

## **Maarten Smies: environmental management consultant**

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I am a highly and widely experienced environmental management advisor, who has worked in a large number of countries. In the past twenty years I completed eight senior environmental management postings for Shell's exploration and production business. During that time I lived and worked for eight years in three countries in the Middle East (Oman, the UAE and Iran).



I am available for consultancy, interim management and learning and development for environmental management for companies, public authorities and others. I am also interested in contributing to the development of projects, e.g. in HSE management or value assurance review.

I am a good analyst with extensive intercultural experience and I am a motivating leader of staff. I am a self-starter, adapt easily to new conditions and I am able to establish myself quickly and deliver results.

### **Knowledge and experience**

What knowledge and experience can I offer ? Here are a number of potential roles that I can fulfil:

**General environmental management:** design and review of environmental policy and strategy on the basis of the robust ISO 14001 environmental management system standard. This also covers biodiversity conservation and the interfaces with safety, (occupational and community and public) health and security management and with sustainable development and social and socio-economic performance management.

**Impact assessment:** development of impact assessment process and procedure based on World Bank standards and national regulatory requirements.

For project impact assessment my strength is in review and appraisal. In Abu Dhabi I was environmental advisor with the national oil company and responsible for the review and approval of impact assessments for projects of all operating companies.

**Environmental audit:** I am available to lead environmental audits of your organisation or be the environmental lead within an HSE audit team. Audits are carried out to test how well an organisation complies with its environmental or HSE management system.

**Environmental data management and reporting:** ISO 14001 requires environmental performance reporting. Assistance to define environmental parameters to be measured and reported, and to map the data acquisition pathways. Environmental performance data need to meet quality requirements for reporting to regulatory authorities or for verification by data auditors or stakeholders.

**Learning and development and coaching:** a comprehensive learning and development programme on the environment and on impact assessment. Introduction to environmental science and impact assessment (1.5 days). Workshop on impact assessment (4 days).

Coaching of environmental teams to help them become more effective and efficient.

### **Availability and mobility**

I am available quickly and am prepared to work in many countries. I have substantial in-country experience in Nigeria, Gabon, Tanzania, Zaire/Congo, the USA, Canada, Colombia, Indonesia, Thailand, Australia, Russia and Kazakhstan and in Oman, the UAE and Iran.

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