AVIFAUNAL WALK-THROUGH REPORT

PROPOSED IZIDULI EMOYENI WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE NEAR BEDFORD IN THE EASTERN CAPE PROVINCE



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Chris van Rooyen Consulting was contracted by Nala Environmental to conduct a "walk-through" of the proposed 84MW Iziduli Emoyeni Wind Energy Facility (WEF) site on behalf of African Clean Energy Developments (Pty) Ltd (ACED) to identify any avifaunal sensitivities to be considered for the final lay-out of the turbines. ACED is purchasing the Iziduli WEF and is currently finalizing the required layouts and documentation. A layout of 29 turbines (02 June 2021) was provided by Nala for purposes of the walk-through, which was subsequently reduced by -65% to 10 on 15 May 2022.

METHODOLOGY

A site inspection was conducted on 26 - 30 March 2022 to record all avifaunal sensitivities on, and in the immediate vicinity of the project site, which could influence the lay-out of the turbines. Emphasis was placed on locating nests of priority species, particularly species of conservation concern (SCC), which may be impacted by the proposed WEF. Priority species were defined as species included on the list of priority species of the Avian Wind Farm Sensitivity Map of South Africa compiled by Birdlife South Africa (Retief et al. 2012).

RESULTS

A total of 58 species that were recorded on and around the project site during the site surveys 26 - 30 March 2022. The only confirmed priority species nest recorded is an active Secretarybird nest. The nest is 13.1km from the closest turbine and will therefore not impact on the lay-out.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The following recommendations are put forward for inclusion in the Final Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) in addition to the recommendations in the Avian Impact Assessment Report (Jenkins 2010) and the subsequent pre-construction monitoring report (Jenkins et al. 2015):

- It is recommended that a 200m turbine exclusion zone is implemented around all sources of surface water at the project site, as a pre-cautionary measure against Cape Vulture and other SCC collisions (Figure 3). The current 10 turbine lay-out has taken this into account.
- It is recommended that shutdown on demand (SDoD) be implemented for Cape Vultures at all turbines during daylight hours for a trial period of two years in the operational phase, once the wind farm commences with operations, to reduce the risk of collisions of Cape Vultures with the turbines. The need for SDoD must be evaluated by the avifaunal specialist after the two year period to see if it is necessary to continue, based on the number of shutdown events in the preceding two years. If, alternative proven mitigation measures become available during the two year trial period or anytime thereafter, the SDoD can be suspended and replaced by alternative mitigation measures, on the recommendation of the avifaunal specialist.
- It is recommended that all internal medium voltage cables are buried if technically possible.
- Those sections where the medium voltage cable should preferably not be trenched due to technical or
 environmental reasons, but needs run on overhead poles, the proposed pole designs must be approved
 by the avifaunal specialist, to ensure that the designs are raptor-friendly.

It is recommended that bird flight diverters are fitted to all the internal overhead lines.	
IMPACT STATEMENT	
It is recommended that the lay-out is approved, subject to the implementation of the mitigation measures as detailed in the Environmental Management Programme (EMPr).	

DETAILS OF THE SPECIALIST AND EXPERTISE TO COMPILE A WALK-THROUGH REPORT

Chris van Rooyen (Avifaunal Specialist)

Chris has decades experience in the management of wildlife interactions with electricity infrastructure. He was head of the Eskom-Endangered Wildlife Trust (EWT) Strategic Partnership from 1996 to 2007, which has received international acclaim as a model of co-operative management between industry and natural resource conservation. He is an acknowledged global expert in this field and has worked in South Africa, Namibia, Botswana, Lesotho, New Zealand, Texas, New Mexico and Florida. Chris also has extensive project management experience and has received several management awards from Eskom for his work in the Eskom-EWT Strategic Partnership. He is the author of 15 academic papers (some with co-authors), co-author of two book chapters and several research reports. He has been involved as ornithological consultant in numerous power line and wind generation projects. Chris is also co-author of the Best Practice for Avian Monitoring and Impact Mitigation at Wind Development Sites in Southern Africa, which is the industry standard. Chris also works outside the electricity industry and had done a wide range of bird impact assessment studies associated with various residential and industrial developments.

