

African Development Bank Group's Environmental and Social Safeguards



Key Documents

African Development Bank Group's Policy on the Environment [February 2004]

- It recognizes and accepts sustainable development as the dominant development paradigm of the 21st century
- It sets out the broad strategic and policy framework under which all operations will be implemented
- It should help improve the quality of life of the people in Africa and preserve and enhance the ecological capital and life-support systems accross the continent



Key Documents

Environmental and Social Assessment Procedures for African Development Bank's Operations [January 2011]

- It provides a formal process for the internal and inter-departmental environmental and social review of Bank-financed projects, programs and plans.
- It should improve decision-making and project results in order to ensure that financed projects are environmentaly and socially sustainable and are in line with the Bank's policies and guidelines.
- It formalizes the use of assesssments and actions with a view to enhance project benefits and prevent, minimise, mitigate and/or compensate for adverse impacts.



Key Documents

Strategic
Environmental and
Social Assessment
(SESA)

Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA)

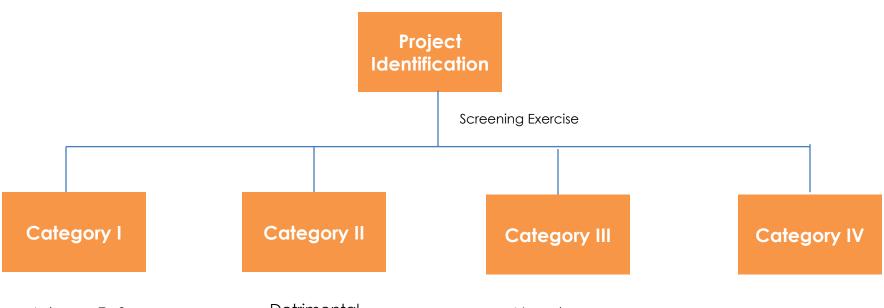
Financial Agreement Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP)

Includes

Environmental and Social Audits (ESA)



Framework



- Adverse E&S impacts
- ESIA
- ESMP

- Detrimental E&S impacts
- ESMP

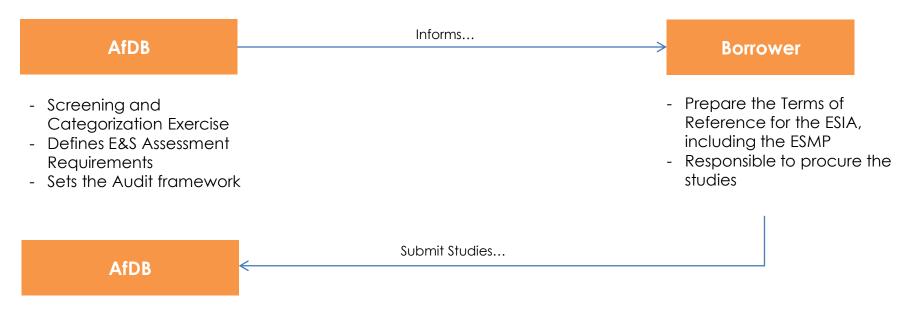
- No adverse E&S impacts
- No E&S
 assessment
 action is
 required

- Investments through financial intermediaries
- Satisfactory E&S assessment of FI safeguards.



Greenfield Infrastructure Projects – Category I (e.g. Wind Power Projects)

After Project Identification ...



- Continues its Due Diligence Process
- Discloses the ESIA for public consultations 120 days before Board Approval (Public Sector Projects) and 60 days for Private Sector Operations
- Approves the Project
- Prepares Financial Agreement including necessary covenants on E&S compliance and reporting
- Supervision and Audit



Wind Power Projects

<u>Rule of Thumb:</u> For every greenfield wind power project, a **Collision Risk Assessment Report** is required.



Example: Cabeolica Wind Farm



Country:

- Installed Capacity:

Total Cost:

- Structure:

Cape Verde

28 MW

USD 84 million

Public-Private Partnership

Collision Risk Assessment Report

- **Objective:** Identify the risk of sensitive birds species to collide with turbines given their flying patterns, duration and height bands assuming 100% availability of the Wind Farm for the original turbine layout. The assessment is also made for alternative turbine layout.
- **Methodology:** (i) Scottish Natural Heritage (2005), Survey Methods for Use in Assessing the Impacts of Onshore Wind Farms on Bird Communities, SNH, Battlehy; and (ii) Whitfield D.P. (2009), Collision Avoidance of Golden Eagles at Wind Farms under the 'Band' Collision Risk Model.
- **Results:** 2.55 strikes per annum for Osprey and 1.05 strikes per annum for Kestrel at 95% avoidance level (Note: Worst Case Scenarion)



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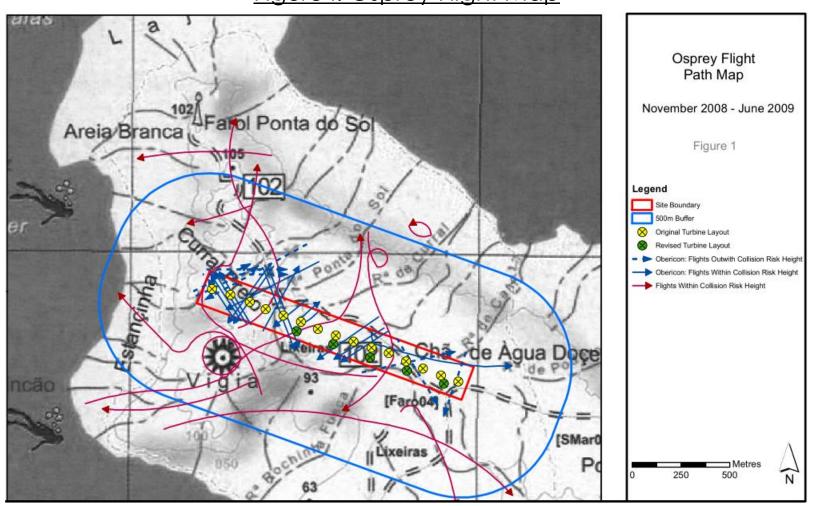
Collision Risk Assessment Report

- Mitigation Measures:
 - (i) Design and siting mitigation measures have been carried out
 - (ii) Construction to be avoided during main breeding season or tobe focused on areas far from the nest area
- **Results:** (i) predicted impact for Kestrels will become insignificantly, and (ii) potential collision risk for Ospreys will drop to 1 per year.
- **Suggestions:** (i) Replacement of predators (e.g. crows); (ii) construction of artificial osprey platforms for safe nesting; (iii) post-construction bird monitoring over a period of 5-years by carrying continous vantage point surveys.



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Figure I: Osprey Flight Map





SREP Ethiopia – Assela Wind Farm Project



Country:

Installed Capacity:

Structure:

Sponsor:

- Financial Closure

Ethiopia

Up to 100 MW

100 % Public

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- The Environmental and Social Impact Assessment to include a **Risk Collision Assessment Report**
- The Mitigation Measures proposed by the study shall be included in the **Environmental and Social Management Plan**
- **Environmental and Social Audits** to be carried in order ensure an effective and sustainable implementation



CTF Egypt – 200MW Golf Of Suez Wind Farm



Country:

- Installed Capacity:

- Structure:

- Sponsor:

Egypt

Up to 200MW

100 % Public

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- The **Risk Collision Assessment Report** concluded that the site proposed was too prone to the collision of birds with turbines. As a result, a new site is being identified and a new study will be carried.
- Consequence: Delay in project implementation



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