

**SCREENING REPORT FOR AN ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORIZATION AS
REQUIRED BY THE 2014 EIA REGULATIONS – PROPOSED SITE
ENVIRONMENTAL SENSITIVITY**

EIA Reference number:

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Project title: SUBSTATION

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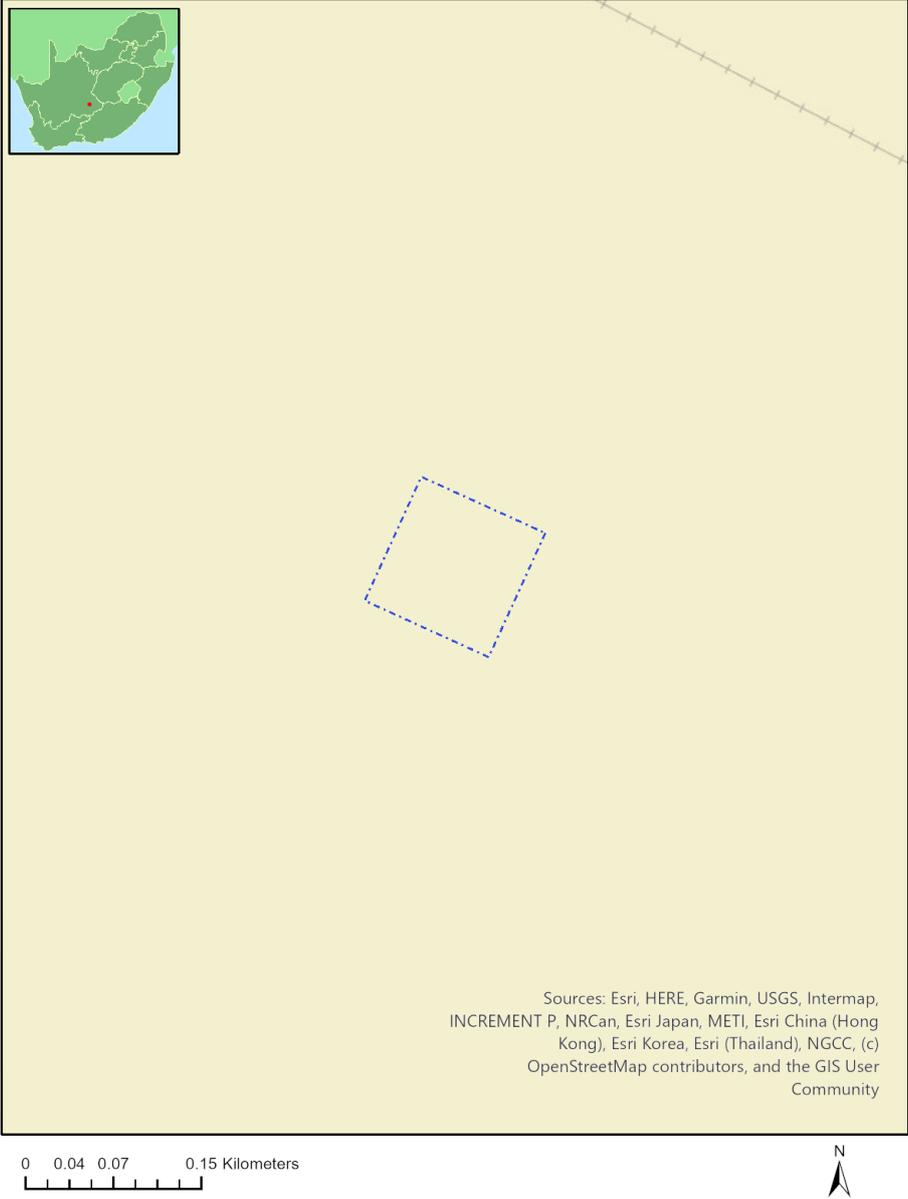
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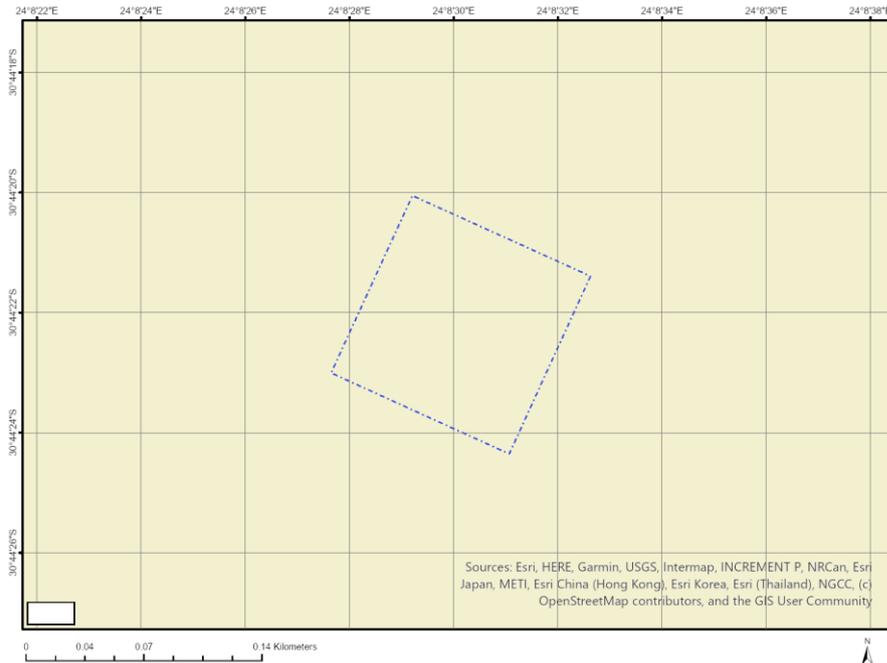
Proposed Project Location

