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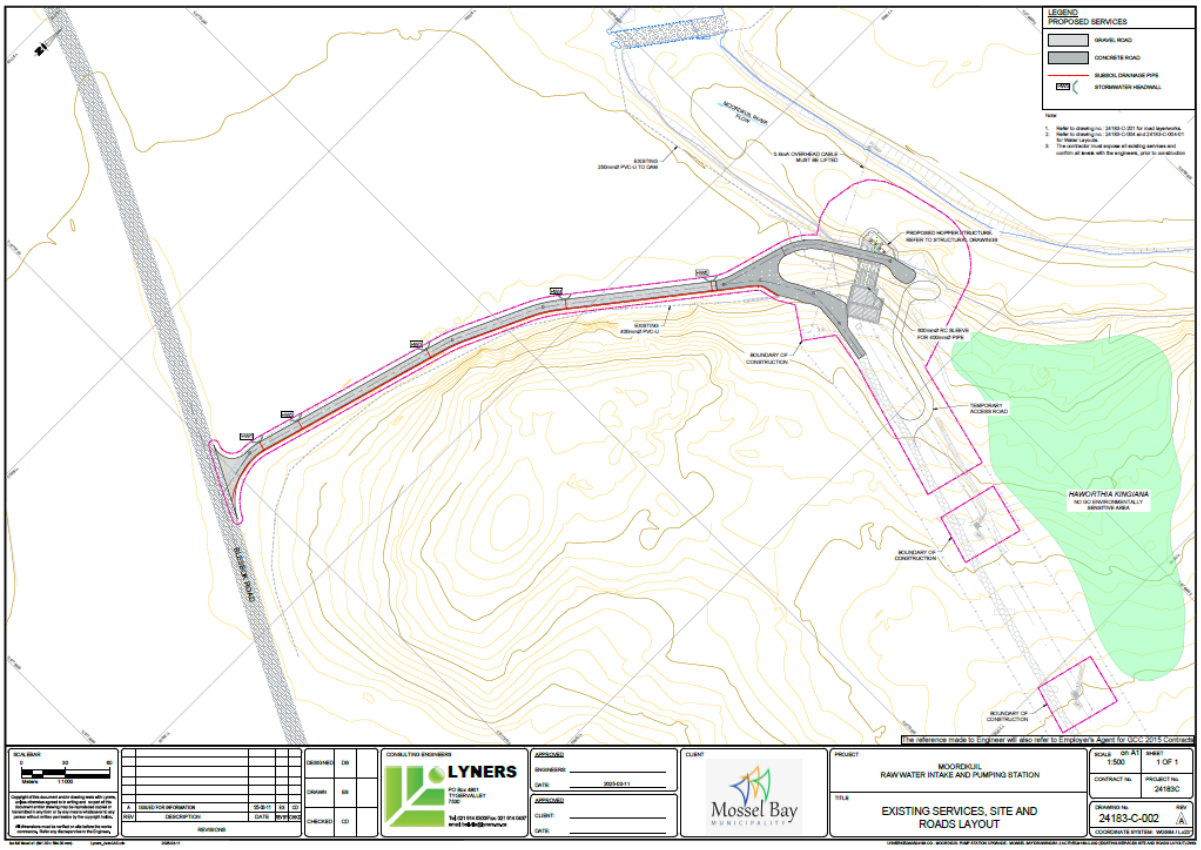