Albert Froneman (Avifaunal Specialist)

Albert has a Master of Science degree in Conservation Biology from the University of Cape Town and started his career in the natural sciences as a Geographic Information Systems (GIS) specialist at Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR). In 1998, he joined the Endangered Wildlife Trust where he headed up the Airports Company South Africa – EWT Strategic Partnership, a position he held until he resigned in 2008 to work as a private ornithological consultant. Albert's specialist field is the management of wildlife, especially bird related hazards at airports. His expertise is recognized internationally; in 2005 he was elected as Vice Chairman of the International Bird Strike Committee. Since 2010, Albert has worked closely with Chris van Rooyen in developing a protocol for pre-construction monitoring at wind energy facilities, and he is currently jointly coordinating pre-construction monitoring programmes at several wind farm facilities. Albert also works outside the electricity industry and had done a wide range of bird impact assessment studies associated with various residential and industrial developments.

Aliénor (Eleanor) Brassine (Field Specialist)

Aliénor is an Independent Wildlife Biologist and Ecologist, registered Professional Natural Scientist in the discipline of Ecological Science with South African Council for Natural Scientific Professions (SACNASP). She has a Master of Science degree in Zoology from Rhodes University and has extensive experience with avifaunal monitoring at proposed wind farms.

DECLARATION BY THE SPECIALIST

I, Chris van Rooyen, declare that -

- I act as the independent specialist in this application;
- I will perform the work relating to the application in an objective manner, even if this results in views and findings that are not favourable to the applicant;
- I declare that there are no circumstances that may compromise my objectivity in performing such work;
- I have expertise in conducting the specialist report relevant to this application, including knowledge of the Act, Regulations and any guidelines that have relevance to the proposed activity;
- I will comply with the Act, Regulations and all other applicable legislation;
- I have no, and will not engage in, conflicting interests in the undertaking of the activity;
- I undertake to disclose to the applicant and the competent authority all material information in my possession that reasonably has or may have the potential of influencing any decision to be taken with respect to the application by the competent authority; and the objectivity of any report, plan or document to be prepared by myself for submission to the competent authority;
- all the particulars furnished by me in this form are true and correct; and
- I realise that a false declaration is an offence in terms of regulation 48 and is punishable in terms of section 24F of the Act.

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DECLARATION BY THE SPECIALIST

I, Albert Froneman, declare that -

- I act as the independent specialist in this application;
- I will perform the work relating to the application in an objective manner, even if this results in views and findings that are not favourable to the applicant;
- I declare that there are no circumstances that may compromise my objectivity in performing such work;
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Expertise of Specialist

Curriculum vitae: Chris van Rooyen

Profession/Specialisation Avifaunal Specialist

Highest Qualification BALLB Nationality South African Years of experience 26 years

Key Experience

Chris van Rooyen has twenty-two years' experience in the assessment of avifaunal interactions with industrial infrastructure. He was employed by the Endangered Wildlife Trust as head of the Eskom-EWT Strategic Partnership from 1996 to 2007, which has received international acclaim as a model of co-operative management between industry and natural resource conservation. He is an acknowledged global expert in this field and has consulted in South Africa, Namibia, Botswana, Lesotho, New Zealand, Texas, New Mexico and Florida. He also has extensive project management experience and he has received several management awards from Eskom for his work in the Eskom-EWT Strategic Partnership. He is the author and/or co-author of 17 conference papers, co-author of two book chapters, several research reports and the current best practice guidelines for avifaunal monitoring at wind farm sites. He has completed around 130 power line assessments; and has to date been employed as specialist avifaunal consultant on more than 50 renewable energy generation projects. He has also conducted numerous risk assessments on existing power lines infrastructure. He also works outside the electricity industry and he has done a wide range of bird impact assessment studies associated with various residential and industrial developments. He serves on the Birds and Wind Energy Specialist Group which was formed in 2011 to serve as a liaison body between the ornithological community and the wind industry.