Orientation map 1: General location

General Orientation: HERCULES SOLAR CLUSTER PROJECTHERCULES SOLAR PV1_SUBSTATION



Map of proposed site and relevant area(s)



Cadastral details of the proposed site

Property details:

No	Farm Name	Farm/ Erf No	Portion	Latitude	Longitude	Property Type
1	RIET FOUNTAIN	6	0	30°44'21.77S	24°11'32.54E	Farm
2	RIET FOUNTAIN	6	0	30°45'31.66S	24°9'48.32E	Farm Portion

Development footprint¹ vertices:
No development footprint(s) specified.

Wind and Solar developments with an approved Environmental Authorisation or applications under consideration within 30 km of the proposed area

No	EIA Reference No	Classification	Status of application	Distance from proposed area (km)
1	12/12/20/2250/2/AM2	Solar PV	Approved	0.1
2	12/12/20/1673	Solar PV	Approved	19.9
3	12/12/20/2250/2/AM4	Solar PV	Approved	0.1
4	12/12/20/2313/A1	Solar PV	Approved	7.8
5	12/12/20/2463/1/A2	Wind	Approved	15.7
6	14/12/16/3/3/2/278	Wind	Approved	24

¹ "development footprint", means the area within the site on which the development will take place and includes all ancillary developments for example roads, power lines, boundary walls, paving etc. which require vegetation clearance or which will be disturbed and for which the application has been submitted.

7	12/12/20/2250/4/A1	Solar PV	Approved	6.7
8	14/12/16/3/3/2/504	Solar PV	Approved	8.2
9	12/12/20/2250/2/A1	Solar PV	Approved	0.1
10	14/12/16/3/3/1/2323	Solar PV	Approved	5.6
11	12/12/20/2463/1	Wind	Approved	23
12	14/12/16/3/3/2/382/AM4	Solar PV	Approved	7.3
13	12/12/20/2250/2/AM3	Solar PV	Approved	0.1
14	12/12/20/2463/2/AM2	Wind	Approved	27
15	12/12/20/2048/4	Solar PV	Approved	15.6
16	14/12/16/3/3/1/2585	Solar PV	Approved	7.3
17	12/12/20/2499/AM8	Solar PV	Approved	8.3
18	14/12/16/3/3/2/483	Solar PV	Approved	8.3
19	14/12/16/3/3/2/2155	Solar PV	Approved	3.8
20	14/12/16/3/3/2/382/4/AM3	Solar PV	Approved	7.3
21	12/12/20/2177	Solar PV	Approved	7.4
22	12/12/20/2313/AM2	Solar PV	Approved	7.8
23	14/12/16/3/3/2/382/1/AM2	Solar PV	Approved	7.3
24	12/12/20/2250/2/AM5	Solar PV	Approved	0.1
25	14/12/16/3/3/2/2167	Solar PV	Approved	24.5
26	14/12/16/3/3/2/382/5/AM3	Solar PV	Approved	7.3
27	12/12/20/1651/A2	Wind	Approved	7.9
28	14/12/16/3/3/2/506	Solar PV	Approved	8.2
29	14/12/16/3/3/2/382/2	Solar PV	Approved	7.3
30	12/12/20/2250/4/AM4	Solar PV	Approved	6.7
31	14/12/16/3/3/2/382/5	Solar PV	Approved	7.3
32	14/12/16/3/3/2/382/1/A1	Solar PV	Approved	7.3
33	12/12/20/2250/1/AM2	Solar PV	Approved	0.1
34	12/12/20/2498/A1	Solar PV	Approved	13.8
35	12/12/20/2250	Solar PV	Approved	0.1
36	14/12/16/3/3/2/2564	Solar PV	Approved	2.3
37	12/12/20/2500/AM6	Solar PV	Approved	19.9
38	12/12/20/2048/1	Solar PV	Approved	15.6
39	14/12/16/3/3/2/382/1	Solar PV	Approved	7.3
40	12/12/20/2463/1/2	Wind	Approved	15.7
41	14/12/16/3/3/1/2508	Solar PV	Approved	6.8
42	14/12/16/3/3/2/382/3/AM4	Solar PV	Approved	7.3
43	14/12/16/3/3/2/382/4/A3	Solar PV	Approved	7.3
44	12/12/20/1651	Wind	Approved	7.9
45	14/12/16/3/3/1/2569	Solar PV	Approved	8.3
46	14/12/16/3/3/2/2562	Solar PV	Approved	2.3
47	12/12/20/2250/1	Solar PV	Approved	0.1
48	14/12/16/3/3/2/2563	Solar PV	Approved	0
49	14/12/16/3/3/2/2267	Solar PV	Approved	16.3
50	14/12/16/3/3/2/382/4	Solar PV	Approved	7.3
51	12/12/20/2463/1/AM3	Wind	Approved	15.7
52	14/12/16/3/3/2/382/1/AM5	Solar PV	Approved	7.3
53	14/12/16/3/3/2/382/6/AM3	Solar PV	Approved	7.3
54	14/12/16/3/3/2/382/A1	Solar PV	Approved	7.3
55	14/12/16/3/3/2/2157	Solar PV	Approved	6.7
56	14/12/16/3/3/2/382/1/AM3	Solar PV	Approved	7.3
57	12/12/20/2177/AM1	Solar PV	Approved	7.4
58	12/12/20/2025	Solar - CSP	Approved	18.5
59	14/12/16/3/3/2/2565	Solar PV	Approved	2.4
60	14/12/16/3/3/2/382/4/A1	Solar PV	Approved	7.3
61	12/12/20/2250/2	Solar PV	Approved	0.1
62	14/12/16/3/3/1/2557	Wind	Approved	0.1
63	14/12/16/3/3/1/2329	Wind	Approved	22.1
64	14/12/16/3/3/2/382/7	Solar PV	Approved	7.3
65	12/12/20/2498	Solar PV	Approved	13.8
66	14/12/16/3/3/2/456	Solar PV	Approved	13.8

