

# Strategic Environmental Assessment

for the Boegoebaai Port, Special economic Zone and Namakwa Region



## WORKING GROUP MEETING #3

24 May 2025  
09:00 – 12:15  
Microsoft Teams



# Welcome and Meeting Objectives

- **Purpose of 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting :**
  - Present draft specialist findings/progress updates from Work Package 1 (WP1)
  - Introduce WG to preliminary specialist results ahead of the formal review process.
  - Share key actions related to Public Participation Process **within** the SEA.
  - Provide an overview of stakeholder engagement initiatives **outside** the SEA, led by broader project stakeholders.



# Agenda:

No.	Item/Status	Timeslot	Presenter
1	Welcome and Meeting Objectives	09:00-09:05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Abulele Adams               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Director of International Association of Impact Assessment (IAIA) Board</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
2	SEA Approach	09:05-09:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Greg Schreiner (CSIR)</li> </ul>
3	Approach to Public Participation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participation in the SEA</li> <li>Broader Participation</li> </ul>	09:20-09:40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Babalwa Mqokeli (CSIR)</li> <li>Thulisa Zukulu (TNPA)/Shawn Modise (NCEDA)</li> </ul>
4	Questions/Discussion	09:40-09:55	All
Comfort break		09:55-10:05	
5	Specialist Presentations – WP1 Draft Findings/Progress	10:05 -12:05  20 min each (10 min presentation + 10 min Q&A)	Lead Authors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fisheries &amp; Coastal Livelihoods</li> <li>Sustainable Port Planning</li> <li>Marine Ecology</li> <li>Integrated Terrestrial &amp; Aquatic Ecology</li> <li>Biodiversity Offset Framework</li> <li>Heritage</li> </ul>
6	Next Steps & Closing Remarks	12:05-12:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Luanita Snyman van der Walt (CSIR)</li> </ul>

# Introduction – SEA Stakeholder Engagement Plan



Developed to ensure inclusive and meaningful engagement throughout the SEA process.



Covers an integrated Public Participation Process (PPP) across both Work Package 1 (WP1) and Work Package 2 (WP2) of the SEA.



Aims to keep stakeholders informed, involved, and able to contribute meaningfully to the SEA.

## Note

Designed as a living document/plan to evolve with stakeholder input throughout the SEA process.



# Public Participation and Stakeholder Communications to Date

## Background Information Document (BID)

- Initial BID and stakeholder form were published on the CSIR project website on 8 April 2024.
- Updated BID (English and Afrikaans) was uploaded on the CSIR project website on 15 November 2024.
- Stakeholder registration forms also available online

## Public Notices

- Notices about the SEA placed in 4 local municipalities (Richtersveld, Nama Khoi, Kamiesberg, Khâi Ma) on 10 May 2024. Additional notices displayed (July 2024) at libraries, shops and public areas.

## Media Advertising

- Newspaper adverts were published in the Namakwalander and Die Plattelander newspapers on 24 May 2024.
- Radio interview, with NCEDA and CSIR, was aired on Namakwa FM (Afrikaans) on 21 May 2024

## Online Platform

- Dedicated project website to access more information, download relevant documents, and allows for feedback submissions.



# Working Group (WG) Overview

- Established to incorporate a wide range of perspectives and expertise in the SEA process
- WG comprises members from various sectors.
- **Purpose of the WG:**
  - Provide experts input throughout the SEA process.
  - Act as information conduits between SEA and respective constituencies.
- CSIR circulated letters and BID for WG nominations; initial nominations done in May 2024.
- Ongoing nominations for broader representation.

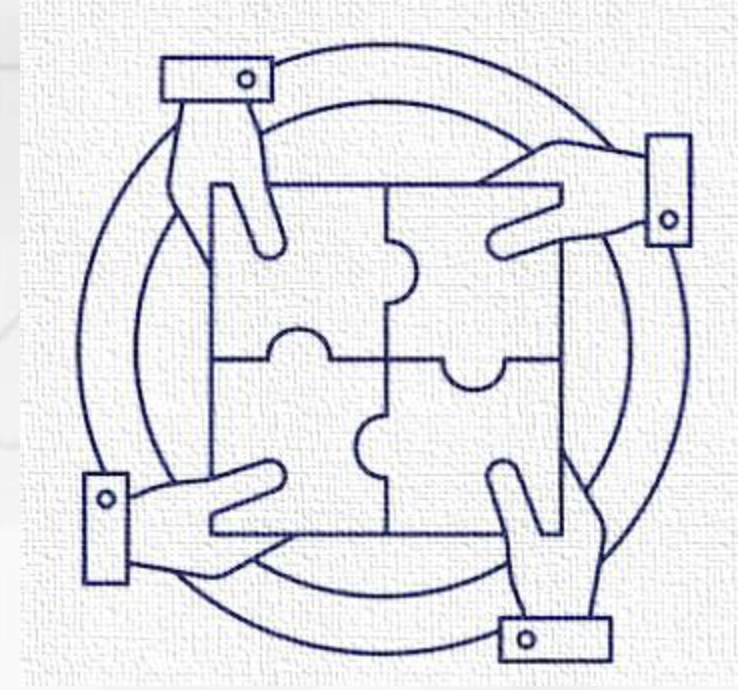
# Working Group Meetings to Date

- **First Meeting – 23 May 2024:**

- Introduced SEA process and provided an overview of the proposed Boegoebaai development programme.
- Outlined SEA themes and expectations over SEA duration.

