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Multidisciplinary approach and public participation input in the EIA evaluation process.

Senace experience in Peru

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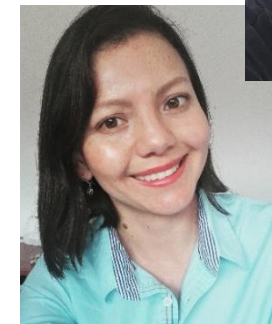
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About Senace



Peruvian national authority in environmental licensing



Created in 2012. Functioning since 2015.



Part of the Ministry of the Environment



Procedures are regulated by national laws and sector-specific rules



Has 03 line agencies

- Natural Resources and Productive Projects Evaluation Directorate
- Infrastructure Projects Evaluation Directorate
- Strategic Management for Evaluation Process Directorate

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National context and balanced decisions



- ¿How to reach balanced decisions in a complex context with 88,6% of active conflicts in mining, oil&gas sectors?
- ¿Why are these sectors so conflictive, even when their contribution to the national economy is important?
- The key issue to answer this question is that these extractive projects in order to exploit underground natural resources, have to make agreements with land owners, usually peasant and indigenous communities that are afraid of pollution.



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(1) Source: Boletín Estadístico Minero N°03-2020-MEM

(2) Source: Anuario Estadístico 2019 Subsector Hidrocarburos-MEM/ Revista Minería & Energía, marzo 2021





How to address more balanced decisions?

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Firstly, promoting the public participation through:

- Citizen participation mechanisms
- Effectiveness approach
- Tools and guidelines

Secondly, by means of the multidisciplinary assessment

- Matrix organizational structure
- Specialized technical groups
- Interdisciplinary assessment



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Emblematic cases

North Amazonian Oil project (EIA)

- *Main stakeholders: Indigenous People (Achuar and Shuar groups), Indigenous organizations and international NGO*
- *Main concerns: pollution, lost of natural resources and fishing as livelihood*
- *Input in evaluation: Environmental Management Plans improvement*

South Andean Mining Expansion project (MEIA)

- *Main stakeholders: Indigenous People (Quechua group) and local authorities*
- *Main concerns: pollution, displacement and project benefits*
- *Input in evaluation: key issues incorporate in SIA*
- *Key communications needs identified*
- *Multidisciplinary team reviewed citizen comments*

As a result: key issues and local concerns are integrated in Social and Environmental Impact Assessment.



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Main achievements (2016-Present)

Balanced decisions based on technical analysis and people concerns.

Public participation input

- 53 EIA&MEIA approved including public participation input.
- 0 projects approved by Senace involved in active social conflicts.
- 696 formal mechanisms implemented, with over 42 015 participants.
- Public participation mechanisms adapted to remote mode to COVID-19 pandemic.

Multidisciplinary approach

- Senace is positioned as a technic and trustable government agency.
- Formal and informal multidisciplinary assessment spaces consolidated.
- Criteria alignment in key Social&Environmental issues.





Challenges

- Citizen concerns/requirements/expectations often exceed the Environmental Licensing scope.
- Lack of communications conditions limit access to public participation mechanisms in COVID-19 context.
- Expanded social and cultural diversity difficult to standardize a SIA criteria applicable to diverse local contexts.

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