Bird Impact Assessment Studies and avifaunal monitoring for wind-powered generation facilities:

- Eskom Klipheuwel Experimental Wind Power Facility, Western Cape
- 2. Mainstream Wind Facility Jeffreys Bay, Eastern Cape (EIA and monitoring)
- 3. Biotherm, Swellendam, (Excelsior), Western Cape (EIA and monitoring)
- Biotherm, Napier, (Matjieskloof), Western Cape (pre-feasibility) 4.
- 5. Windcurrent SA, Jeffreys Bay, Eastern Cape (2 sites) (EIA and monitoring)
- Caledon Wind, Caledon, Western Cape (EIA)
- Innowind (4 sites), Western Cape (EIA)
- 6. 7. 8. Renewable Energy Systems (RES) Oyster Bay, Eastern Cape (EIA and monitoring)
- 9. Oelsner Group (Kerriefontein), Western Cape (EIA)
- 10. Oelsner Group (Langefontein), Western Cape (EIA)
- 11. InCa Energy, Vredendal Wind Energy Facility Western Cape (EIA)
- 12. Mainstream Loeriesfontein Wind Energy Facility (EIA and monitoring)
- 13. Mainstream Noupoort Wind Energy Facility (EIA and monitoring)
- Biotherm Port Nolloth Wind Energy Facility (Monitoring) 14.
- Biotherm Laingsburg Wind Energy Facility (EIA and monitoring) 15.
- 16. Langhoogte Wind Energy Facility (EIA)
- Vleesbaai Wind Energy Facility (EIA and monitoring) 17.
- 18.
- St. Helena Bay Wind Energy Facility (EIA and monitoring)
 Electrawind, St Helena Bay Wind Energy Facility (EIA and monitoring) 19.
- 20. Electrawind, Vredendal Wind Energy Facility (EIA)
- SAGIT, Langhoogte and Wolseley Wind Energy facilities 21.
- Renosterberg Wind Energy Project 12-month preconstruction avifaunal monitoring project 22
- De Aar North (Mulilo) Wind Energy Project 12-month preconstruction avifaunal monitoring De Aar South (Mulilo) Wind Energy Project 12-month bird monitoring 23. project
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- Namies Aggenys Wind Energy Project 12-month bird monitoring Pofadder Wind Energy Project 12-month bird monitoring 25.
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- Dwarsrug Loeriesfontein Wind Energy Project 12-month bird monitoring 27.
- Waaihoek Utrecht Wind Energy Project 12-month bird monitoring 28.
- 29. Amathole - Butterworth Utrecht Wind Energy Project - 12-month bird monitoring & EIA specialist
- 30. PhezukomEmaya and San Kraal Wind Energy Projects 12-month bird monitoring & EIA specialist study (Innowind)
- 31. Beaufort West Wind Energy Facility 12-month bird monitoring & EIA specialist study (Mainstream)
- Leeuwdraai Wind Energy Facility 12-month bird monitoring & EIA specialist study (Mainstream) Sutherland Wind Energy Facility 12-month bird monitoring (Mainstream) 32.
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- 34. Maralla Wind Energy Facility 12-month bird monitoring & EIA specialist study (Biotherm)
- Esizayo Wind Energy Facility 12-month bird monitoring & EIA specialist study (Biotherm) 35.
- 36. Humansdorp Wind Energy Facility 12-month bird monitoring & EIA specialist study (Cennergi) 37.
- Aletta Wind Energy Facility 12-month bird monitoring & EIA specialist study (Biotherm)
- 38. Eureka Wind Energy Facility 12-month bird monitoring & EIA specialist study (Biotherm)
- Makambako Wind Energy Faclity (Tanzania) 12-month bird monitoring & EIA specialist study (Windlab) 39.
- 40. R355 Wind Energy Facility 12-month bird monitoring (Mainstream)
- Groenekloof Wind Energy Facility 12-month bird monitoring & EIA specialist study (Mulilo) 41.
- 42. Tsitsikamma Wind Energy Facility 24-months post-construction monitoring (Cennergi)
- 43. Noupoort Wind Energy Facility 24-months post-construction monitoring (Mainstream)
- 44. Kokerboom Wind Energy Facility 12-month bird monitoring & EIA specialist study (Business Venture Investments)
- 45. Kuruman Wind Energy Facility 12-month bird monitoring & EIA specialist study (Mulilo)
- 46. Dassieklip Wind Energy Facility 3 years post-construction monitoring (Biotherm)
- 47. Loeriesfontein 2 Wind Energy Facility 2 years post-construction monitoring (Mainstream)

