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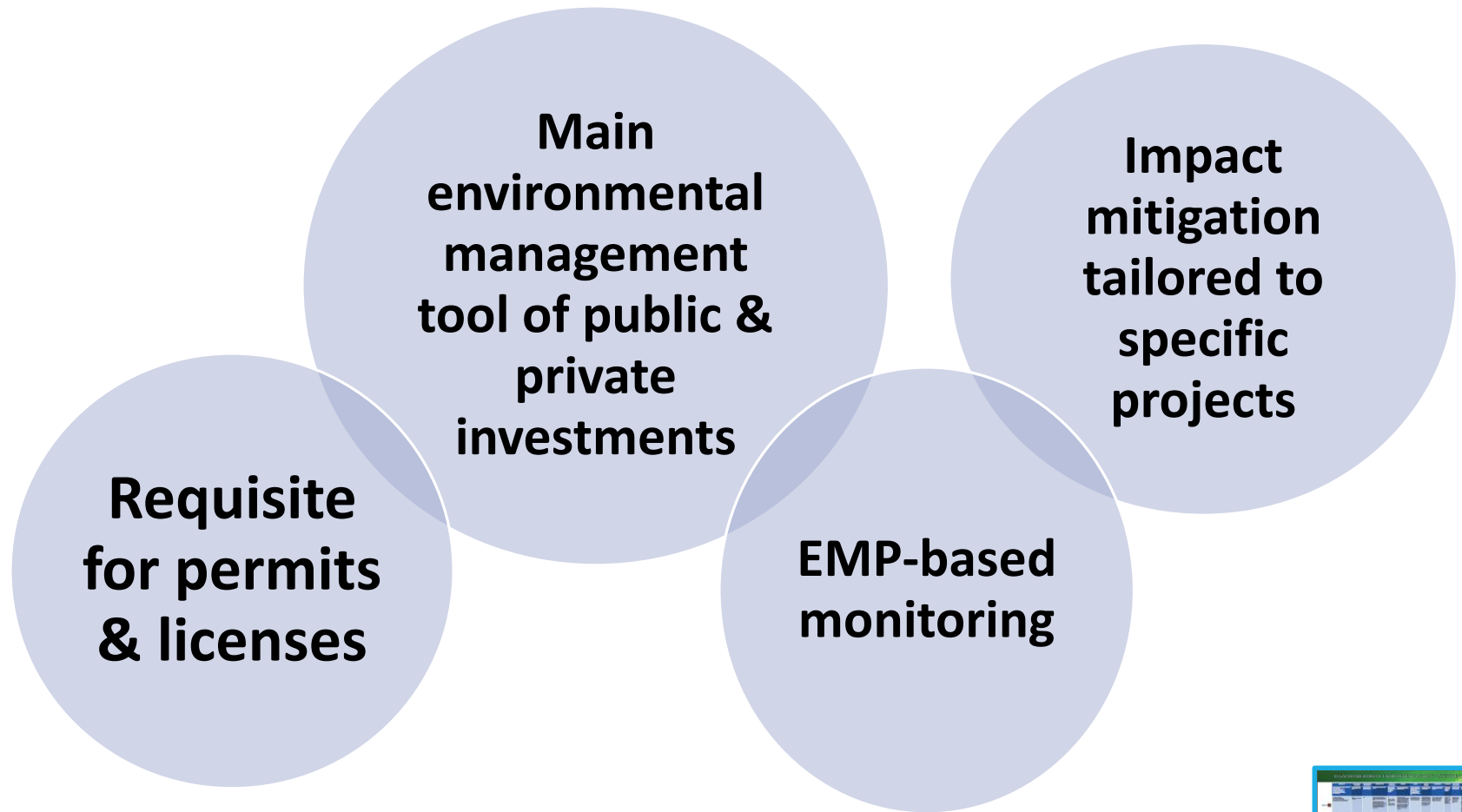
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LEGAL FRAMEWORK OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT IN SOUTH ASIA

TERMINOLOGY	ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORITIES	DECISION-MAKING RESPONSIBILITY	DEFINITION OF EIA	TYPES OF EIA INSTRUMENTS	SCREENING	SCOPING	TERMS OF REFERENCE	REQUIREMENTS	ALTERNATIVES	INSTITUTIONAL COORDINATION	DISSEMINATION	CITIZEN PARTICIPATION	ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN	MONITORING AND REPORTING	EIA REGULATIONS

Afghanistan

Bangladesh

Bhutan

India

Nepal

Pakistan

Sri Lanka

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Nature and Objective of EIA

Main environmental management tool of public & private investments

Impact mitigation tailored to specific projects

Requisite for permits & licenses

EMP-based monitoring

EIA systems in South Asia

Country	Screening	Scoping	TORs	Assessment Supervision	Approval	
	List-based	Mandatory	Drafted by proponent	Project Proponent	Env. Authority	Line Agency
AFG	✓			✓*	✓	
BAN	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
BHU	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
IND	✓*	✓	✓	✓	✓	
NEP	✓	✓*	✓	✓	✓	✓
PAK	✓		✓	✓	✓	
SRI	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓

EIA systems in South Asia

Country	Alternatives	Institutional Coordination	Dissemination	Citizen Participation	Monitoring
	Mandatory	Line agency	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory
AFG	✓	✓	✓	✓	
BAN		✓			✓
BHU		✓	✓	✓	✓
IND	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
NEP	✓	✓	✓	✓*	✓
PAK	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
SRI	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Results and Conclusions

- Focus on managing the negative environmental impacts of specific investment projects

- Lack of effort to open up the decision-making processes to public scrutiny

- EIA's potential roles in policy development and implementation.