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Introduction

Communication is important in the implementation and operation of environmental management systems. This communication will be most effective if there is a common understanding of the terms used.

To simplify the harmonization of terms and definitions in the field of environmental management, each terminological entry in this document contains a generic term and its definition. Notes to entry and examples have been included only in a few cases to provide additional information or clarification.

The terminology is arranged in subclauses, each representing a specific sub-domain. The sequence of the term entries corresponds to the concept diagrams in [Annex A](#).

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Environmental management — Vocabulary

1 Scope

This document defines terms used in documents in the fields of environmental management systems and tools in support of sustainable development. These include management systems, auditing and other types of assessment, communications, footprinting studies, greenhouse gas mitigation and adaptation to climate change.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

3 Terms and definitions

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- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1 General terms relating to management systems

3.1.1

organization

person or group of people that has its own functions with responsibilities, authorities and relationships to achieve its *objectives* (3.1.6)

3.1.2

interested party

stakeholder

person or *organization* (3.1.1) that can affect, be affected by, or perceive itself to be affected by a decision or activity

3.1.3

top management

person or group of people who directs and controls an *organization* (3.1.1) at the highest level

3.1.4

management system

set of interrelated or interacting elements of an *organization* (3.1.1) to establish *policies* (3.1.5) and *objectives* (3.1.6), as well as *processes* (3.1.9) to achieve those objectives

3.1.5

policy

intentions and direction of an *organization* (3.1.1), as formally expressed by its *top management* (3.1.3)

3.1.6

objective

result to be achieved

3.1.7

risk

effect of uncertainty

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3.1.8

hazard

potential source of injury or damage to the health of people, or damage to property or the *environment* (3.2.2)

3.1.9

process

set of interrelated or interacting activities that uses or transforms inputs to deliver a result

3.1.10

competence

ability to apply knowledge and skills to achieve intended results

3.1.11

documented information

information required to be controlled and maintained by an *organization* (3.1.1) and the medium on which it is contained

3.1.12

performance

measurable result

3.1.13

continual improvement

recurring activity to enhance *performance* (3.1.12)

3.1.14

effectiveness

extent to which planned activities are realized and planned results achieved

3.1.15

requirement

need or expectation that is stated, generally implied or obligatory

3.1.16

conformity

fulfilment of a *requirement* (3.1.15)

3.1.17

nonconformity

non-fulfilment of a *requirement* (3.1.15)

3.1.18

corrective action

action to eliminate the cause(s) of a *nonconformity* (3.1.17) and to prevent recurrence

3.1.19

audit

systematic and independent *process* (3.1.9) for obtaining evidence and evaluating it objectively to determine the extent to which the *audit criteria* (3.4.44) are fulfilled

3.1.20

measurement

process (3.1.9) to determine a value

3.1.21

monitoring

determining the status of a system, a *process* (3.1.9) or an activity

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3.2 General terms relating to environmental management

3.2.1

environmental management

set of coordinated activities within an *organization* (3.1.1) related to its *environmental aspects* (3.2.20)

3.2.2

environment

surroundings in which an *organization* (3.1.1) operates, including air, water, *land* (3.8.16), *natural resources* (3.2.5), flora, fauna, humans and their interrelationships

3.2.3

ecosystem

dynamic complex of communities of plants, animals and microorganisms and their non-living environment, interacting as a functional entity

3.2.4

ecosystem service

benefit people obtain from one or several *ecosystems* (3.2.3)

3.2.5

natural resource

part of nature that provides benefits to humans or underpins human well-being

3.2.6

environmental baseline

state of the *environment* (3.2.2) without the change that is considered

3.2.7

target group

interested party (3.1.2) or interested parties selected as the focus of an *organization's* (3.1.1) *environmental communication* (3.7.19) activity

3.2.8

third party

person or body that is recognized as being independent of the parties involved, as concerns the issues in question

3.2.9

sustainable development

development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs

3.2.10

prevention of pollution

use of *processes* (3.1.9), practices, techniques, materials, *products* (3.5.12), or energy to avoid, reduce or control (separately or in combination) the creation, emission or discharge of any type of pollutant or waste, in order to reduce adverse *environmental impacts* (3.2.22)

3.2.11

area of concern

aspect of the natural environment, human health or resources of interest to society

3.2.12

environmental topic area

area of interest or concern for *environmental management* (3.2.1) in an *organization* (3.1.1) in relation to its surroundings

3.2.13

methodology

set of means or *procedures* (3.3.6) used for a specific purpose