

Project information

Project title

Environmental Impact Analyses (EIA) for reindeer herding. An evaluation.

Year

2013-2016

Project leader

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Flagship

MIKON

Funding Source

Development Fund for the Reindeer Industry

2013: 390.000

2014: 600.000

2015: 560.000

Summary of Results

Preliminary results

The formal regulations for EIAs are made stricter, and the threshold for when a plan is required is lowered, in force from January 1, 2015. The regulations have several rules to assure that the accumulated consequences of encroachments in a reindeer herding district need to be evaluated, not only the new plan seen in isolation.

An enquete sent to all reindeer herding districts in Norway indicate that reindeer herders tend to not be satisfied with the weight put on prior encroachments. The majority of the respondents hold that the rules seem to be only a vehicle get development plans approved.

Published Results/Planned Publications

Published

Riseth, Jan Åge (2015) Industrial Encroachments and Dispossession of Indigenous Lands. Impact Analyses for Whom? Oral Presentation Session Social Work in Remote Areas. 16/09/2015 3rd International Indigenous Social Work (3IISW) Conference 2015, 14 - 17 September 2015 at the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel Esplanade, Darwin, Australia.

Riseth, Jan Åge & Nikolai K. Winge (2015). Reindrif, arealinngrep og utbygging: Blir reindriften hørt i utbyggingssaker...? Reindriftnytt 2/2015, 4-5.

Winge, Nikolai K.(2015). Reindrif og konsekvensutredninger. I hvilken grad blir reinaktørenes kunnskap hørt og hensyntatt? Foredrag for naturressursgruppen. NMBU. 28.aug. 2015.

Sara, Maret Risten & Tømmervik, Hans. 2014. Vindkraft i nord - utfordringer for reindriften – Eksempler fra Finnmark. Foredrag på seminaret «Vindkraft i nord» arrangert av Naturvernforbundet i Troms, FNF

- Troms, LNL og UiT. 1.12.2014. Universitetet i Tromsø, Tromsø.

In preparation:

Riseth, Jan Åge & Ivar Lie (accepted) Reindriftas roller i samfunnsutviklinga i Finnmark. In: Selle, Per, Elisabeth Angell & Sveinung Eikeland: «Samepolitikk og regional utvikling» (Work title)

Winge, Nikolai (in prep.) Konsekvensutredning i reindriftingsområder. Lov og rett.

An international article using Sámi traditional knowledge in environmental impact analysis and assessments (EIA) is under preparation. Here, the relationships between reindeer herding encroachment, landscape/season, and traditional knowledge will be assessed using cases from development of wind power plants, mines etc. in Sweden and Norway. Cooperation between the researchers and reindeer herders from Sweden and Norway:

Tømmervik, H., Danielsen, I., Riseth, J.Å., Baer, K., Sandström, P., Larsen, T.E., Langeland, K. & Skarin, A. Use of Sámi Traditional Ecological Knowledge in Environmental Impact Analysis and Assessments (EIA) (work title).

Planned

An international article based on the oral presentation "Industrial Encroachments and Dispossession of Indigenous Lands. Impact Analyses for Whom?"

An international article discussing the implications of mining in reindeer herding areas. Cases will include Biedjuvaggi, Repparfjord (Nussir), Syd-Varanger and Kiruna based on interviews with reindeer herders and assessments of impacts.

A national article summing up the results from the project.

Interdisciplinary Cooperation

- Scientific fields/disciplines: Ecology, Social Science, Traditional Knowledge and Law.

Budget in accordance to results

The published results are only a part of the material collected in the project. The case studies take much time and the material also need to be extended by interviews. There is a need of more time for further analysis and publication.

Could results from the project be subject for any commercial utilization

No