67	14/12/16/3/3/2/382/2/AM2	Solar PV	Approved	7.3
68	12/12/20/2025/2/A	Solar PV	Approved	18.5
69	12/12/20/2500/AM3	Solar PV	Approved	19.9
70	14/12/16/3/3/2/382/3	Solar PV	Approved	7.3
71	14/12/16/3/3/2/2156	Solar PV	Approved	0.4
72	12/12/20/2250/3/AM3	Solar PV	Approved	3.8
73	14/12/16/3/3/2/382/AM3	Solar PV	Approved	7.3
74	14/12/16/3/3/2/998	Solar PV	Approved	19.4
75	14/12/16/3/3/2/382/1/AM4	Solar PV	Approved	7.3
76	12/12/20/2500/AM5	Solar PV	Approved	19.9
77	12/12/20/2252/2/AM4	Solar - CSP	Approved	0.1
78	14/12/16/3/3/2/382/3/AM3	Solar PV	Approved	7.3
79	14/12/16/3/3/2/382/3/A2	Solar PV	Approved	7.3
80	12/12/20/2250/5/A1	Solar PV	Approved	10.6
81	12/12/20/2500/AM2	Solar PV	Approved	19.9
82	12/12/20/2250/5	Solar PV	Approved	10.6
83	14/12/16/3/3/2/382/5/A1	Solar PV	Approved	7.3
84	12/12/20/2463/1/AM5	Wind	Approved	15.7
85	12/12/20/2250/5/AM2	Solar PV	Approved	10.6
86	12/12/20/2250/4	Solar PV	Approved	6.7
87	12/12/20/2463/1/AM4	Wind	Approved	15.7
88	12/12/20/2463/2	Wind	Approved	15.7
89	12/12/20/2025/2	Solar PV	Approved	18.5
90	12/12/20/2048/2	Solar PV	Approved	15.6
91	12/12/20/2250/3	Solar PV	Approved	3.8
92	12/12/20/2258/4	Solar PV	Approved	25.3
93	12/12/20/2048/3	Solar PV	Approved	15.6
94	14/12/16/3/3/2/382/6	Solar PV	Approved	7.3
95	12/12/20/2250/1/AM1	Solar PV	Approved	0.1
96	12/12/20/2025/1	Solar - CSP	Approved	18.5
97	14/12/16/3/3/2/455	Solar PV	Approved	13.8
98	12/12/20/2500	Solar PV	Approved	19.9
99	12/12/20/2250/4/AM2	Solar PV	Approved	6.7
100	12/12/20/2498/AM3	Solar PV	Approved	13.8
101	12/12/20/2250/4/AM3	Solar PV	Approved	6.7
102	14/12/16/3/3/2/382/2/AM1	Solar PV	Approved	7.3

Environmental Management Frameworks relevant to the application

No intersections with EMF areas found.

Environmental screening results and assessment outcomes

The following sections contain a summary of any development incentives, restrictions, exclusions or prohibitions that apply to the proposed development site as well as the most environmental sensitive features on the site based on the site sensitivity screening results for the application classification that was selected. The application classification selected for this report is:

Utilities Infrastructure | Electricity | Distribution and Transmission | Powerline.

Relevant development incentives, restrictions, exclusions or prohibitions

The following development incentives, restrictions, exclusions or prohibitions and their implications that apply to this site are indicated below.

Incentive, restriction or prohibition	Implication
Strategic Transmission Corridor-Central corridor	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/DevelopmentZones/Combined_EGI.pdf

Proposed Development Area Environmental Sensitivity

The following summary of the development site environmental sensitivities is identified. Only the highest environmental sensitivity is indicated. The footprint environmental sensitivities for the proposed development footprint as identified, are indicative only and must be verified on site by a suitably qualified person before the specialist assessments identified below can be confirmed.

Theme	Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
Agriculture Theme			X	
Animal Species Theme			X	
Aquatic Biodiversity Theme				X
Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Theme				X
Civil Aviation Theme			X	
Defence Theme				X
Plant Species Theme				X
Terrestrial Biodiversity Theme				X

Specialist assessments identified

Based on the selected classification, and the known impacts associated with the proposed development, the following list of specialist assessments have been identified for inclusion in the assessment report. It is the responsibility of the EAP to confirm this list and to motivate in the assessment report, the reason for not including any of the identified specialist study including the provision of photographic evidence of the site situation.

