



# setala



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Execution of Strategic Environmental Assessments (SEA)  
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Monitoring and auditing of Environmental Compliance  
Obtaining of Land Rights through Negotiation  
Securing of Public Participation  
Provision of Water Related Expertise

## Who is Setala and what do we do?

Setala strives to provide sustainable solutions to a wide variety of clients. We have a comprehensive understanding of environmental best practice. We bring together a wealth of knowledge, experience and subject matter expertise. We apply the principles of Integrated Environmental Management.

## What services do we offer?

- 1 The execution of Environmental Impact Assessments (EIA)
- 2 The execution of Strategic Environmental Assessments (SEA)
- 3 The conducting of specialist studies
- 4 The monitoring and auditing of Environmental Compliance
- 5 The obtaining of Land Rights through Negotiation
- 6 The securing of Public Participation
- 7 The provision of Water Related Expertise

Each of these services represents a domain of extensive expertise and knowledge we are proud of. Each domain can be deployed as an independent service. Alternatively, all seven domains can be combined as part of an integrated strategy in dealing with a particular project.

We are experts in both the what and the how. Through our broad range of skills and experience, we are extremely well placed to guide you, not only in what to do, but also the best way to do it. Putting these together ensures a win-win outcome, and most importantly, a lower risk for our clients.

## Our seven key areas of service

Each service described below represents a domain of expertise and knowledge. These can be deployed in combination or independently, depending on the scope and nature of the project.

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**1** *The execution of Environmental Impact Assessments (EIA)*  
An EIA is a process that seeks to determine what impact a proposed project, plan or programme is likely to have on the environment. We have extensive experience in this domain through having successfully completed numerous EIA projects. Our track record is evidence of our engagement and expertise in this field.

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**2** *The execution of Strategic Environmental Assessments (SEA)*  
The primary purpose of an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is to determine and evaluate the environmental implications of development, in order to inform decision-making at the project level. However, at the planning, programming and policy level there are more strategic decisions that are typically made that influence the nature of the development. *Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)* has therefore evolved, to determine, proactively, the most suitable development type, area for development, raise 'red flags' in terms of sensitivity levels of natural areas, etc. before development proposals are formulated.

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### 3 *Conducting of Specialist studies*

Specialist studies form an integral component of an overall Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). The aim of the specialist study phase is to initially provide background information on the receiving environment of the project site. Secondly, to provide information on the positive and negative impacts potentially arising from activities related to the project alternatives. Specialist studies also recommend mitigation actions to enhance potential positive impacts and to reduce negative impacts.

Our specialists have demonstrated competence and proven track records in various specialist fields related to EIAs. They have appropriate qualifications, experience and professional memberships from recognised professional bodies.

As a result, we are able to offer specialist studies in the following areas:

- Overall biodiversity studies and assessments;
- Ecological studies and Impact Assessments (Fauna & Flora);
- Wetland Impact Assessments;
- Avifauna Impact Assessments;
- Aquatic Macro-Invertebrate Bio-monitoring;
- General water studies and aquatic assessments;
- Heritage Impact Assessments;
- Environmental Control Officer (ECO); and
- Plant Search & Rescue

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### 4 *The obtaining of Land Rights through Negotiation*

The issue of land rights can present a formidable challenge. This issue can both delay the kickoff and hinder the progress of projects. We address this challenge for you through an experienced and extensive network of negotiators. We negotiate land rights for a wide variety of purposes, which could include the registration of servitudes to be used for roads, underground pipelines and infrastructure for the mining industry, among other purposes.

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### 5 *The monitoring and auditing of Environmental Compliance*

The focus here is on how the environment is being impacted and whether this impact is in line with initial estimates. Any project or plan at its outset will determine what the environmental impact is going to be. We monitor, quantify and report on this impact as the project proceeds. This monitoring is done within a pre-determined framework and ensures that any potential damage to the environment is mitigated.

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### 6 *The securing of Public Participation*

Public participation is an essential element of the EIA process. In fact, no project or programme can succeed without the necessary community participation and public involvement. To achieve the required community participation, **Setala** offers you a wealth of experience.

Most importantly, in striving to secure public participation, we handle conflict situations, with the aim of reaching reasonable consensus prior to the finalisation of a project.

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### 7 *The provision of Water Related Expertise*

The scope of this domain is broad and its depth is deep, but we have the professional acumen and skills to deal with water related issues that arise within the arena of EIAs.

In matters relating to water use and licensing, we can assist in terms of a legal assessment and the drafting of Water Use License Applications (WULA), together with the supporting technical motivation.

In addition we can establish water management plans and assessments, which include the compilation of Integrated Water and Waste Management Plans (IWWMP).

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