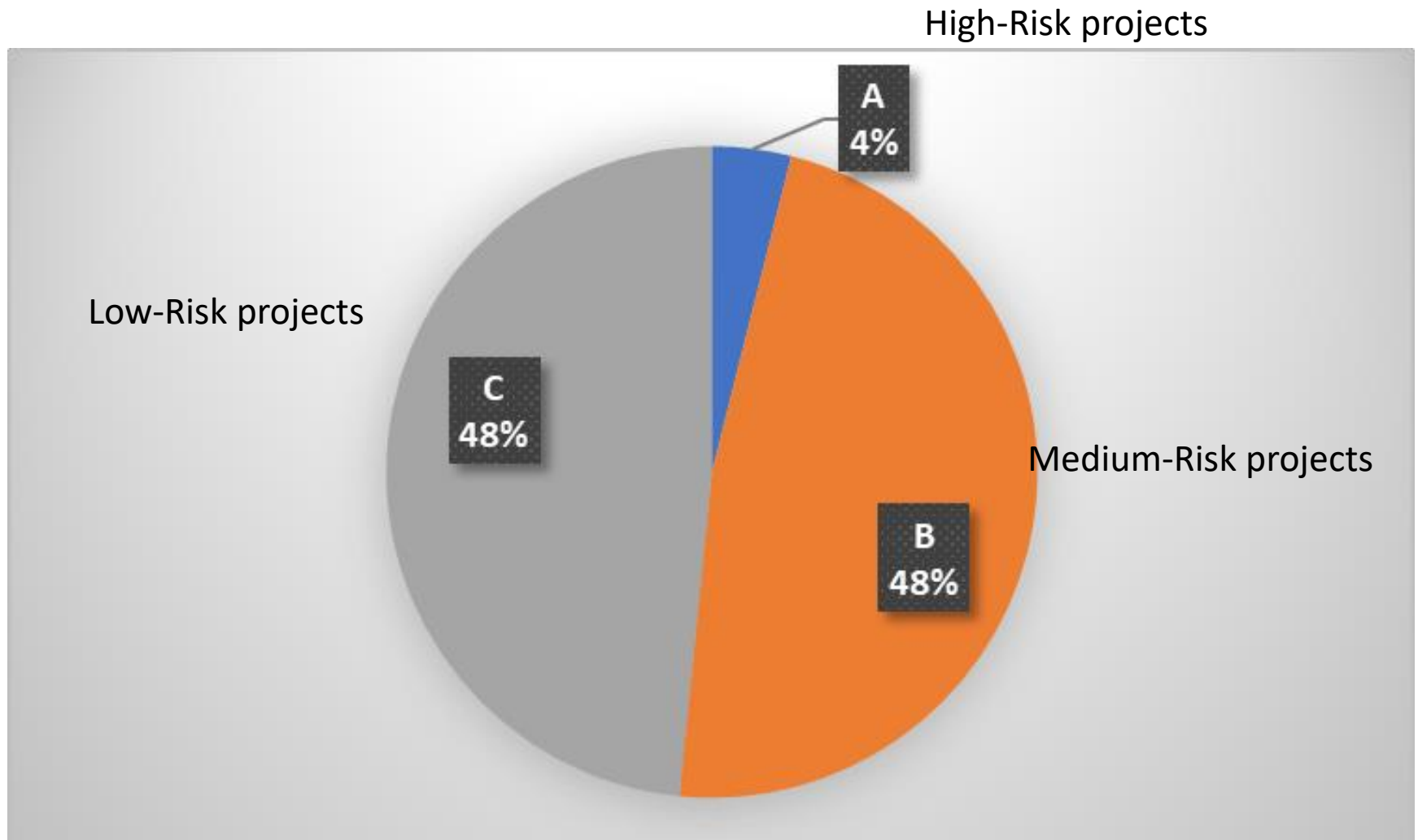| Risk rating	Criteria	Examples
A	• Significant impact on biodiversity, especially high priority species • High pollution risk • High risk to water resources	Large mines Oil and gas exploration Storage of hazardous chemicals e.g. for mining
B	• Medium impact on biodiversity • Medium pollution risk • Medium risk to water resources	Mining Claims EPLs Storage of petroleum products Fuel stations Transmission powerlines
C	• Low risk to biodiversity • Low pollution risk • Low risk to water resources	Urban infrastructures, rezoning Sand mining Water supply

Findings from tracking EIAs

- Many EAPs ignore stakeholder requests to register, and fail to send the Background Info Document to IAPs.

- In some cases, BIDs are not prepared at all.

- Advertisements in inconspicuous places (eg Classifieds), intending to hide from public view.