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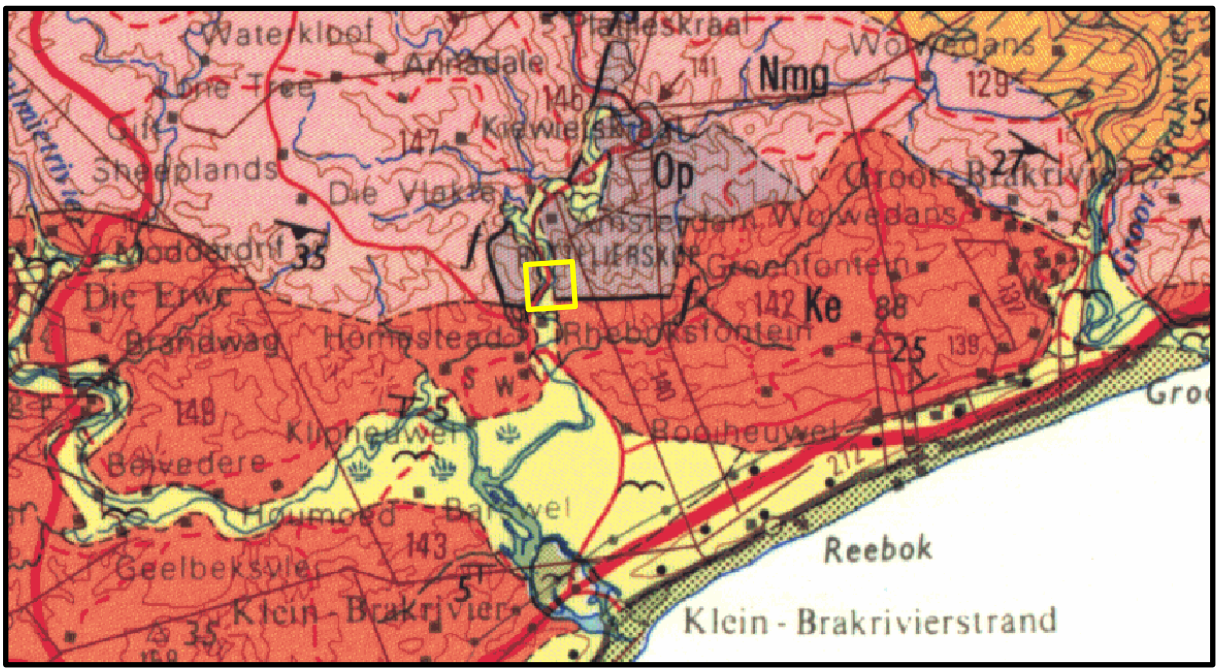

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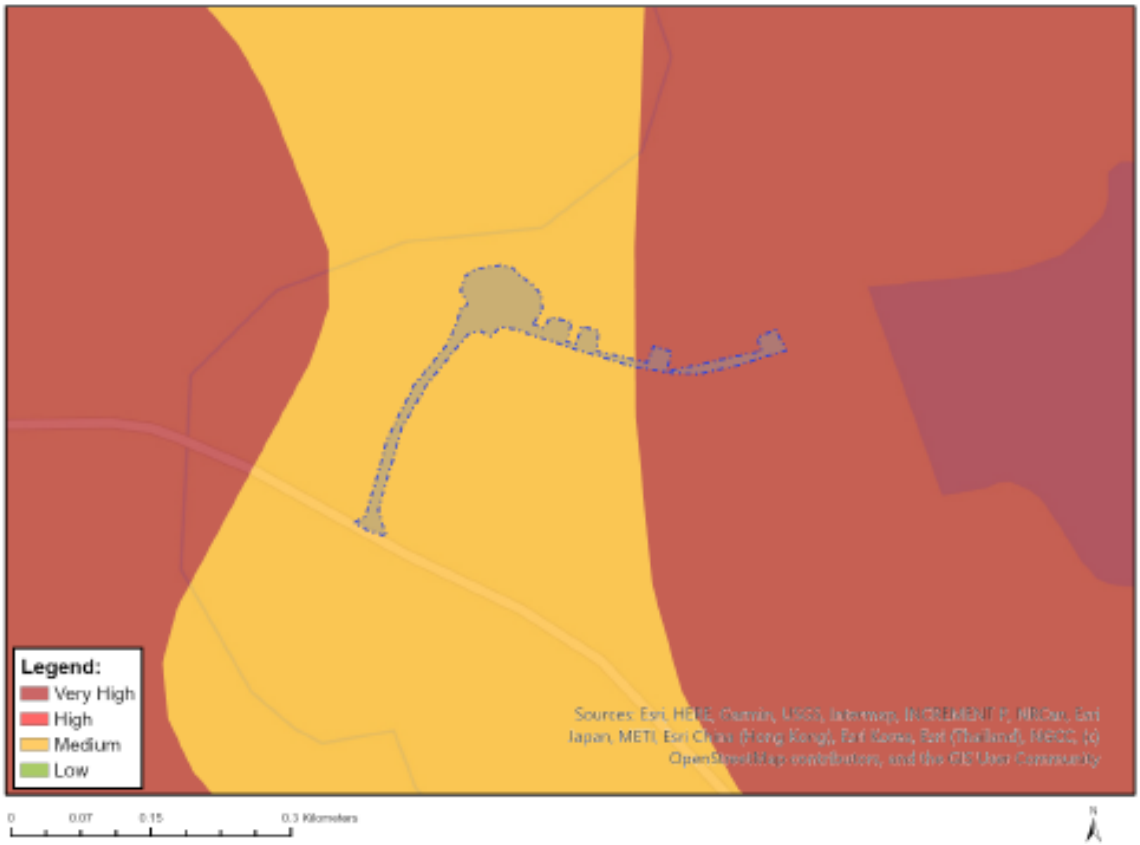

