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

EIA Reference number: 2026-03-0023

Project name: WATERSHED/ MAHIKENG STRENGTHENING

Project title: PROPOSED DEVIATIONS OF ± 14 KM OF THE PLUTO-MAHIKENG 400KV POWERLINE WITHIN THE NORTH WEST PROVINCE

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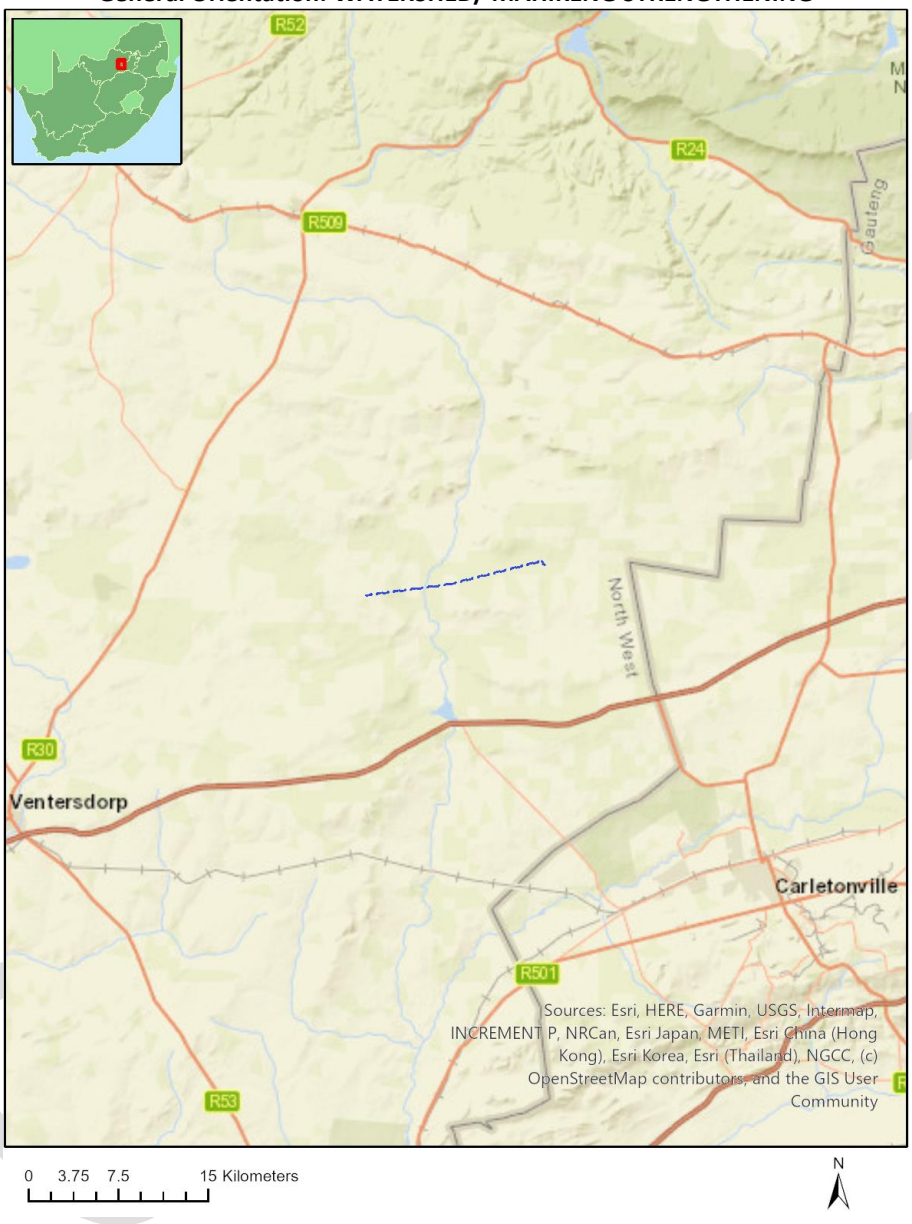
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Proposed Project Location

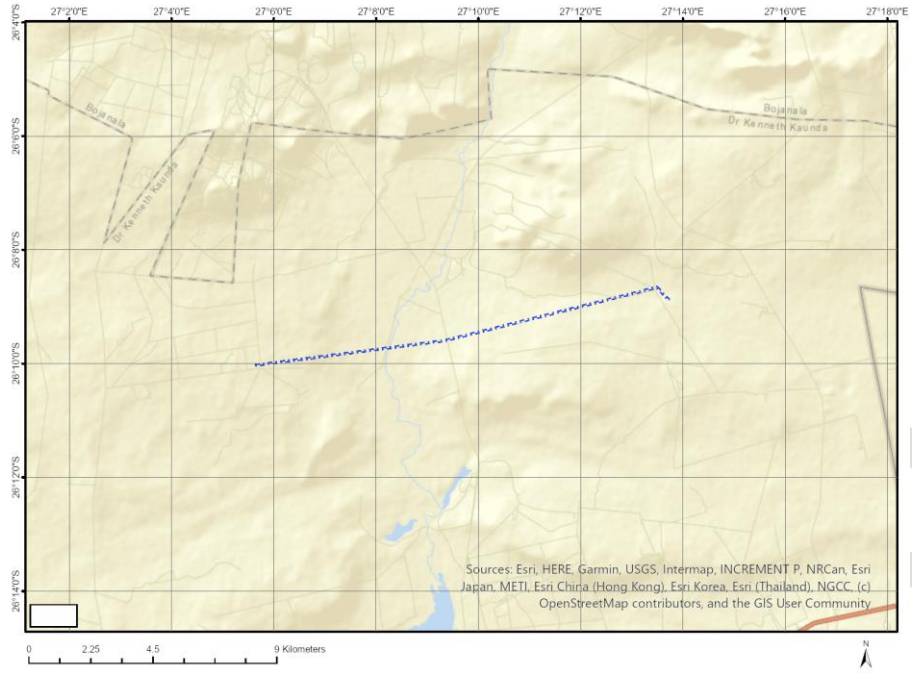
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General Orientation: WATERSHED/ MAHIKENG STRENGTHENING



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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	GOEDGEDACHT	27	0	26°7'13.49S	27°15'17.04E	Farm
2	NOOITGEDACHT	69	0	26°9'8.93S	27°7'10.9E	Farm
3	KLIPGAT	18	0	26°7'21.79S	27°11'0.24E	Farm
4		70	0	26°9'20.92S	27°3'22.04E	Farm
5		61	0	26°9'43.44S	27°16'5.74E	Farm
6	NOOITGEDACHT	69	3	26°9'37.84S	27°7'10.3E	Farm Portion
7	GOEDGEDACHT	27	1	26°7'57.52S	27°15'28.36E	Farm Portion
8	KLIPGAT	18	4	26°7'43.25S	27°11'26.54E	Farm Portion
9	KLIPGAT	18	14	26°8'45.35S	27°9'50.21E	Farm Portion
10		61	2	26°9'6.31S	27°14'37.49E	Farm Portion
11	NOOITGEDACHT	69	0	26°9'30.61S	27°8'48.03E	Farm Portion
12	KLIPGAT	18	8	26°8'7.37S	27°11'3.4E	Farm Portion

Development footprint[1] vertices:
No development footprint(s) specified.

