

EFFECTIVENESS OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT: IAIA UPDATE STUDY



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Some key points from the workshops:

- Guidelines become Instructions
- Scoping guidance = more issues
- More techniques = more confusion
- Developers like certainty, not innovation
- EIA follow-up needs EIA coordinator
- EIA to be effective needs to be able to influence

What do we mean by Effective?

- Effective for who?
- Environmental protection?
- “Has it contributed to better decision-making?”

M.Dorais IAIA Shanghai 1993

Today's objectives:

- Hear and record views of experienced practitioners
- Contribute to Good Practice Guidelines



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Today

- Overview of study by Barry Sadler
- Series of thought-provoking presentations
- Legal Foundations of effective EIA – Stephen Tromans
- Group discussions