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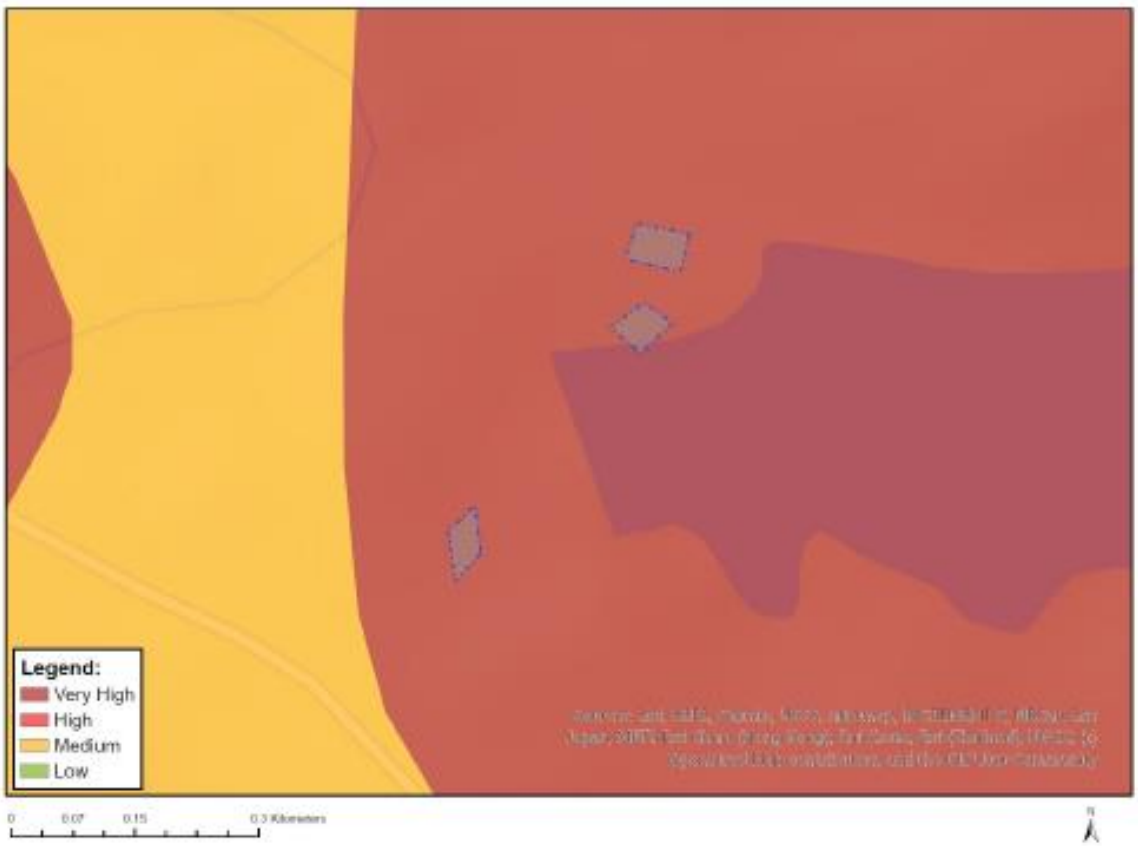