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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	14/12/16/3/3/2/2341	Solar PV	Approved	15.2
2	14/12/16/3/3/2/2344	Solar PV	Approved	23.2
3	14/12/16/3/3/2/2352	Solar PV	Approved	11.9
4	14/12/16/3/3/2/2343	Solar PV	Approved	18.1
5	14/12/16/3/3/2/2257	Solar PV	Approved	0
6	14/12/16/3/3/2/2548	Solar PV	Approved	26.1
7	14/12/16/3/3/2/2342	Solar PV	Approved	16.4
8	14/12/16/3/3/2/2354	Solar PV	Approved	11.9
9	14/12/16/3/3/2/2351	Solar PV	Approved	11.9
10	14/12/16/3/3/2/2293	Solar PV	Approved	24.9
11	14/12/16/3/3/2/2353	Solar PV	Approved	11.9
12	14/12/16/3/3/2/2294	Solar PV	Approved	24.9
13	14/12/16/3/3/2/2295	Solar PV	Approved	26.1
14	14/12/16/3/3/2/2258	Solar PV	Approved	0
15	14/12/16/3/3/2/2606	Solar PV	Approved	27.3
16	14/12/16/3/3/2/2555	Solar PV	Approved	26.1
17	14/12/16/3/3/2/2605	Solar PV	Approved	27.3

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-Northern corridor	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/DevelopmentZones/Combined_EGI.pdf
Strategic Transmission Corridor-Central corridor	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/DevelopmentZones/Combined_EGI.pdf
Strategic Gas Pipeline	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Developmen

Corridors-Phase 3: Richards Bay to Gauteng	tZones/Combined_GAS.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
Paleontology 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	Agricultural Impact Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted_General_Agriculture_Assessment_Protocols.pdf
2	Landscape/Visual Impact Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted_General_Requirement_Assessment_Protocols.pdf
3	Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/GuidanceforHIA.pdf
4	Palaeontology Impact Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/GuidanceforPIA.pdf
5	Terrestrial Biodiversity Impact Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted_Terrestrial_Biodiversity_Assessment_Protocols.pdf
6	Aquatic Biodiversity Impact Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted_Aquatic_Biodiversity_Assessment_Protocols.pdf
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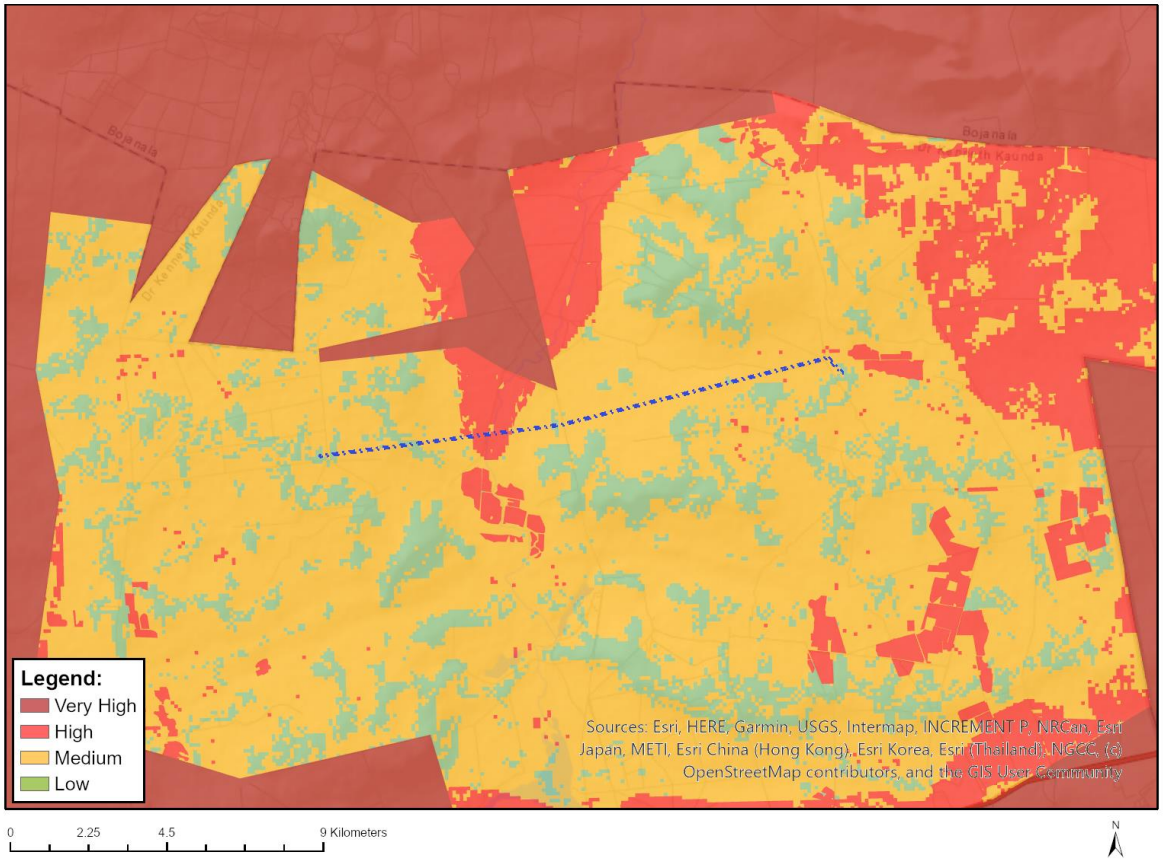
8	Civil Aviation Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted_Civil_Aviation_Installations_Assessment_Protocols.pdf
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11	Plant Species Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted_Plant_Species_Assessment_Protocols.pdf
12	Animal Species Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted_Animal_Species_Assessment_Protocols.pdf

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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

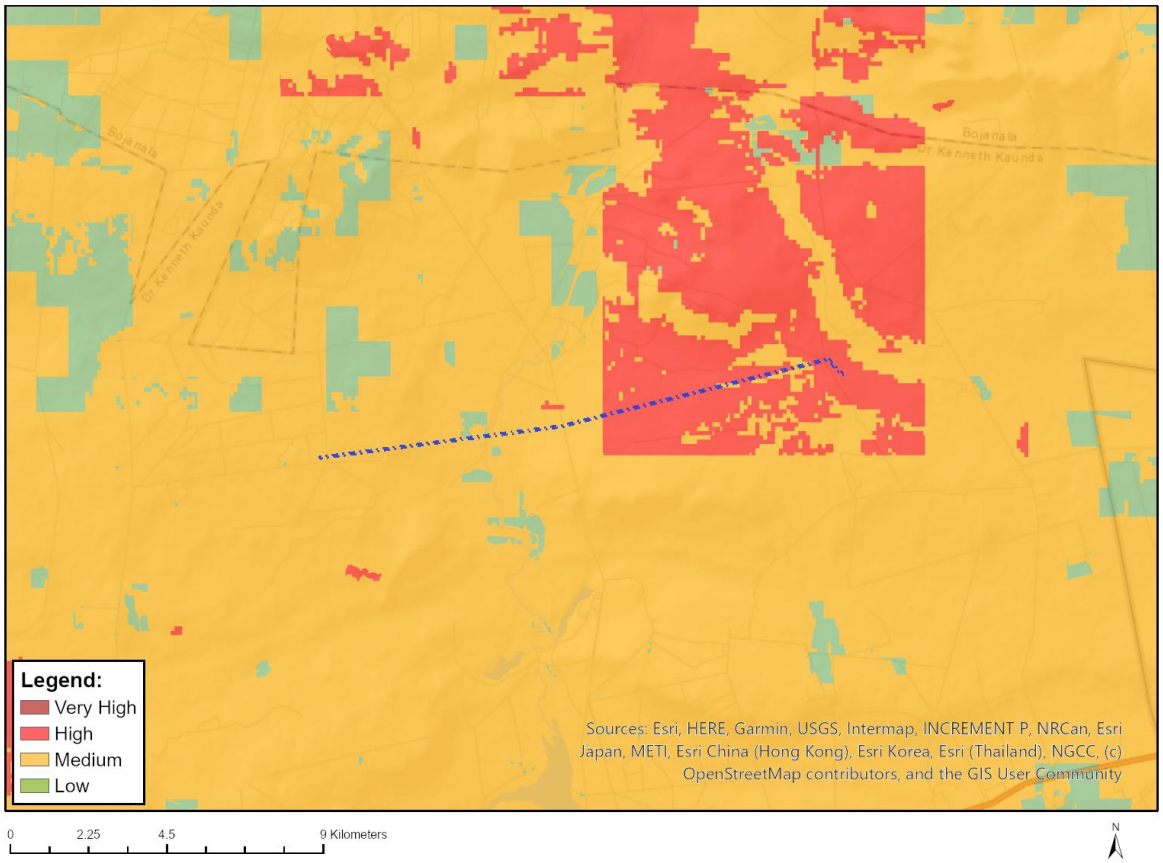


Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
	X		

Sensitivity Features:

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
High	Rainfed Annual Crop Cultivation / Planted Pastures
High	10. Moderate-High
High	09. Moderate-High
High	08. Moderate
Low	05. Low
Medium	06. Low-Moderate
Medium	07. Low-Moderate

MAP OF RELATIVE ANIMAL SPECIES THEME SENSITIVITY



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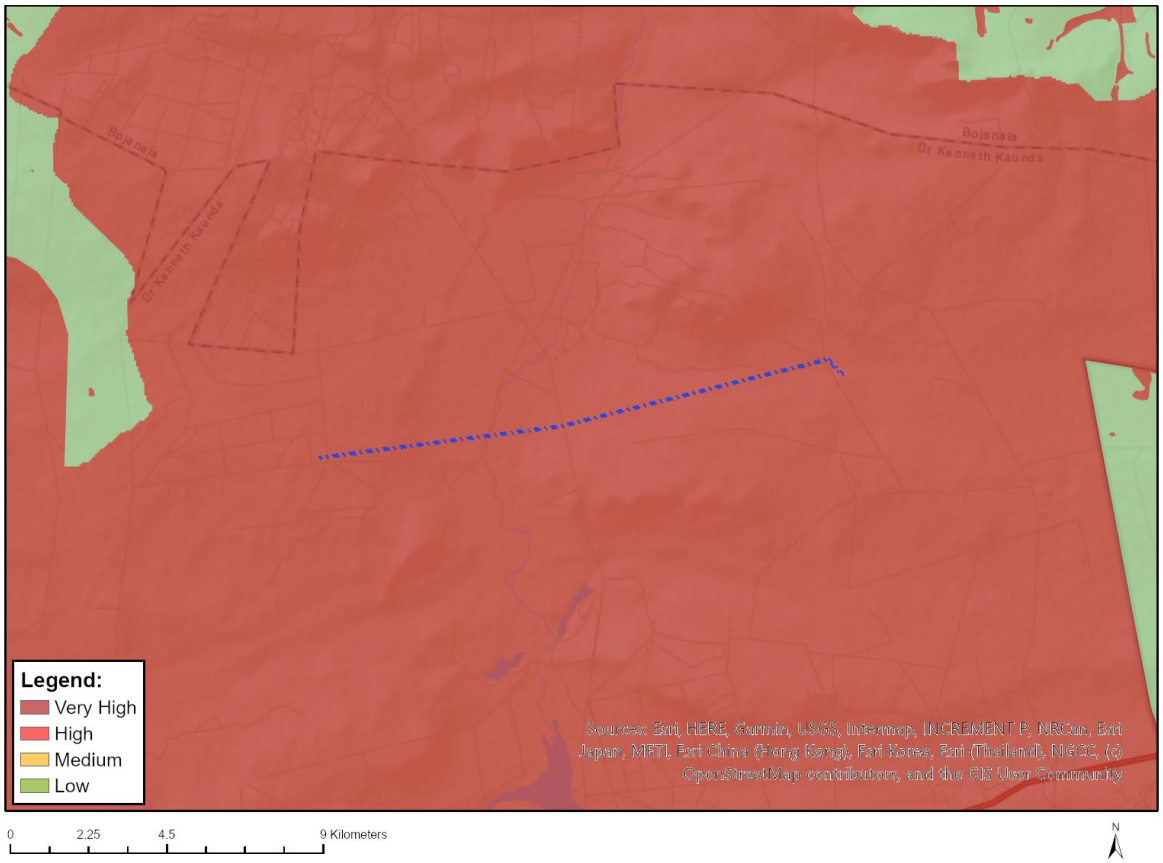
Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
	X		

Sensitivity Features:

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
High	Aves-Polemaetus bellicosus
High	Aves-Eupodotis senegalensis
Low	Subject to confirmation
Medium	Aves-Eupodotis senegalensis
Medium	Mammalia-Crocidura maquassiensis
Medium	Mammalia-Hydrictis maculicollis
Medium	Mammalia-Mystromys albicaudatus

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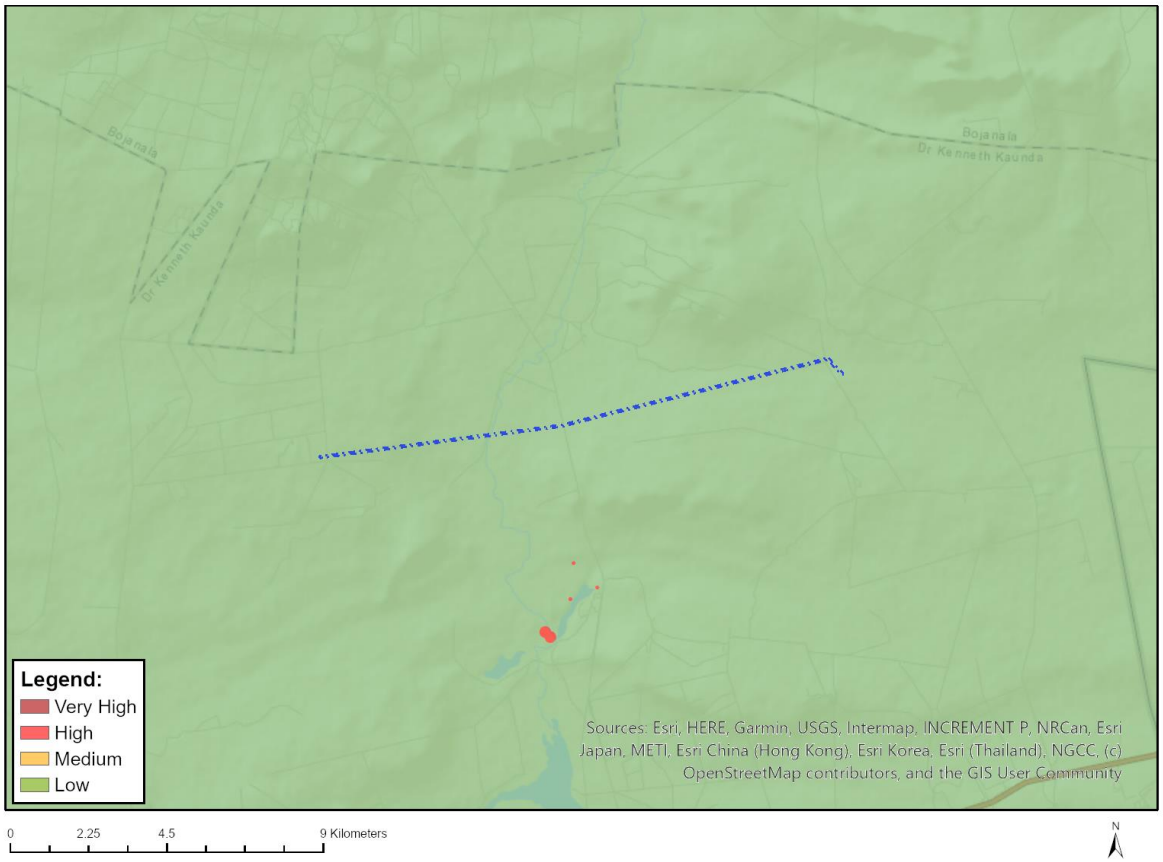
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X			