- 48. Khobab Wind Energy Facility 2 years post-construction monitoring (Mainstream)
- Excelsior Wind Energy Facility 18 months construction phase monitoring (Biotherm) 49.
- 50. Boesmansberg Wind Energy Facility 12-months pre-construction bird monitoring (juwi)
- 51. Mañhica Wind Energy Facility, Mozambique, 12-months pre-construction monitoring (Windlab)
- Kwagga Wind Energy Facility, Beaufort West, 12-months pre-construction monitoring (ABO) 52.
- 53. Pienaarspoort Wind Energy Facility, Touws River, Western Cape, 12-months pre-construction monitoring (ABO).

Bird Impact Assessment Studies for Solar Energy Plants:

- Concentrated Solar Power Plant, Upington, Northern Cape.
- 2. 3. 4. Globeleg De Aar and Droogfontein Solar PV Pre- and Post-construction avifaunal monitoring
- JUWI Kronos PV project, Copperton, Northern Cape
- Sand Draai CSP project, Groblershoop, Northern Cape
- 5. Biotherm Helena PV Project, Copperton, Northern Cape
- 6. 7. Biotherm Letsiao CSP Project, Aggeneys, Northern Cape
- Biotherm Enamandla PV Project, Aggeneys, Northern Cape
- Biotherm Sendawo PV Project, Vryburg, North-West 8.
- Biotherm Tlisitseng PV Project, Lichtenburg, North-West 9.
- JUWI Hotazel Solar Park Project, Hotazel, Northern Cape 10.
- Veld Solar One Project, Aggeneys, Northern Cape 11.
- 12. Brypaal Solar Power Project, Kakamas, Northern Cape
- ABO Vryburg 1,2,3 Solar PV Project, Vryburg, North-West 13.
- NamPower CSP Facility near Arandis, Namibia 14.
- Dayson Klip PV Facility near Upington, Northern Cape 15.
- Geelkop PV Facility near Upington, Northern Cape

Bird Impact Assessment Studies for the following overhead line projects:

- Chobe 33kV Distribution line
- 2. Athene - Umfolozi 400kV
- 3. Beta-Delphi 400kV
- 4. Cape Strengthening Scheme 765kV
- Flurian-Louis-Trichardt 132kV 5.
- Ghanzi 132kV (Botswana) 6.
- 7. Ikaros 400kV
- 8. Matimba-Witkop 400kV
- Naboomspruit 132kV 9.
- 10. Tabor-Flurian 132kV
- Windhoek Walvisbaai 220 kV (Namibia) 11.
- Witkop-Overyssel 132kV 12.
- Breyten 88kV 13.
- 14. Adis-Phoebus 400kV
- 15. Dhuva-Janus 400kV
- Perseus-Mercury 400kV 16.
- 17. Gravelotte 132kV
- Ikaros 400 kV 18.
- Khanye 132kV (Botswana) 19.
- Moropule Thamaga 220 kV (Botswana) 20.
- 21. Parys 132kV
- Simplon Everest 132kV 22.
- Tutuka-Alpha 400kV 23.
- Simplon-Der Brochen 132kV 24.
- 25. Big Tree 132kV
- Mercury-Ferrum-Garona 400kV 26.
- Zeus-Perseus 765kV 27.
- Matimba B Integration Project 28.
- Caprivi 350kV DC (Namibia) 29.
- 30. Gerus-Mururani Gate 350kV DC (Namibia)
- Mmamabula 220kV (Botswana) 31.
- 32. Steenberg-Der Brochen 132kV
- 33. Venetia-Paradise T 132kV
- Burgersfort 132kV 34
- Majuba-Umfolozi 765kV 35.
- Delta 765kV Substation 36.
- 37. Braamhoek 22kV
- 38. Steelpoort Merensky 400kV
- 39. Mmamabula Delta 400kV
- 40. Delta Epsilon 765kV
- Gerus-Żambezi 350kV DC Interconnector: Review of proposed avian mitigation measures for the Okavango 41