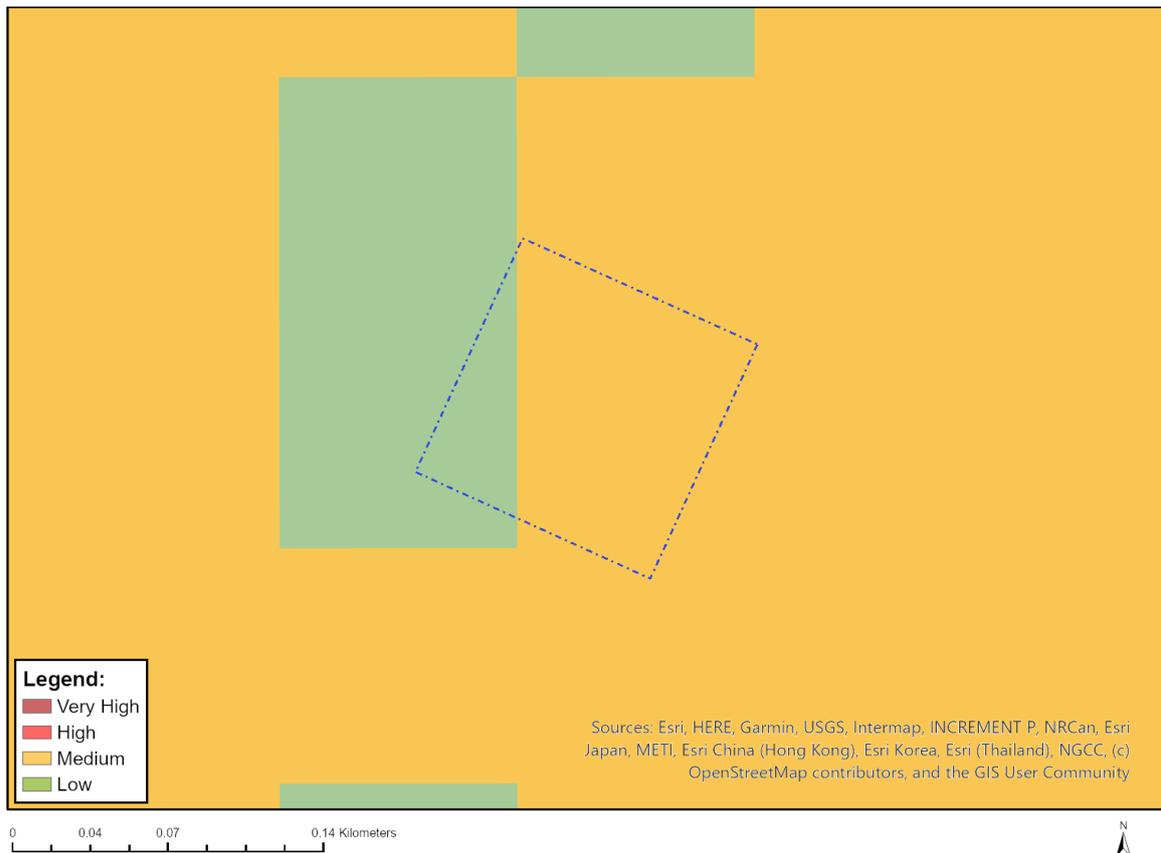
No	Specialist assessment	Assessment Protocol
1	Geotechnical Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted_General_Requirement_Assessment_Protocols.pdf
2	Plant Species Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted_Plant_Species_Assessment_Protocols.pdf
3	Animal Species Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted_Animal_Species_Assessment_Protocols.pdf
4	Agricultural Impact Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted_General_Agriculture_Assessment_Protocols.pdf
5	Landscape/Visual Impact Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted_General_Requirement_Assessment_Protocols.pdf
6	Archaeological and	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted_Archaeological_Assessment_Protocols.pdf

	Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment	ssmentProtocols/GuidanceforHIA.pdf
7	Palaeontology Impact Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/GuidanceforPIA.pdf
8	Terrestrial Biodiversity Impact Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted Terrestrial Biodiversity Assessment Protocols.pdf
9	Aquatic Biodiversity Impact Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted Aquatic Biodiversity Assessment Protocols.pdf
10	Avian Impact Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted Avifauna Assessment Protocols.pdf
11	Civil Aviation Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted Civil Aviation Installations Assessment Protocols.pdf
12	RFI Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted General Requirement Assessment Protocols.pdf

Results of the environmental sensitivity of the proposed area.

The following section represents the results of the screening for environmental sensitivity of the proposed site for relevant environmental themes associated with the project classification. It is the duty of the EAP to ensure that the environmental themes provided by the screening tool are comprehensive and complete for the project. Refer to the disclaimer.