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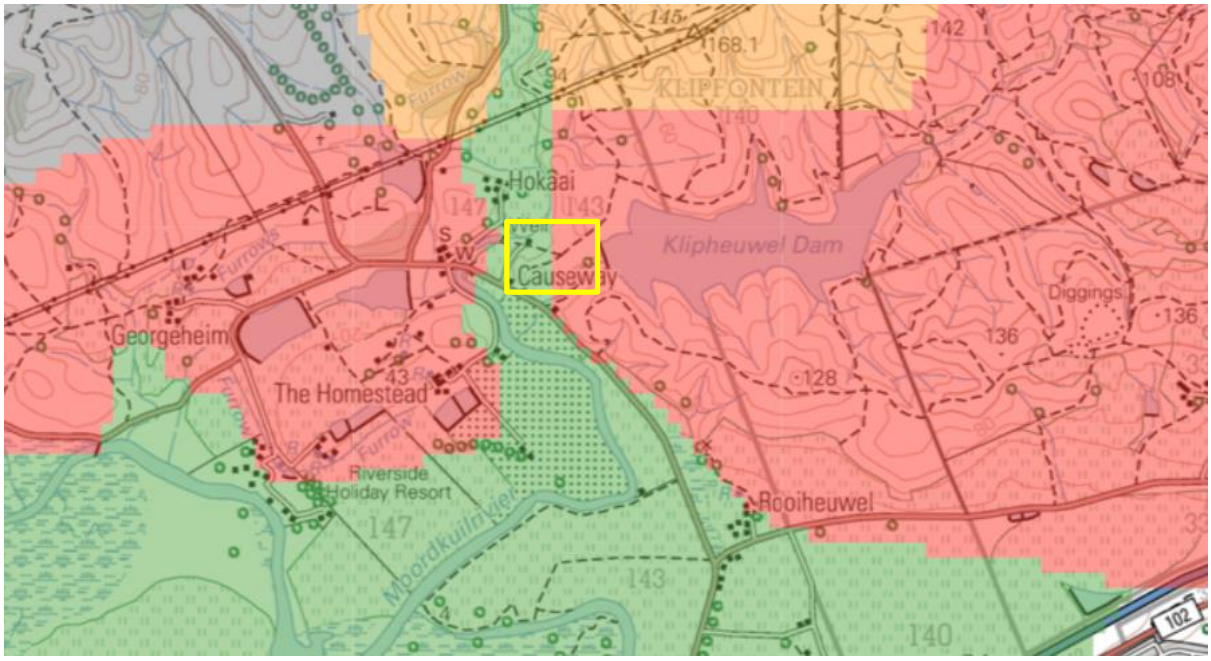

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ii) **Academic qualifications**
Tertiary Education: All at the University of the Witwatersrand:
1980-1982: BSc, majors in Botany and Microbiology. Graduated April 1983.
1983: BSc Honours, Botany and Palaeobotany. Graduated April 1984.
1984-1986: MSc in Palaeobotany. Graduated with Distinction, November 1986.
1986-1989: PhD in Palaeobotany. Graduated in June 1990.

iii) **Professional qualifications**
Wood Anatomy Training (overseas as nothing was available in South Africa):
1994 - Service d'Anatomie des Bois, Musée Royal de l'Afrique Centrale, Tervuren, Belgium, by Roger Dechamps
1997 - Université Pierre et Marie Curie, Paris, France, by Dr Jean-Claude Koeniguer
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iv) **Membership of professional bodies/associations**
Palaeontological Society of Southern Africa
Royal Society of Southern Africa - Fellow: 2006 onwards
Academy of Sciences of South Africa - Member: Oct 2014 onwards
International Association of Wood Anatomists - First enrolled: January 1991
International Organization of Palaeobotany – 1993+
Botanical Society of South Africa
South African Committee on Stratigraphy – Biostratigraphy - 1997 - 2016
SASQUA (South African Society for Quaternary Research) – 1997+
PAGES - 2008 –onwards: South African representative
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v) **Supervision of Higher Degrees**

