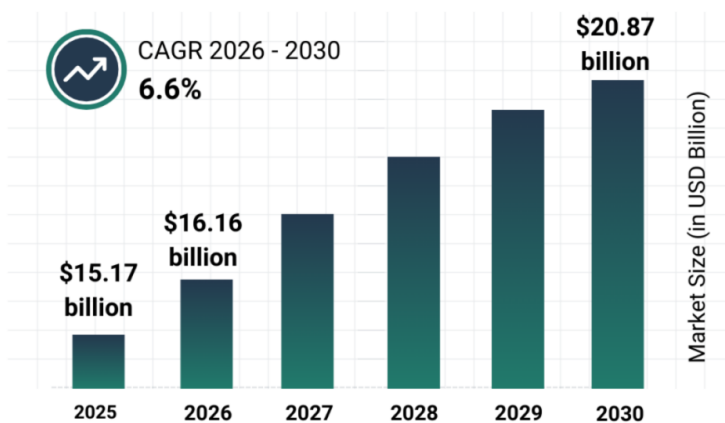


Environmental Impact Assessments Market Set to Surpass \$21 Billion by 2030

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The global Environmental Impact Assessments (EIA) market is projected to exceed \$21 billion by 2030, reflecting growing regulatory pressure, rising infrastructure investment, and the increasing integration of sustainability into project planning.

According to new market analysis, EIAs will account for approximately 27 percent of the broader environmental consulting services market, which is expected to reach \$77 billion by the end of the decade. Within the wider professional services sector, the segment will remain relatively specialised, representing around 0.2 percent of total market value.

Regulation and infrastructure driving growth

The market is forecast to grow from \$6 billion in 2025 at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 6 percent. This growth is being driven by stricter environmental regulations, expanding renewable energy and infrastructure programmes, and rising demand for environmental due diligence linked to ESG and climate commitments.

North America is expected to remain the largest regional market, reaching \$9 billion by 2030. The United States alone is projected to account for \$8 billion, supported by increased use of satellite monitoring, geospatial analytics, and more rigorous environmental compliance requirements in project financing.

Expanding role in project delivery

As projects grow in scale and complexity, EIAs are becoming more central to the approval and delivery

process. Regulatory frameworks now require detailed baseline studies, cumulative impact assessments, and stakeholder consultation before projects can proceed.

This is particularly evident across sectors such as transport, energy, mining, and urban development, where environmental clearance is a prerequisite for investment and execution.

At the same time, EIAs are evolving beyond compliance tools into strategic inputs for project planning. Organisations are increasingly incorporating climate risk analysis, biodiversity considerations, and resilience planning into early-stage decision-making.

Geotechnical engineering leads segment growth

Within the market, geotechnical engineering is expected to be the largest segment, accounting for around 32 percent, or \$7 billion, by 2030. Growth is being driven by demand for subsurface investigations, foundation stability analysis, and support for complex infrastructure such as tunnels and renewable energy installations.

Other segments, including hydrogeology, hydrology, contaminated land, and geo-conservation, are also expected to expand, collectively contributing more than \$6 billion in additional market value over the next five years.

From compliance to strategic capability

Several structural trends are shaping the future of the EIA market. Increasing regulatory stringency is expected to remain a primary driver, contributing an estimated 2.8 percent annual growth. In parallel, the integration of climate risk and sustainability considerations is forecast to add a further 2.5 percent annually.

The rapid expansion of infrastructure, renewable energy, and urban development projects will also play a significant role, contributing approximately 2.2 percent annual growth as the volume and complexity of assessments increase.

For project professionals, the shift is clear. Environmental impact assessments are no longer a procedural step at the edge of delivery; they are becoming a core component of project strategy, influencing investment decisions, timelines, and long-term viability.

As sustainability expectations continue to rise, the ability to deliver robust, data-driven environmental assessments will be critical to securing approvals and maintaining confidence across stakeholders.