



ENVIRONMENT AGENCY

Development of Web Based SEA Good Practice Guidelines

Gerard Stewart, Environmental Policy Risk and
Forecasting, Environment Agency

Barbara Carroll, Enfusion Ltd Sustainability
Consultants

Agency SEA Role & Focus of Guidelines

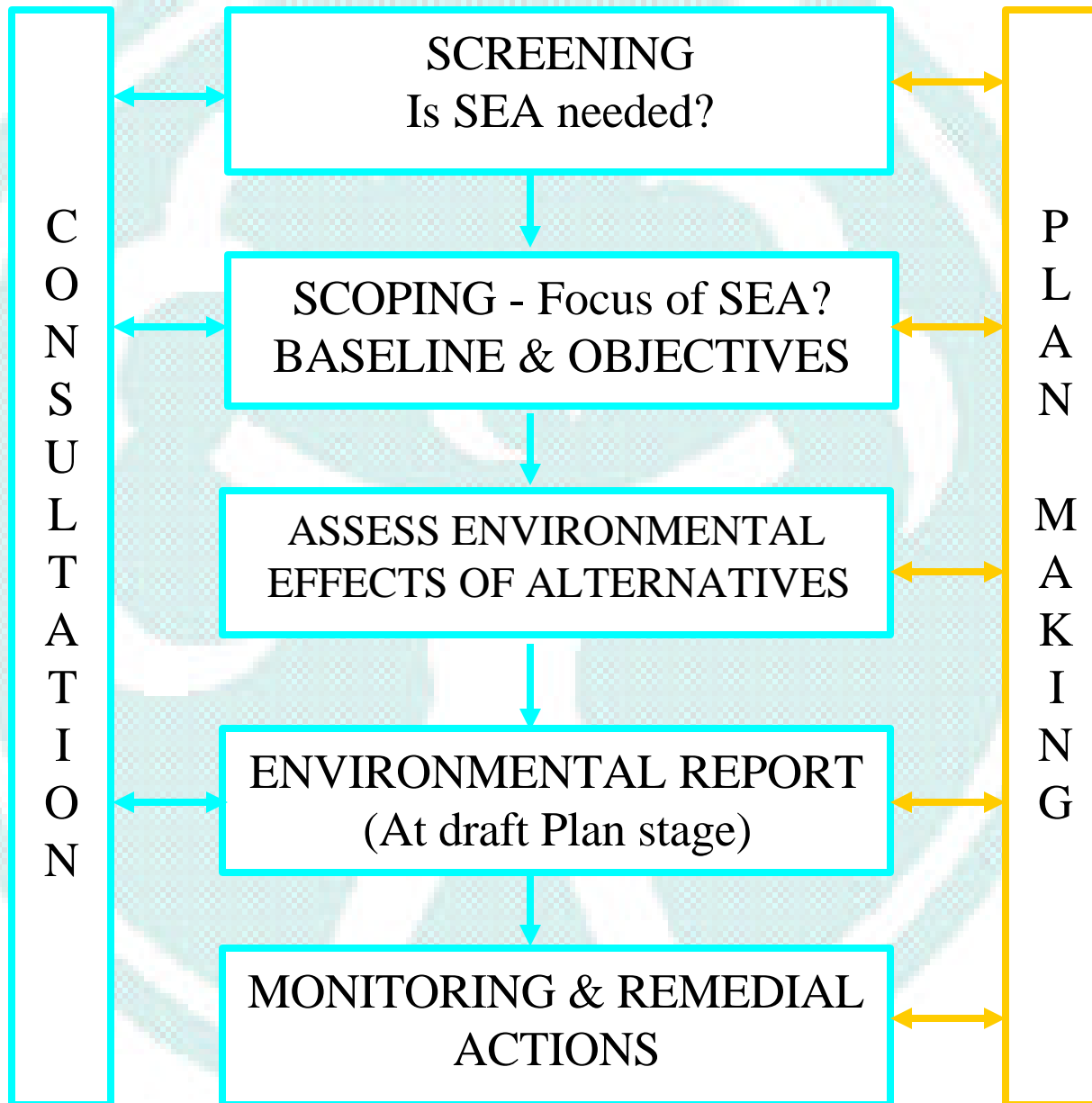


- Agency roles in SEA
 - Plan maker
 - Water management eg flood and coastal defence; river basin management planning; navigation; some fisheries and water resources strategies
 - Statutory consultee to other plan makers
 - eg plans for land, waste, minerals, transport, tourism
 - data / expert advice provision
- GPG focus on stat consultee role