MAP OF RELATIVE AGRICULTURE THEME SENSITIVITY

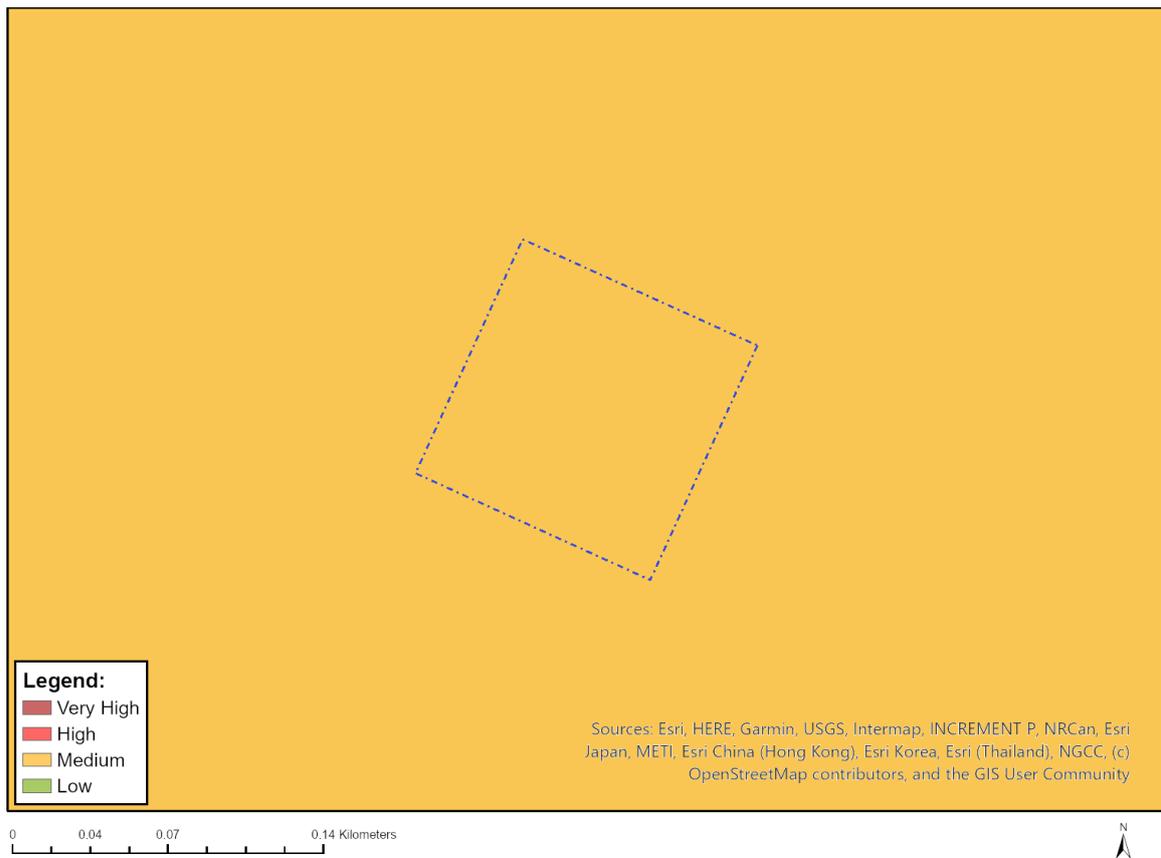


Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
		X	

Sensitivity Features:

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Low	05. Low
Medium	06. Low-Moderate

MAP OF RELATIVE ANIMAL SPECIES THEME SENSITIVITY



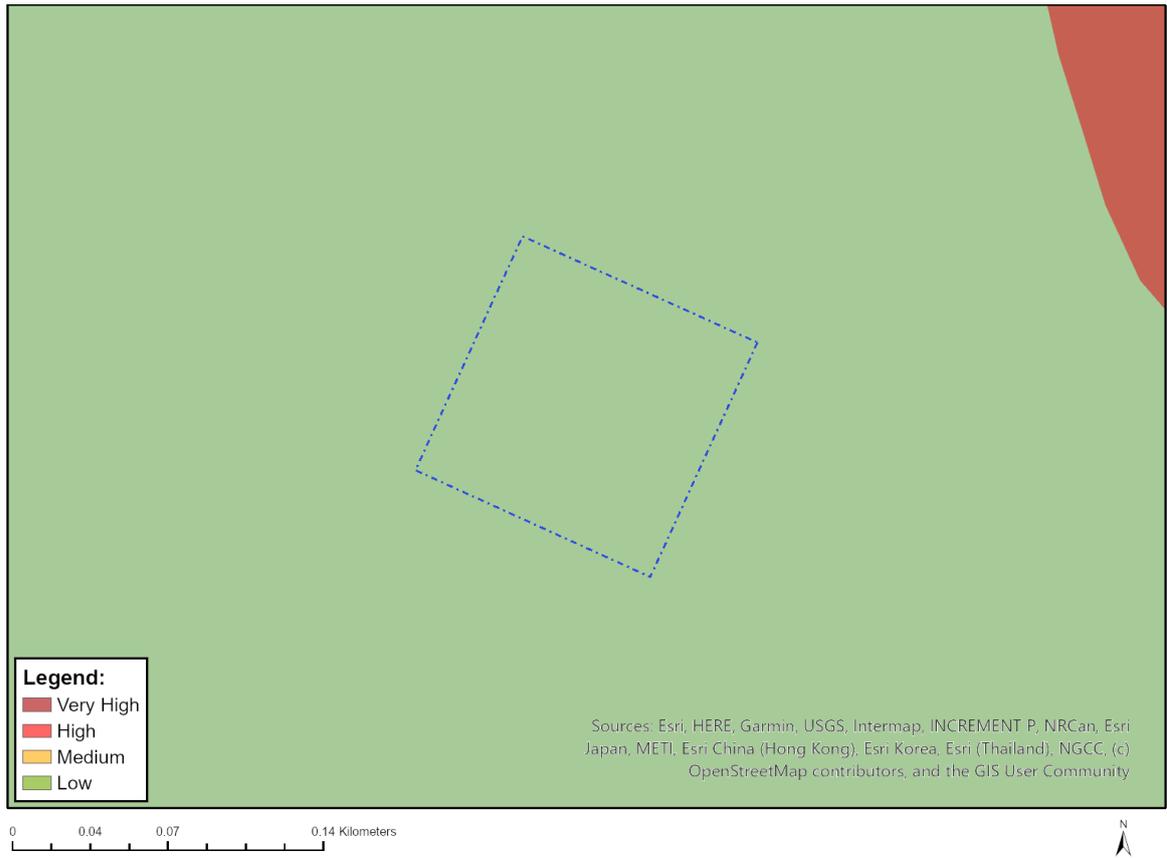
Where only a sensitive plant unique number or sensitive animal unique number is provided in the screening report and an assessment is required, the environmental assessment practitioner (EAP) or specialist is required to email SANBI at eiadatarequests@sanbi.org.za listing all sensitive species with their unique identifiers for which information is required. The name has been withheld as the species may be prone to illegal harvesting and must be protected. SANBI will release the actual species name after the details of the EAP or specialist have been documented.

Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
		X	

Sensitivity Features:

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Medium	Aves-Aquila rapax
Medium	Aves-Neotis ludwigii

MAP OF RELATIVE AQUATIC BIODIVERSITY THEME SENSITIVITY

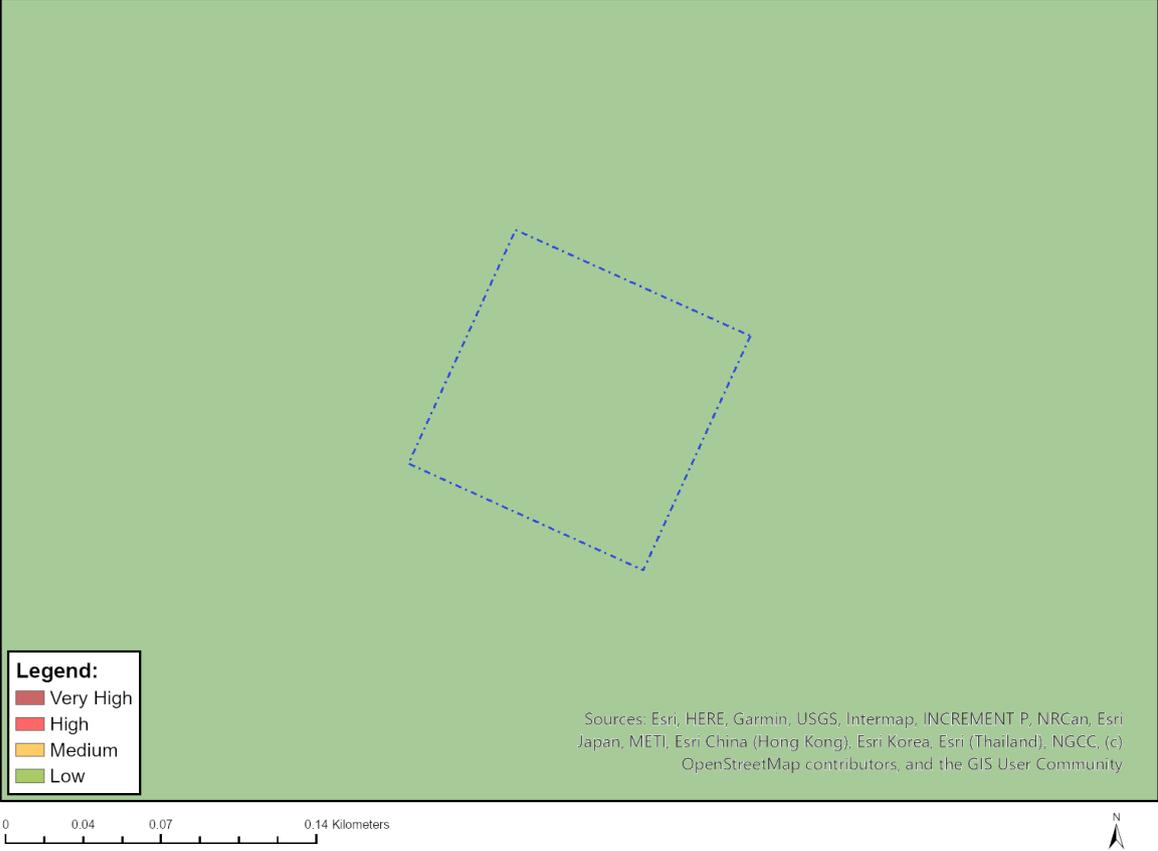


Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
			X

Sensitivity Features:

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Low	Low Sensitivity

MAP OF RELATIVE ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL HERITAGE THEME SENSITIVITY

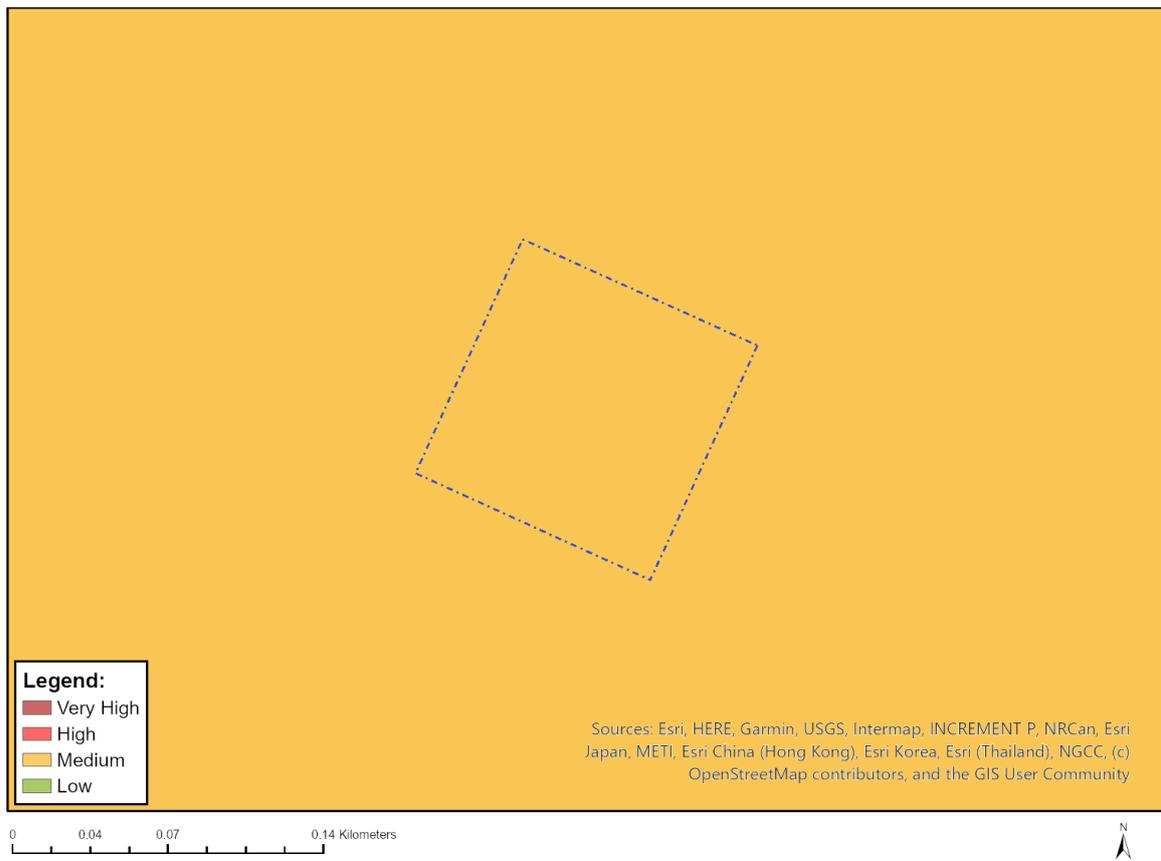


Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
			X

Sensitivity Features:

