



Subject

Env. Science

Diff b/w EIA and SEA.

EIA

SEA

1. It usually reactive to a development Proposal.	It is Pro-active and informs development Proposal.
2. Assesses the effect of a Proposed development on the environment.	Assesses the effect of a Policy, Plan or Programme on the environment, or the effect of the environment on development needs and opportunities.
3. Addresses a specific Project.	Addresses areas, regions or sectors of development.
4. Has a well defined beginning and end.	It is a continuing Process aimed at Providing information at the right time.
5. Assesses direct impacts and benefits.	Assesses cumulative impacts and identifies implications and issues for sustainable development.



EIA

SEA

6. Focus on mitigation of impacts.	Focus on maintaining a chosen level of environmental quality.
7. Has a narrow perspective and a high level of detail.	Has a wide perspective and a low level of detail to provide a vision and overall framework.
8. Focus on Project specific impacts.	Creates a framework against which impacts and benefits can be measured.
9. Microscopic, mainly local	Macroscopic, mainly global, national and regional.
10. Project	Policy Planning
11. Environmental with a sustainability focus. Physical or ecological issues, and also social and economic.	Sustainability issues, economic and social issues may be more tangible than Physical or ecological issues.