- **Second Meeting – 10 October 2024:**

- Provided an overview of the proposed Boegoebaai Port, SEZ, and the broader regional GH<sub>2</sub> development programme.
- Status, scope, and methodology for the SEA specialist studies.



# Stakeholder Comments and CSIR Responses



Stakeholders and members of the public from VVVT Namakwaland submitted comments to CSIR via email on 18 October & 15 November 2024.



CSIR, with NCEDA & TNPA, provided written responses on 12 December 2024





# Planned Engagements -2025

- PPP will entail further WG Meetings and public engagements during relevant phases of the SEA.

Activity	Date	Platform/Location	Coordinator
Third WG Meeting	24 April 2025	Microsoft Teams	CSIR
Fourth WG Meeting (WP2)	~ June 2025	Microsoft Teams	CSIR
Webinar Briefing 1	~May 2025	Microsoft Teams	CSIR
Webinar Briefing 2	~June/July 2025	Microsoft Teams	CSIR
Local Briefings 1	~June/July 2025	Northern Cape (Lekkersing, Kuboes, Eksteenfontein, Sanddrift, Port Nolloth/Alexander Bay, and Springbok)	NCEDA, TNPA, with CSIR presenting on SEA findings.
Local Briefings 2	~September/October 2025	Northern Cape (Lekkersing, Kuboes, Eksteenfontein, Sanddrift, Port Nolloth/Alexander Bay, and Springbok)	NCEDA, TNPA, with CSIR presenting on SEA findings

# Draft Findings for Comment

- SEA will entail comment windows during which the public can provide input to the SEA outputs.



SEA specialist chapters will be shared with the Working Group for structured review and formal input during WP1 and WP2 phases.



Draft SEA reports will be available for a 30-day public comment period via the CSIR website, with executive summaries in Afrikaans and stakeholder consultation meetings held.



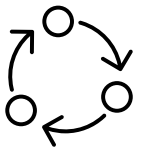
All comments will be documented in a Comments and Response Report, to be published on the SEA website for transparency.



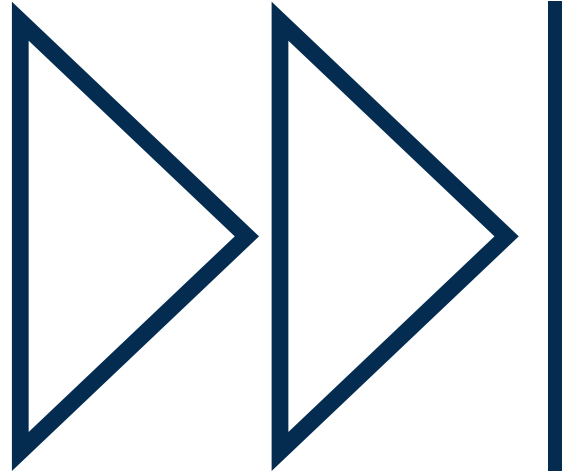
# Closing Reflections

## ➤ Based on today's discussion, some key take-aways:

- The SEA is not a decision-making process, it seeks to guide future decisions by looking at the possible risks and opportunities of the proposed Boegoebaai development programme, and how risks can be minimized and benefits enhanced.
- This SEA does not intend to result in regulatory streamlining or to circumvent any project level assessment, engagement or decision-making. It does seek to provide an evidence base, transparent and available to all, to support future policy, planning and decisions.
- Engagement spans across:
  - The SEA (via CSIR) that is occurring now (inter alia this WG meeting) and for the duration of the SEA. Focussed on SEA content and outcomes.
  - Policy/programme-driven communication (via e.g. Government, NCEDA, TNPA) which has occurred in the past, is ongoing now and into the future.
  - Plans (e.g. SDFs, IPDs) in the future.
  - Projects (e.g. future EIAs) in the future.



# Next Steps



## ➤ Other actions captured during the meeting:

- CSIR to create case of SAHRIS to enable SAHRA comment on documents.
- CSIR to consider how comment period can be maximized to enable meaningful engagement with the reporting.
- Any comments from this session pertaining to chapter content be taken on board, where possible, ahead of draft for comment (e.g. checking spp threat status).
- Specialist / theme-specific session/s on biodiversity with counterparts (e.g. SANBI, BirdLife etc.) to engage on technical content.

- CSIR to draft WG meeting notes of key issues and action items & upload to project website
- **Expectations over the next 6 months:**
  - Lead Authors to present WP2 draft findings to WG (~Jun 2025 meeting)
  - SEA specialist chapters shared for formal review process by WG
  - Two online webinar/briefing sessions for the wider stakeholders ~ May 2025 & June/July 2025 for WP1 and WP2, respectively
    - Lead Authors to present the relevant specialist chapters draft findings
  - Local briefings in ~ six locations (Lekkersing, Kuboes, Eksteenfontein, Sanddrift, Port Nolloth/Alexander Bay & Springbok), and will consist of two rounds:
    - Round 1: June/July 2025 (aligned with WP1 draft SEA report).
    - Round 2: September/October 2025 (aligned with WP2 draft SEA report).

THANK YOU, SPECIALISTS, FOR  
SHARING (RAPIDLY!) YOUR FINDINGS!

THANK YOU, WG, FOR YOUR  
VALUABLE INPUTS AND  
CONSTRUCTIVE DISCUSSION!

Thank you



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