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Geology II – Palaeobotany GEOL2008 – average 65 students per year
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Editor: Palaeontologia africana: 2003 to 2013; 2014 – Assistant editor
Guest Editor: Quaternary International: 2005 volume
Member of Board of Review: Review of Palaeobotany and Palynology: 2010 –
Associate Editor: Cretaceous Research: 2018-2020
Review of manuscripts for ISI-listed journals: 30 local and international journals

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28 years' experience in PIA site and desktop projects with over 450 projects completed.

Selected from recent projects only – list not complete:

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Publications by M K Bamford up to May 2026 peer-reviewed journals or scholarly books: over 210 articles published; 5 submitted/in press; 18 book chapters.
Scopus h-index = 35; Google Scholar h-index = 48; -i10-index = 149 based on 9145 citations.
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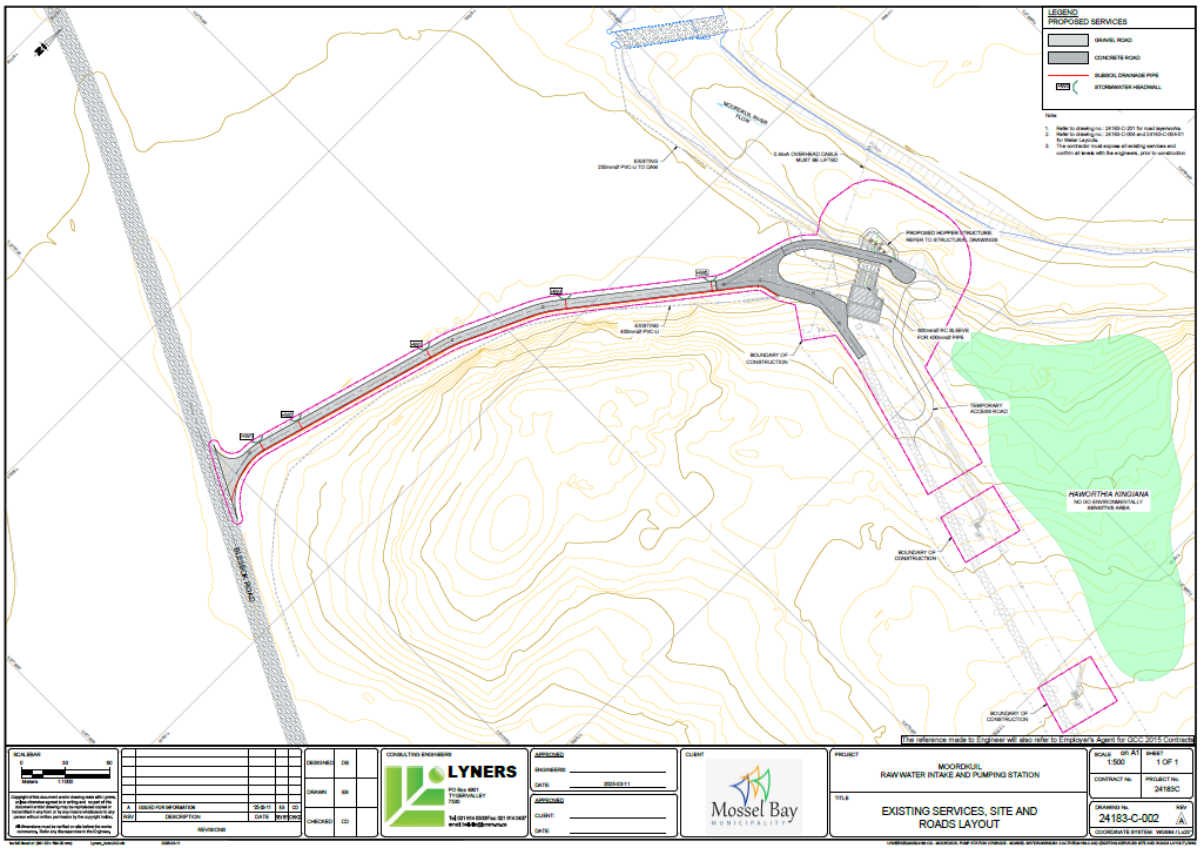