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Low	Low Sensitivity

MAP OF RELATIVE CIVIL AVIATION THEME SENSITIVITY

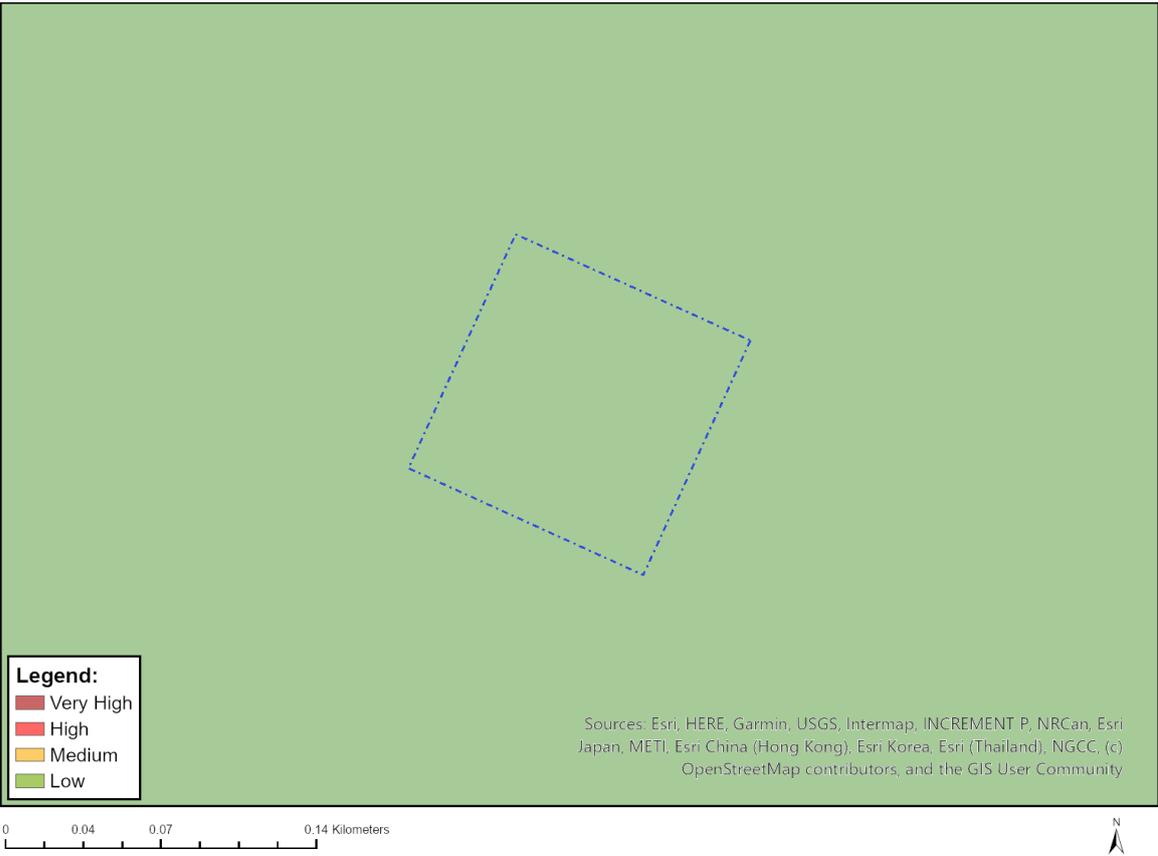


Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
		X	

Sensitivity Features:

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Medium	Within 5 km of an air traffic control or navigation site
Medium	Between 15 and 35 km from a civil aviation radar
Medium	Between 8 and 15 km of other civil aviation aerodrome

MAP OF RELATIVE DEFENCE THEME SENSITIVITY

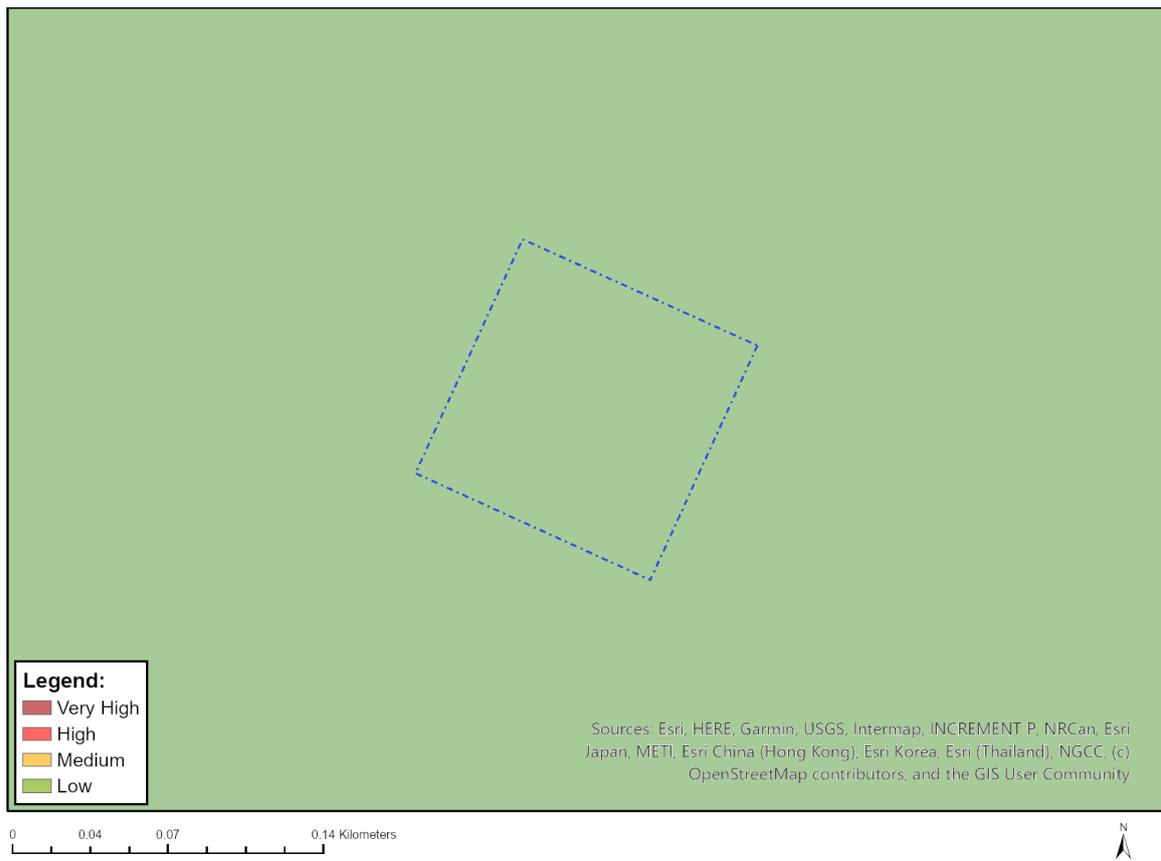


Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
			X

Sensitivity Features:

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Low	Low Sensitivity

MAP OF RELATIVE PLANT SPECIES THEME SENSITIVITY



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Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
			X

Sensitivity Features:

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Low	Low Sensitivity

MAP OF RELATIVE TERRESTRIAL BIODIVERSITY THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
			X

Sensitivity Features:

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Low	Low Sensitivity