Sensitivity Features:

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Very High	CBA1
Very High	CBA2
Very High	ESA1
Very High	ESA2
Very High	Wetlands_Seep
Very High	Rivers

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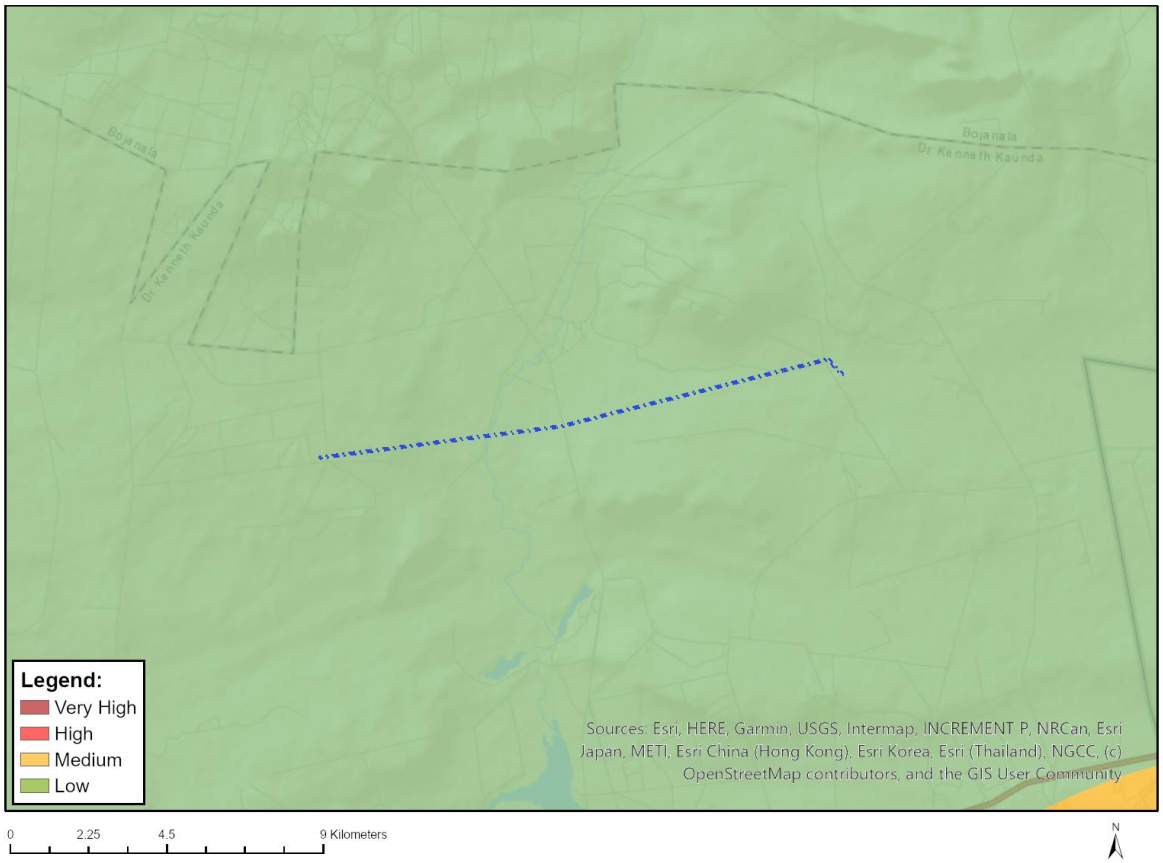


Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
			X

Sensitivity Features:

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Low	Low Sensitivity

MAP OF RELATIVE CIVIL AVIATION THEME SENSITIVITY



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			X

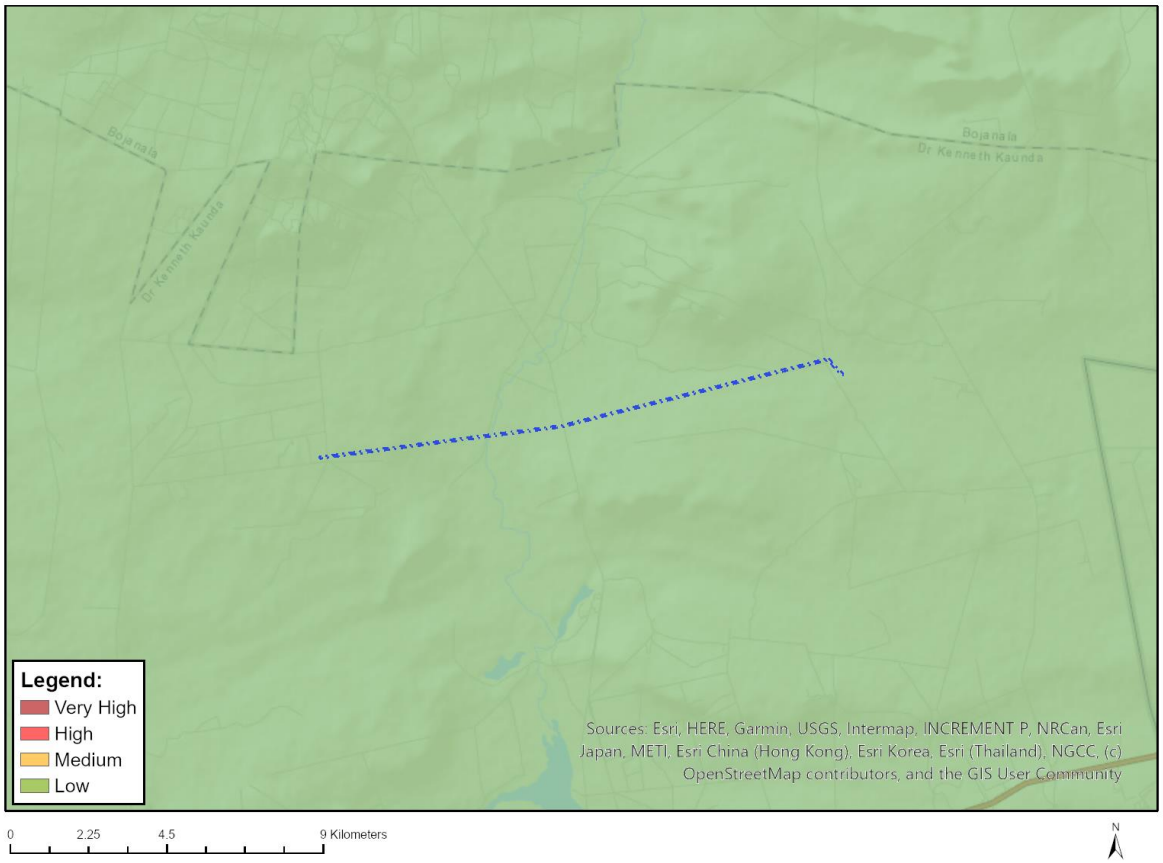
Sensitivity Features:

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
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Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
			X