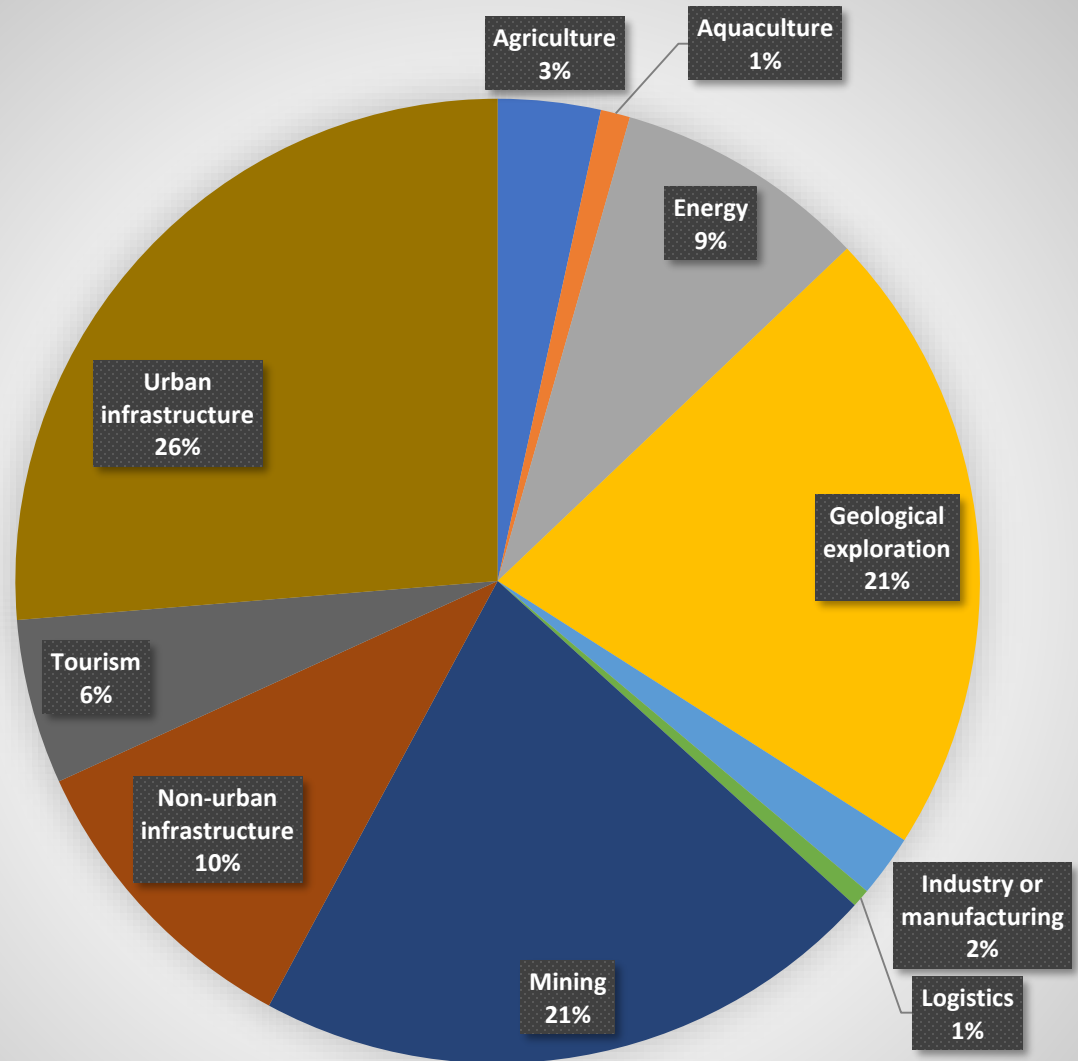- Inputs from stakeholders are not included in EIA Reports, or are misrepresented

Much EIA effort (by both proponents and by the DEA) is wasted on low-risk projects.

Out of 814 EIAs recorded, only 4% were for high-risk projects

High-Risk projects

A 4%

Low-Risk projects

C 48%

Medium-Risk projects

B 48%

Most projects relate to

- urban development,

- mining (including sand mining),

- geological exploration

These problems have been discussed with the Environmental Commissioner and the DEA

Professional body for EAPs

- Many of these EIA problems could be resolved by formalisation of a Professional Council for EAPs.

- Also, there is a role for the SDAC to assist the Environmental Commissioner with difficult issues and controversial projects.

Conclusion

The EIA Tracker provides
a **public platform** for EIA information,
to enhance **public participation** in EIAs

and **improve overall environmental management**
by promoting a
democratic and transparent process
for EIAs.

https://eia-tracker.org.na

Thank you