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EIA: Who should carry out and stakeholders

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We would like to outline some experiences with EIAs in a similar matter. In New Zealand, an application for seabed mining of phosphate nodules - deep seabed mining- was made by a company called Chatham Rock Phosphate. Chatham Rock carried out the EIA, which was published on a website. Stakeholders, including New Zealand Maori interests, fisheries interests and environmental organisations, including Greenpeace, could view the EIA, which included an environmental baseline. There was a hearing held, at which the proponents of the proposal called expert scientists, including those who had participated in the EIA. There was a panel of experts, who heard the evidence. Stakeholders, including the fishing industry, Maori and environmental organizations, called expert scientists, to call evidence on matters such as noise, toxicology and the plume, and could question the proponent's evidence. The panel then made their decision.

We believe that this is a useful example, not only for the International Seabed Authority, in which we are actively engaged, but for other EIAs in ABNJ.

Thank you Mr Facilitator