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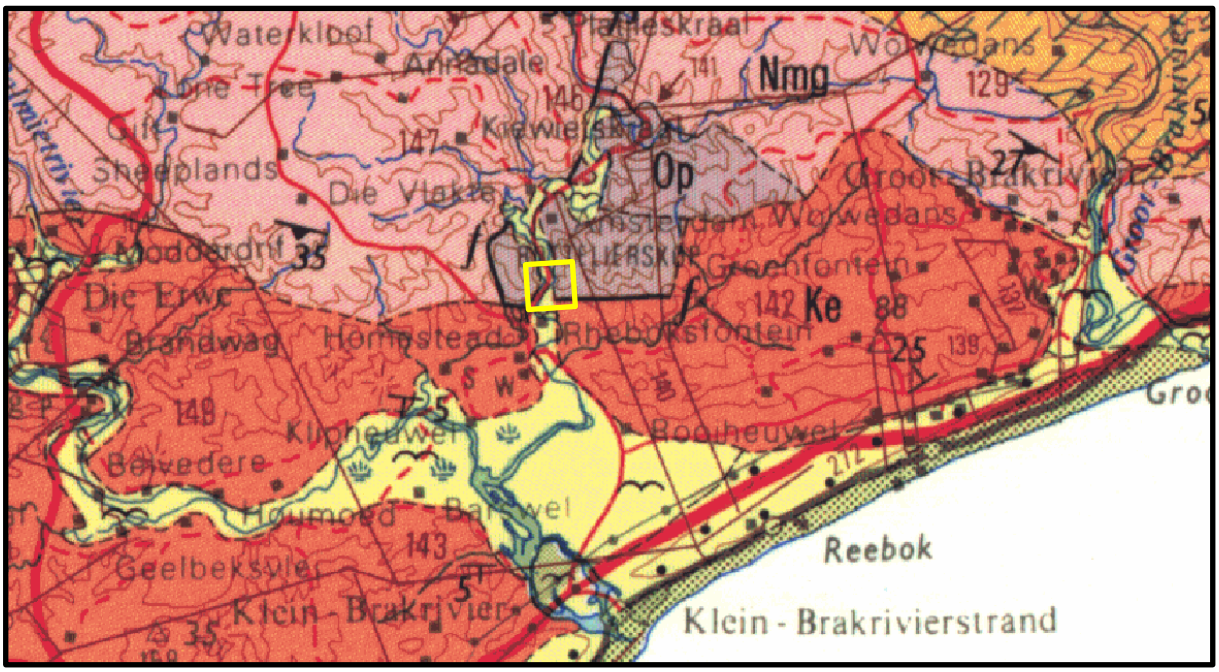