SEA Process



ENVIRONMENT
AGENCY



Objectives of Guidelines ENVIRONMENT AGENCY

- External facing part of Agency SEA preparations
- Promote Agency's role and services to stakeholders - efficiency
- Help realise opportunities for environmental protection
- Promote links with Agency plans
- Promote good practice & creative thinking
- Complement not duplicate other SEA preparations and guidance
- Promote risk based approach to environmental management

Development of Guidelines Stakeholder Involvement



- Who?
 - Agency staff: waste, flood risk, air quality, water, biodiversity, recreation, fisheries, land quality
 - External stakeholders: government & agencies, plan makers, prof institutes, NGOs, private companies
- How?
 - Workshops
 - Informal 1-2-1 liaison
 - Consultation on drafts

Development of Guidelines

Stakeholder Involvement

Benefits



- Raise awareness
- Guidelines 'fit for purpose'
- Draw on experience and expertise

Web based approach

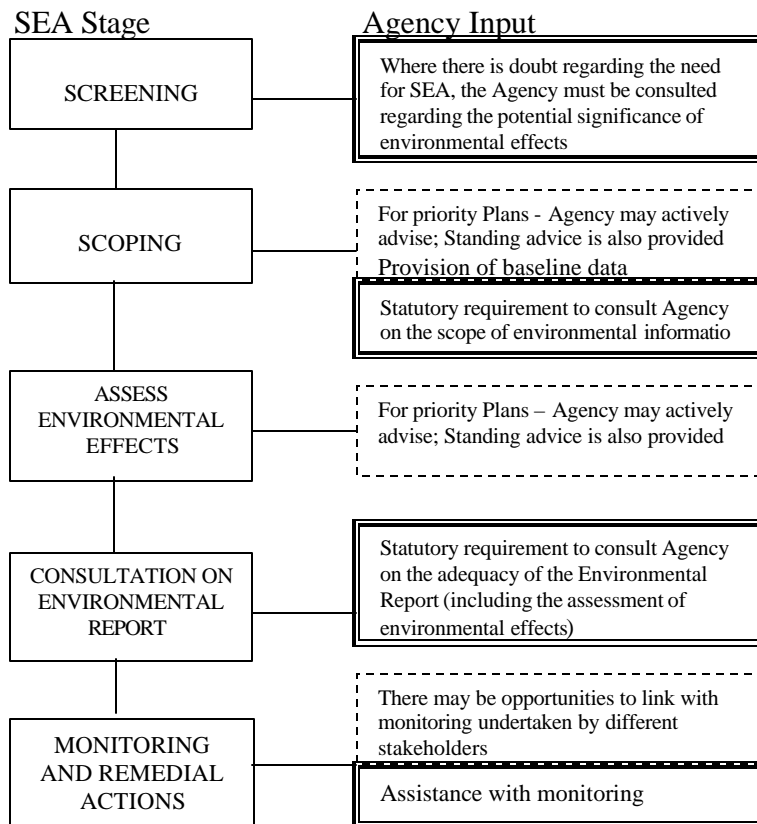
- Consensus that preferred
- Opportunities to update and link with other guidance, case studies, info / data sources
- More flexible & interactive
- Has limitations eg site structure, resources
- Need web design expertise
- Need more iteration than paper based guidance

SEA Overview

Picture

Picture

SEA Process & Agency's Role as Consultee



Key _____ Informal advice (active advice for priority Plan Statutory consultation requirement,
-----; otherwise standing advice)

In this section:

Purpose

Sitemap

SEA Overview

What is SEA?

SEA in the UK

SEA Process

SD & Integration

SEA Principles

Agency's Role

Priority Plans

Other SEA Guidance

Case Studies

News

Contact Us

See also:

Description of guidance

- Process stages: screening; scoping; baseline; alternatives; assessment/mitigation; reporting; monitoring
- Environmental topic
- Sectors
- Tools and techniques
- Case studies
- Frequently Asked Questions

Conclusions

- Means to deliver SEA obligations efficiently
- Helps to ensure plans and programmes reflect environmental opportunities & constraints to development
- Builds on existing and emerging experience and guidance
- Development using participative process
- Web based guidelines - opportunities and challenges
- Completion July 2004



Any Questions?