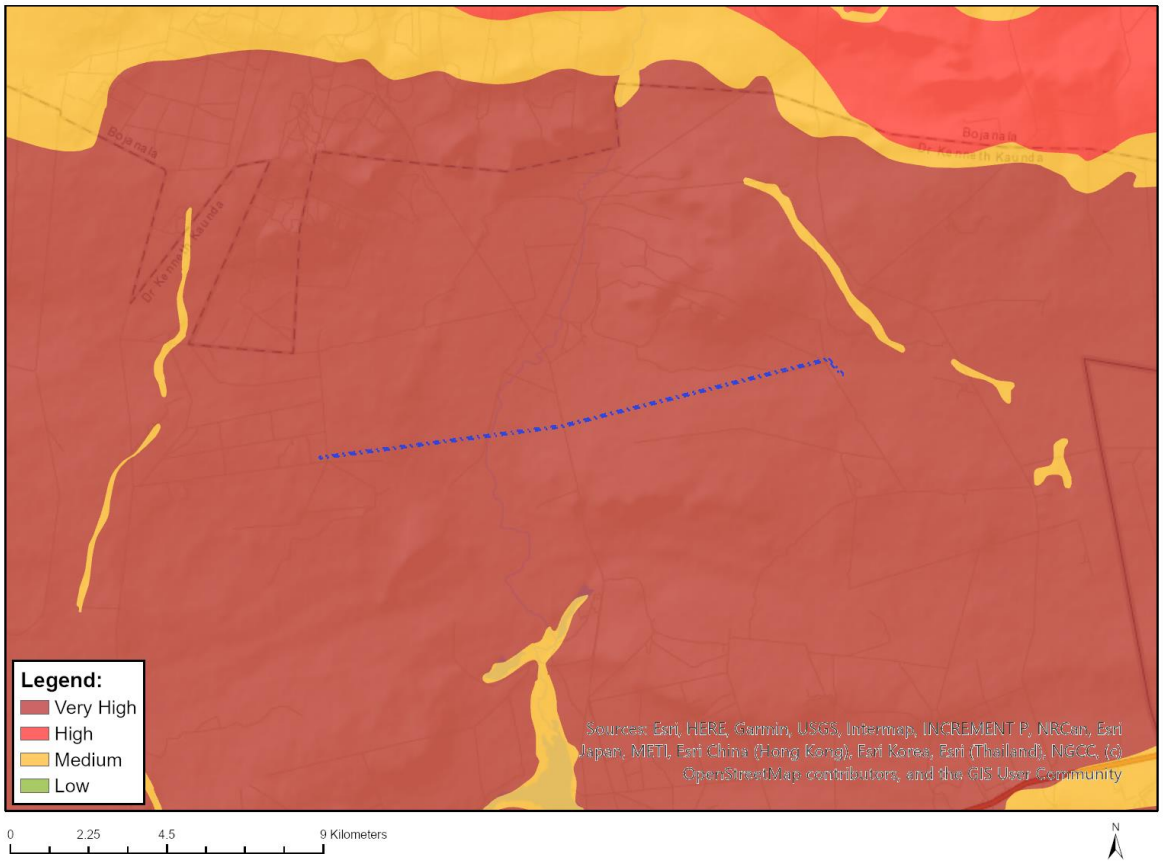
Sensitivity Features:

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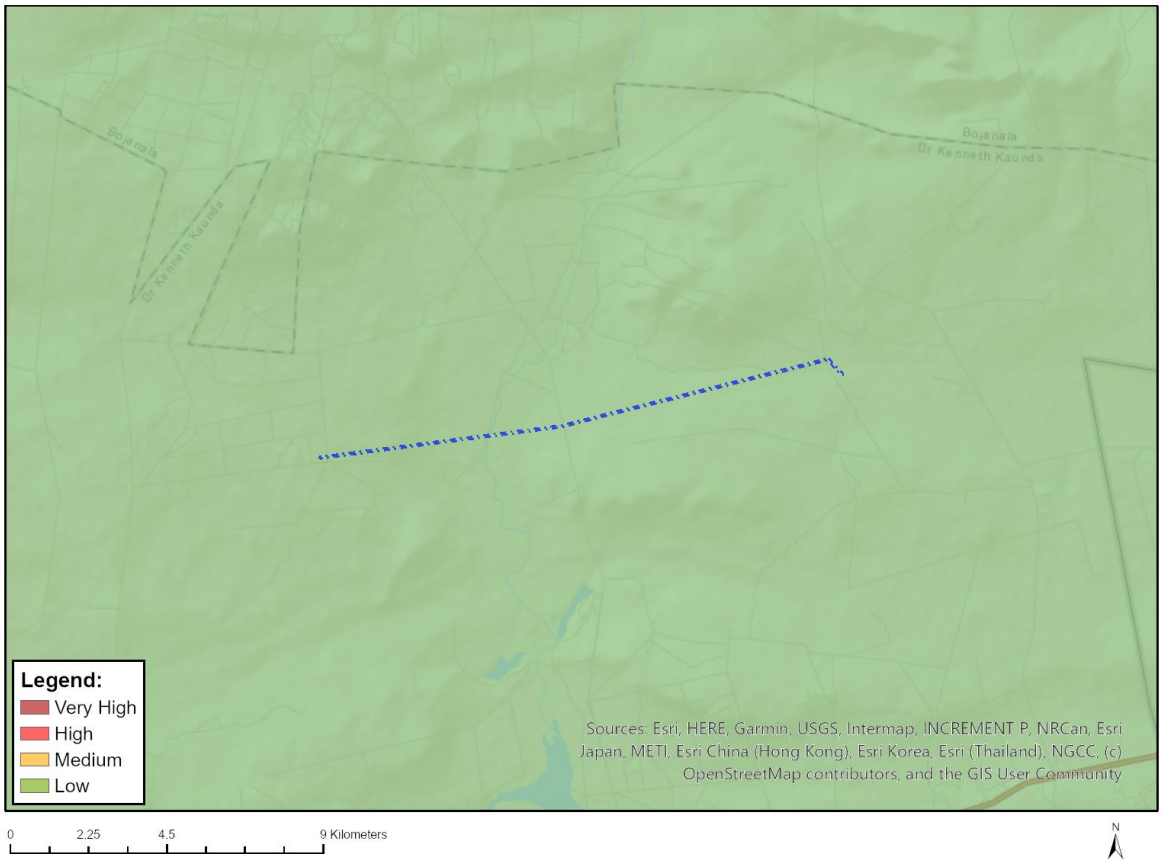
Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
X			

Sensitivity Features:

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Medium	Features with a Medium paleontological sensitivity
Very High	Features with a Very High paleontological sensitivity

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Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
			X

Sensitivity Features:

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Low	Low Sensitivity

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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
Very High	CBA2
Very High	ESA1
Very High	ESA2
Very High	National Protected Area Expansion Strategy (NPAES)
Very High	VU_Rand Highveld Grassland