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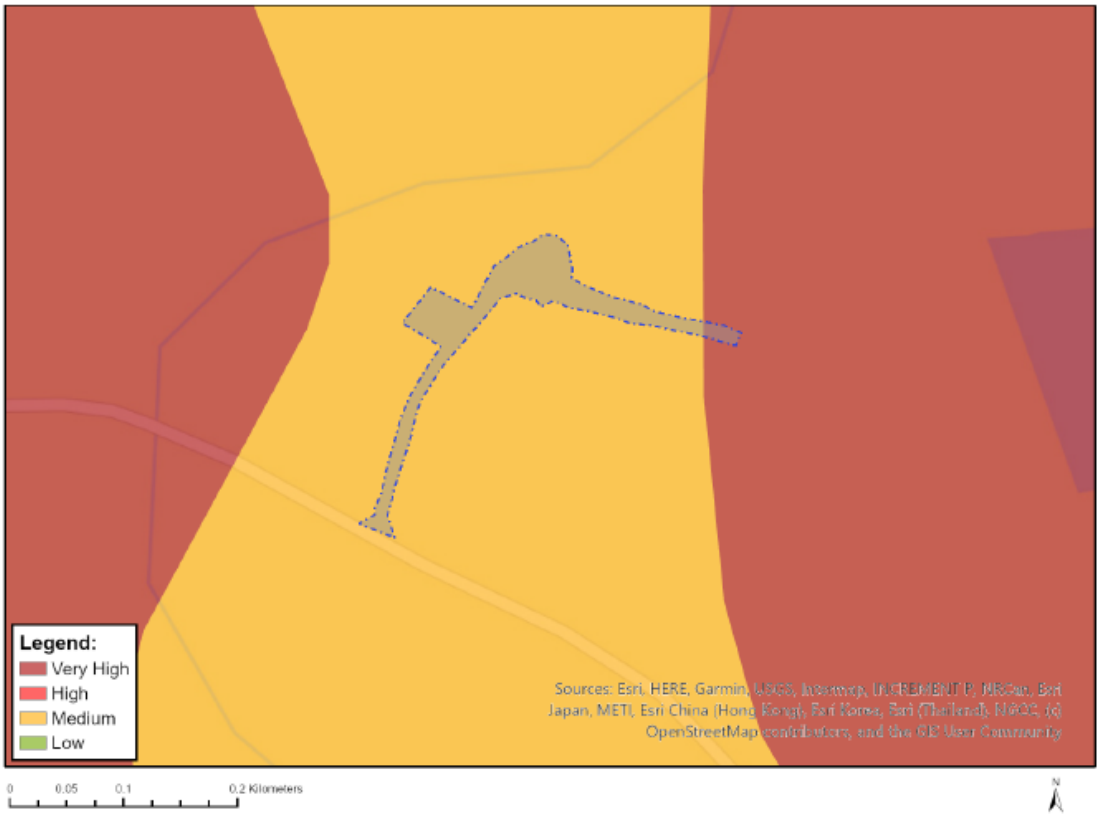

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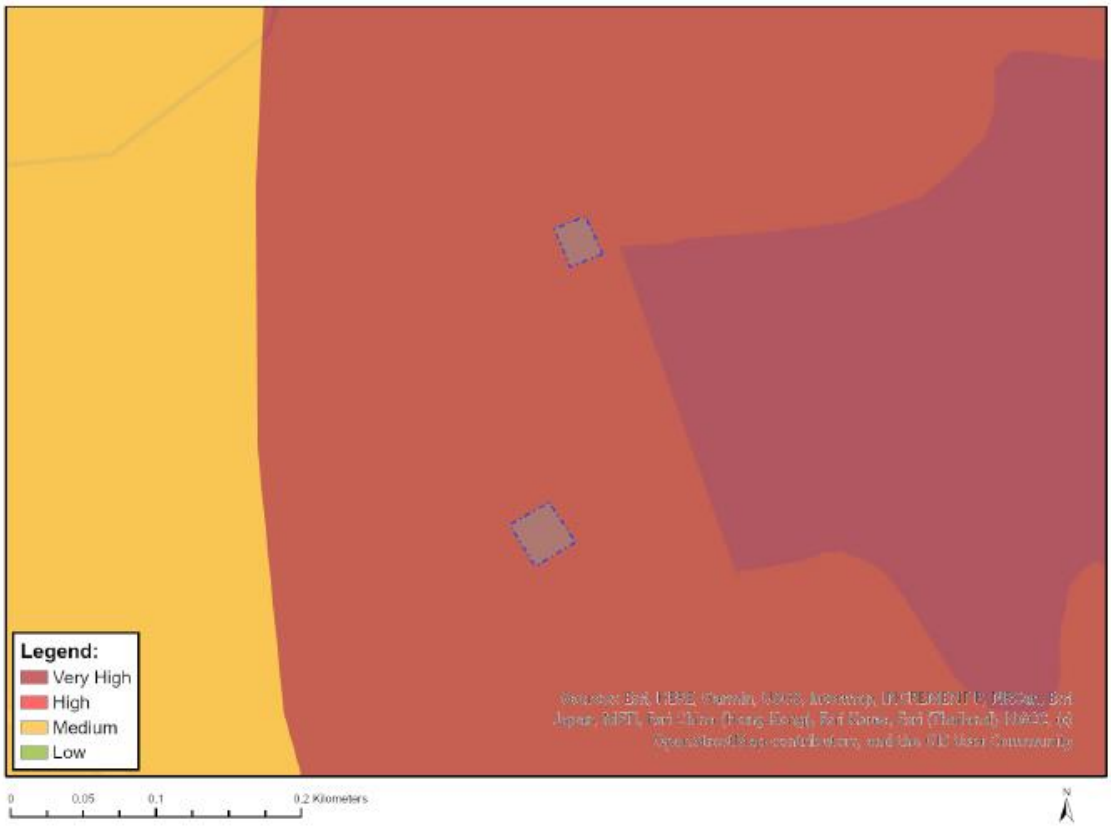

