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Question Details						
#	Question	Asker Name	Asker Email	Answer	Answer Name	Answer Email
1	Hi Chrizette, Is it a requirement to perhaps take soil samples to try identify macroinvertebrates present in the pan wetland.	Anonymous Attendee				
2	photo is not of a pangolin	Kirstin Otten	kirstin@millsandotten			
3	Are Common Shelduck and Ruddy Shelduck on the SA bird list?? I thought it was only South African Shelduck. Perhaps captive birds kept by the farmer at	Andrew Pearson	andrew@mulilo.com			
4	Is there a non-important wetland or pan?	Clayton Weatherall-Thomas	cweatherall-thomas@srk.co.za			



5	Is the need for Hydropedology triggered by certain pans or is it an overall requirement in the Northern Cape?	Anonymous Attendee				
6	Timeframe for a pan specialist study to ensure everything is covered? Best time to do studies?	Anonymous Attendee				
7	Main causes of biodiversity decline in your region?brief comparison of impact of climate change vs human activities?	Aurick Swartbooi	embaleshamba@polk a.co.za	Also linked to the overgrazing is subdivision of land to unsustainable land portions	Chrizette Neethling	cdn@endemic vision.co.za
8	Compliance monitoring of prospecting sites need urgent attention!	Gert Pretorius	envirologic48@gmail. com			
9	Peter, What are the key capacity building opportunites for communities in your region?	Aurick Swartbooi	embaleshamba@polk a.co.za			
10	How do we ensure that the CIA is done properly when the is lack of information for proper assessment?	Anonymous Attendee				
11	Where can one attain the shapefile or info for the Key Biodiversity features? Thank you.	Martinus Erasmus	martinus@thebiodiver sitycompany.com			



12	Thanks	Aurick Swartbooi	embaleshamba@polk			
13	Thank you	Gert Pretorius	envirollogic48@gmail.			
14	The impacts of renewable energy developments can be greatly decreased through mitigation, such as agrivoltaics, or reducing the impact on vegetation and habitat by raising the height of the panels. If these measures are encouraged by the authorities, the cumulative impact can be considerably reduced. There is also a big difference between opencast and underground mining impacts. Any comments?	Clayton Weatherall-Thomas	cweatherall-thomas@srk.co.za			
15	The new CBA map - where is it available?	Kirstin Otten	kirstin@millsandotten.co.za			



16	Your presentation is focused on CI from mining (and renewables), but a prospecting right is granted by DMR with no ground truthing or field work having been done. Surely this should not be acceptable, given your presentation and also the first one on pans and the importance of ground truthing what is	Kirstin Otten	kirstin@millsandotten.co.za			
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17	In these arid regions, how are wetland and pan system buffers being managed for avifauna by the authorities (Peter), not only for waterfowl (a few now recently listed as SCC's) and very large sandgrouse flocks reaxching into the 1000's that drink twice a day, but also for conservation-priority species such as Greater and Lesser Flamingos which use these pans when inundated? Is curtailment during the limited inundation period a viable solution / possibility? Perhaps allowing for smaller buffer sizes, in comparison	Justin Nicolau	justin@unearthconsulting.co.za			
18	Must cumulative impact assessments include projects approved (EA), but nothing is happening on the site for years.	Gert Pretorius	envirollogic48@gmail.com			



19	A major limitation to effectively engaging with the officials during NCs EIAs is identifying the correct officials and finding valid contact details	Anonymous Attendee				
20	DMR issues prospecting rights with no field work having been done - irrespective of maps available.	Kirstin Otten	kirstin@millsandotten.co.za			
21	Peter, I might have missed your response to the question...what are the key community capacity building opportunities?	Aurick Swartbooi	embaleshamba@polka.co.za			
22	What are the department's expectations of specialists in reviewing the spatial plan following field assessment?	Martinus Erasmus	martinus@thebiodiversitycompany.com			
23	Can CBA's (which are mapped usually at quite a high level) be adjusted or re-shaped, by an independent specialist, during an EIA study, through detailed ground work verification and surveys?	Anonymous Attendee		live answered	Corné Niemandt	info@biosgroup.co.za



24	General question: What are my options/responsibilities as a specialist, if a developer (not the EAP) decides not to include my report findings and recommendations in the EIA process but rather appoints a different specialist? To my understanding, all specialist reports relating to a proposed development must be included in the EIA process even if there is more than one report (possibly contradicting) for a specific specialist	AJH Lamprecht	ajhlamprecht@gmail.com	Take it up with the EAP to ensure both studies are included. If the EAP does not want to you can contact the CA directly and bring this under their attention. You can also approach SACNASP and EAPASA on this	Corné Niemandt	info@biosgroup.co.za
25	I just went onto BGIS (SANBI site) and only the 2016 Northern Cape Critical Biodiversity Areas is on BGIS. Can you post the link to the 2024 Northern Cape	Natalie Sharp	natalie@dsafrica.co.za	https://bgis.sanbi.org/SpatialDataset/Data/7743	Corné Niemandt	info@biosgroup.co.za



26	How do we handle an area assigned a CBA/ESA status but on the ground the status qualifies for ONA or transformed?	Anonymous Attendee		As long as you can verify the status based on SSV. The reasoning for the CBA/ ESA is important so make sure you	Corné Niemandt	info@biosgroup.co.za
27	an EAP is obligated to provide all material info that can influence a decision to the Competent Authority. If the EAP did not, report them to EAPASA	Anonymous Attendee		live answered	Corné Niemandt	info@biosgroup.co.za
28	In listing notice 3, one of the triggers of an activity is if a development falls "Within critical biodiversity areas identified in bioregional plans". Does the new Biodiversity Spatial Plan count as a bioregional plan in this case?	Anonymous Attendee				
29	Is a Biodiversity Offset Bank available yet, in the NC?	AJH Lamprecht	ajhlamprecht@gmail.com			