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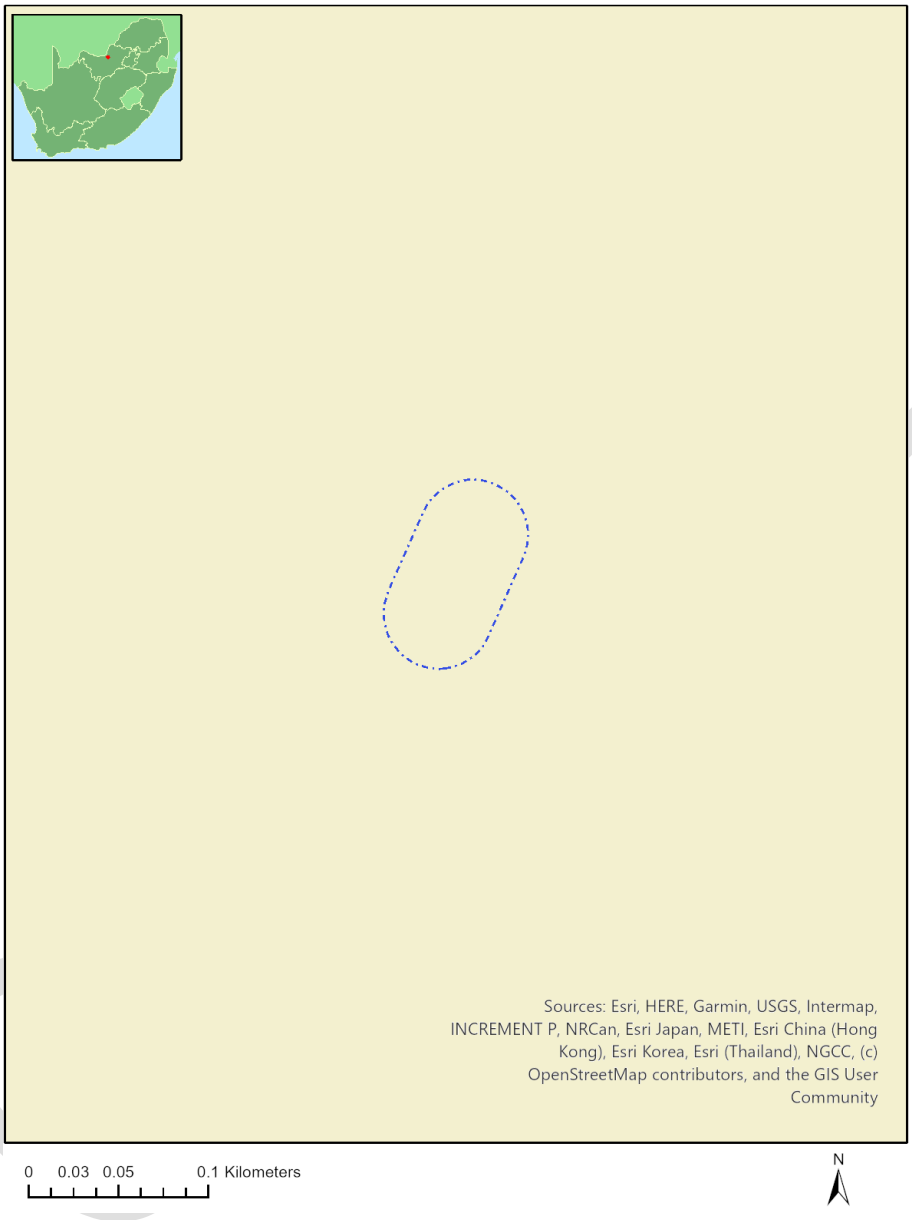
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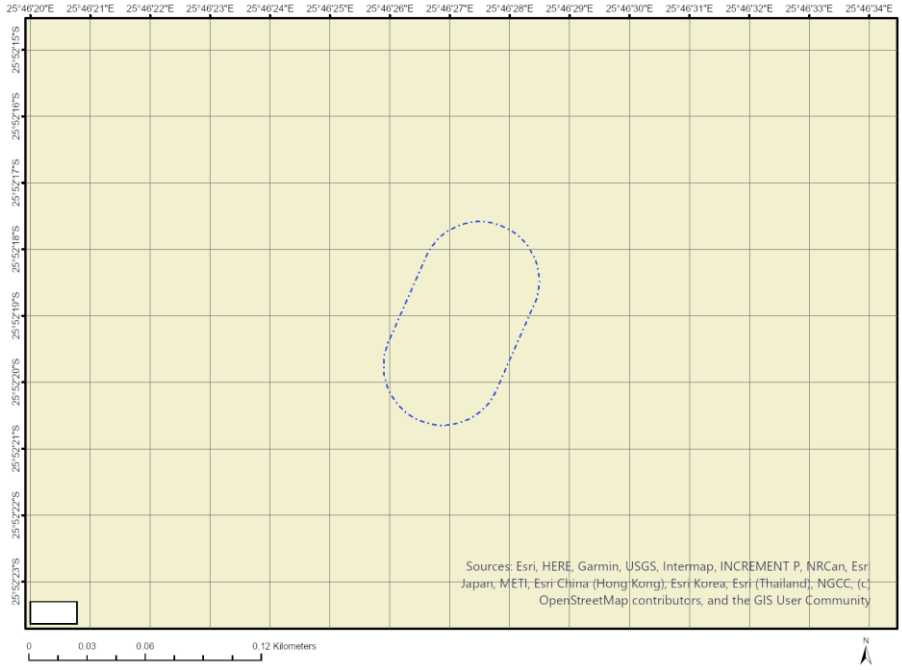
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General Orientation: WATERSHED STRENGTHENING



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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	BAUWEL	128	0	25°52'46.16S	25°46'37.46E	Farm
2	BAUWEL	128	4	25°52'16.65S	25°46'59.21E	Farm Portion

Development footprint[1] 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	NWP/EIA/62/2021	Solar PV	Approved	5.3
2	14/12/16/3/3/1/997	Solar PV	Approved	5.3
3	14/12/13/3/3/1/1037	Solar PV	Approved	14.3
4	14/12/16/3/3/1/997/AM1	Solar PV	Approved	5.3
5	14/12/16/3/3/2/272	Solar PV	Approved	11

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Environmental Management Frameworks relevant to the application

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Relevant development incentives, restrictions, exclusions or prohibitions

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

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Agriculture Theme			X	
Animal Species Theme				X
Aquatic Biodiversity Theme	X			
Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Theme				X
Civil Aviation Theme			X	
Defence Theme				X
Paleontology 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

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3	Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/GuidanceforHIA.pdf
4	Palaeontology Impact Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/GuidanceforPIA.pdf
5	Terrestrial Biodiversity Impact Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted_Terrestrial_Biodiversity_Assessment_Protocols.pdf
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11	Plant Species Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted_Plant_Species_Assessment_Protocols.pdf
12	Animal Species Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted_Animal_Species_Assessment_Protocols.pdf

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Results of the environmental sensitivity of the proposed area.

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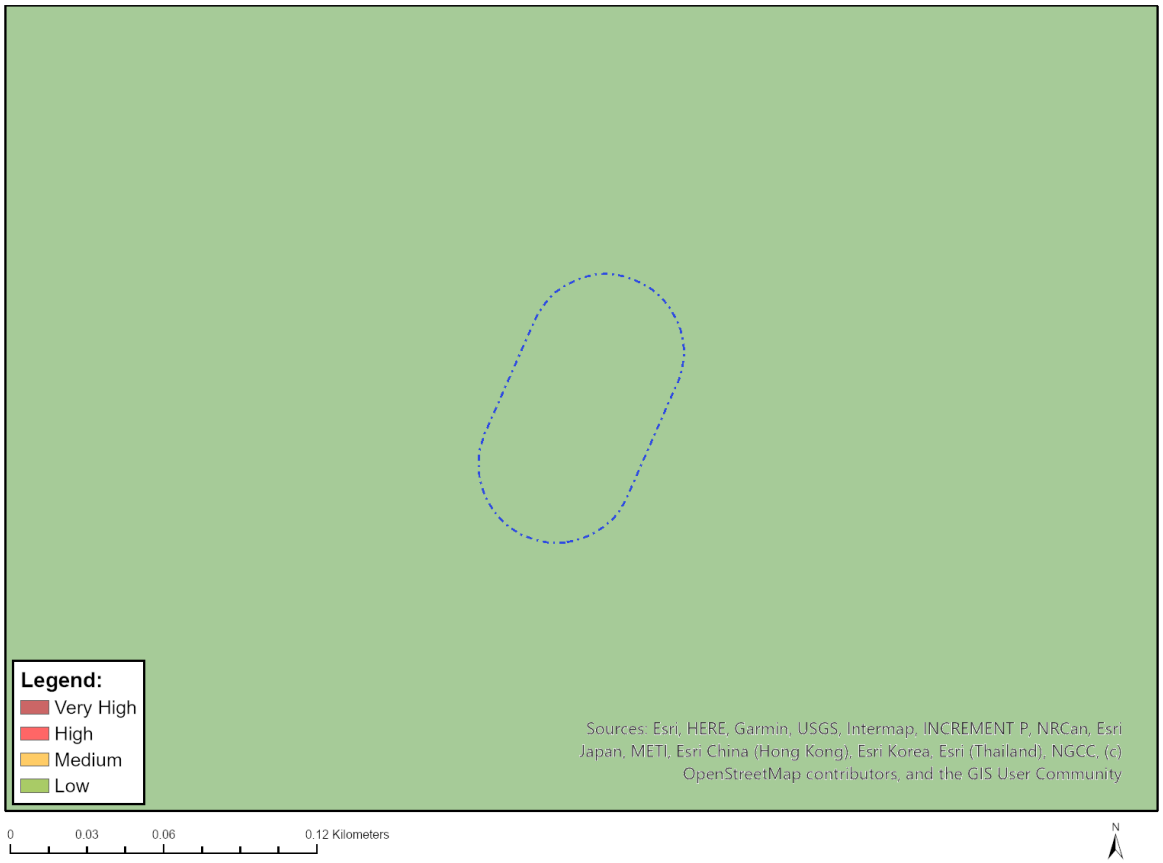


Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
		X	

Sensitivity Features:

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Medium	06. Low-Moderate

MAP OF RELATIVE ANIMAL SPECIES THEME SENSITIVITY



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Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
			X

Sensitivity Features:

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Low	Subject to confirmation

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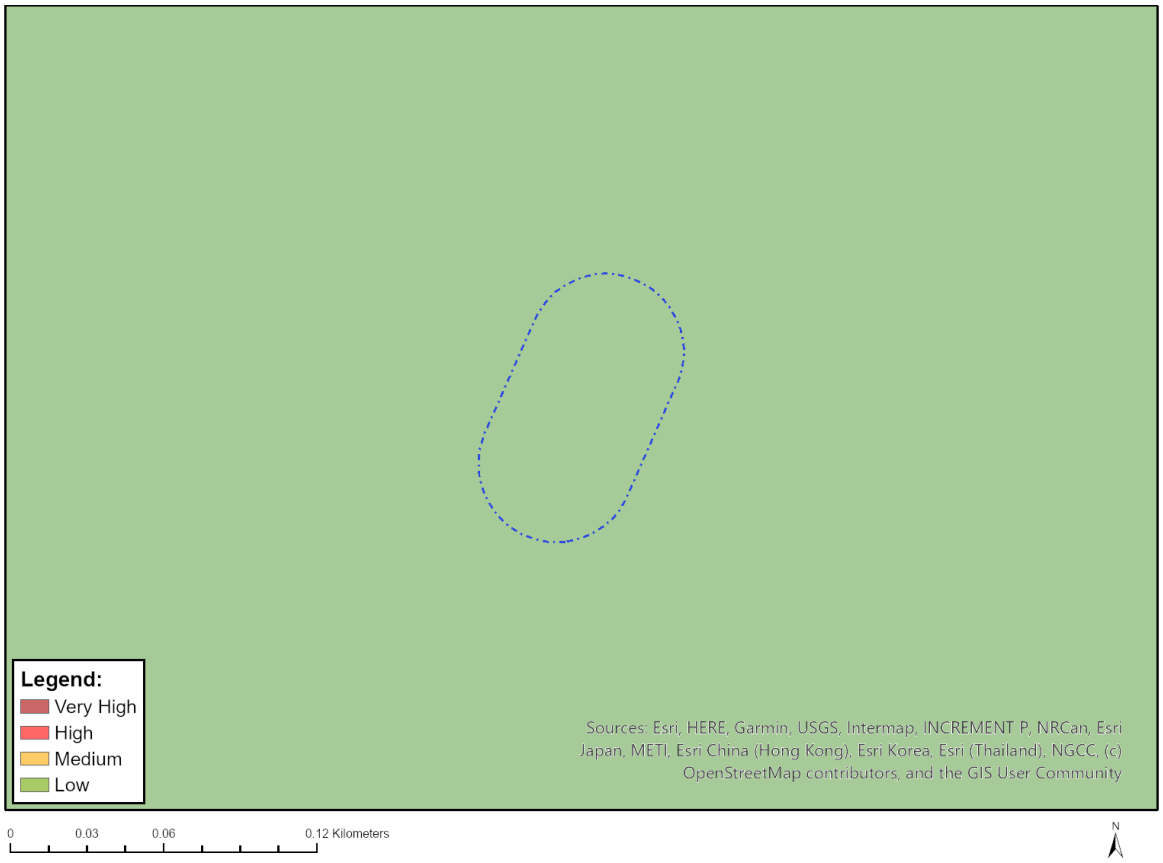
Sensitivity Features:

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Very High	ESA1

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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

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MAP OF RELATIVE CIVIL AVIATION THEME SENSITIVITY

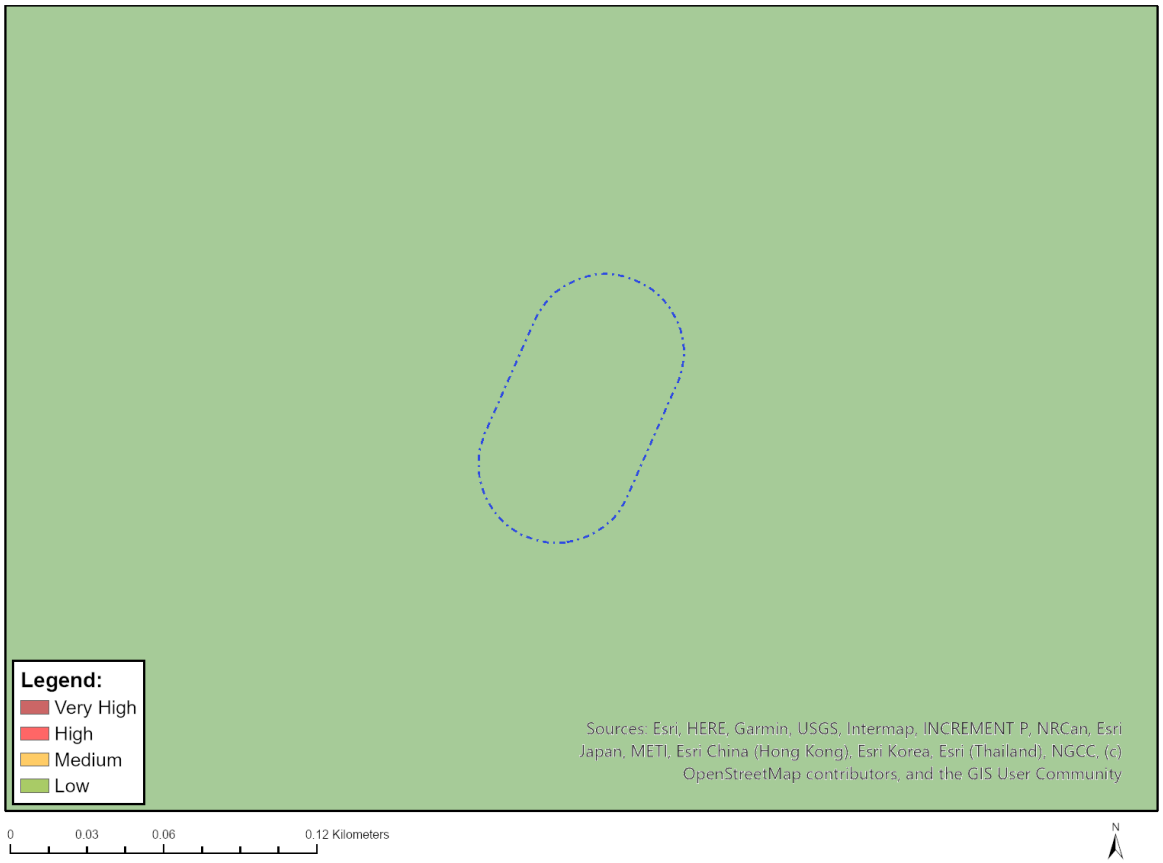


Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
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Sensitivity Features:

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Medium	Between 15 and 35 km from a civil aviation radar
Medium	Between 15 and 35 km from a major civil aviation aerodrome

MAP OF RELATIVE DEFENCE THEME SENSITIVITY



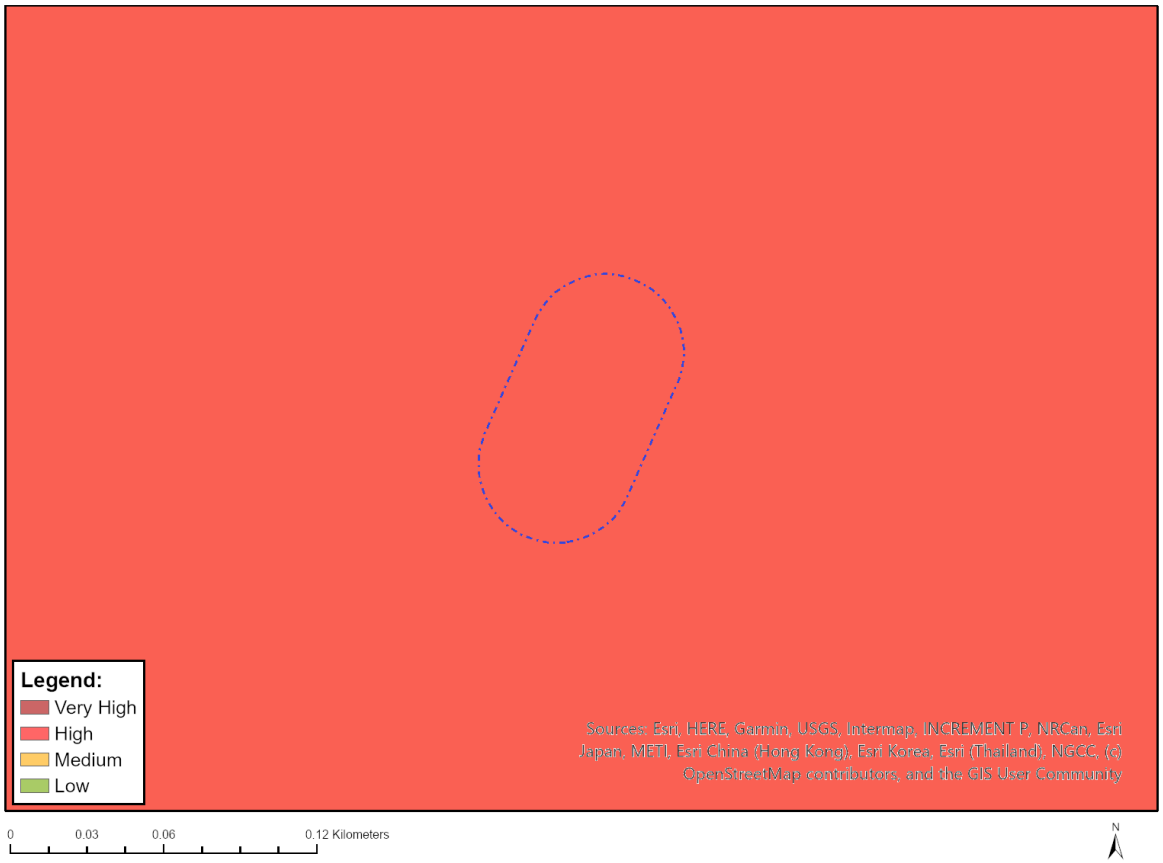
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Sensitivity Features:

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Low	Low Sensitivity

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MAP OF RELATIVE PALEONTOLOGY THEME SENSITIVITY



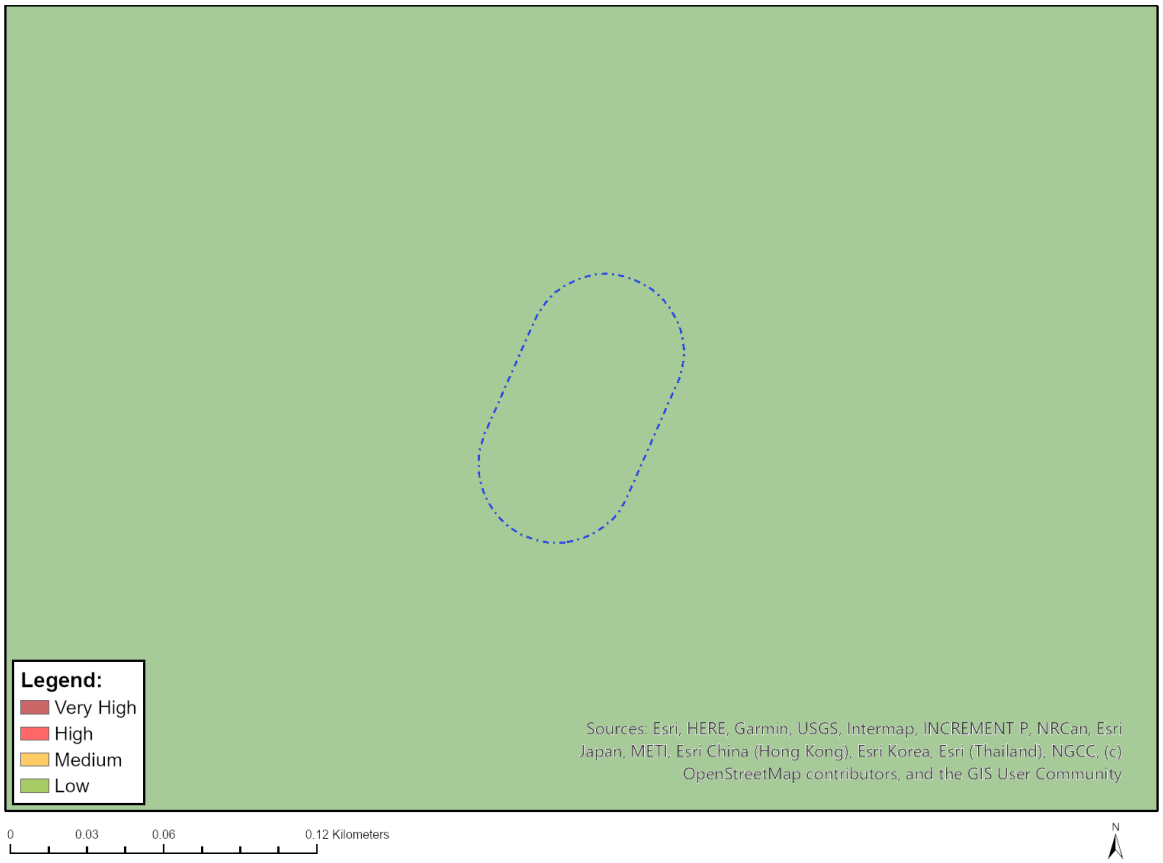
Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
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Sensitivity Features:

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
High	Features with a High paleontological sensitivity
Medium	Features with a Medium paleontological sensitivity

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MAP OF RELATIVE PLANT 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
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Sensitivity Features:

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Low	Low Sensitivity

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MAP OF RELATIVE TERRESTRIAL BIODIVERSITY THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
X			

Sensitivity Features:

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Very High	CBA1
Very High	CBA2
Very High	National Protected Area Expansion Strategy (NPAES)

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