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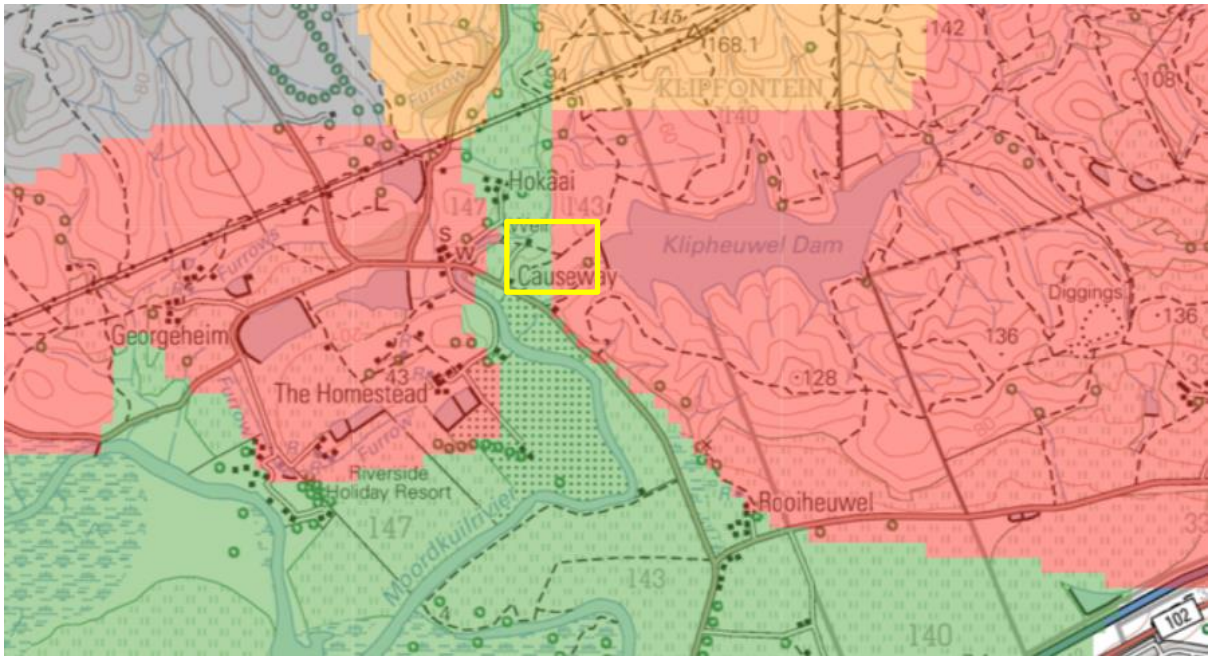

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