and

- Kwando River crossings
- 42. Giyani 22kV Distribution line
- 43. Lighobong-Kao 132/11kV distribution power line, Lesotho
- 132kV Leslie Wildebeest distribution line 44.

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45.
           A proposed new 50 kV Spoornet feeder line between Sishen and Saldanha
           Cairns 132kv substation extension and associated power lines
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47.
           Pimlico 132kv substation extension and associated power lines
48.
           Gyani 22kV
           Matafin 132kV
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           Nkomazi_Fig Tree 132kV
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           Pebble Rock 132kV
52.
           Reddersburg 132kV
53.
           Thaba Combine 132kV
54.
           Nkomati 132kV
55.
           Louis Trichardt - Musina 132kV
           Endicot 44kV
56.
           Apollo Lepini 400kV
57.
58.
           Tarlton-Spring Farms 132kV
59.
           Kuschke 132kV substation
60.
           Bendstore 66kV Substation and associated lines
61.
           Kuiseb 400kV (Namibia)
62.
           Gyani-Malamulele 132kV
63.
           Watershed 132kV
64.
           Bakone 132kV substation
65.
           Eerstegoud 132kV LILO lines
66.
           Kumba Iron Ore: SWEP - Relocation of Infrastructure
67.
           Kudu Gas Power Station: Associated power lines
68.
           Steenberg Booysendal 132kV
69.
           Toulon Pumps 33kV
           Thabatshipi 132kV
70.
           Witkop-Silica 132kV
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72.
           Bakubung 132kV
73.
           Nelsriver 132kV
74.
           Rethabiseng 132kV
75.
           Tilburg 132kV
76.
           GaKgapane 66kV
77.
           Knobel Gilead 132kV
78.
           Bochum Knobel 132kV
79.
           Madibeng 132kV
80.
           Witbank Railway Line and associated infrastructure
           Spencer NDP phase 2 (5 lines)
81.
           Akanani 132kV
82.
83.
           Hermes-Dominion Reefs 132kV
           Cape Pensinsula Strengthening Project 400kV
84.
85.
           Magalakwena 132kV
86.
           Benficosa 132kV
87.
           Dithabaneng 132kV
88.
           Taunus Diepkloof 132kV
89.
           Taunus Doornkop 132kV
90.
           Tweedracht 132kV
91.
           Jane Furse 132kV
92.
           Majeje Sub 132kV
93.
           Tabor Louis Trichardt 132kV
94.
           Riversong 88kV
95.
           Mamatsekele 132kV
           Kabokweni 132kV
96
           MDPP 400kV Botswana
97.
           Marble Hall NDP 132kV
98.
99.
           Bokmakiere 132kV Substation and LILO lines
100.
           Styldrift 132kV
101.
           Taunus - Diepkloof 132kV
           Bighorn NDP 132kV
102.
           Waterkloof 88kV
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104.
           Camden - Theta 765kV
105.
           Dhuva - Minerva 400kV Diversion
           Lesedi - Grootpan 132kV
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107
           Waterberg NDP
108.
           Bulgerivier - Dorset 132kV
           Bulgerivier - Toulon 132kV
109.
110.
           Nokeng-Fluorspar 132kV
111.
           Mantsole 132kV
112.
           Tshilamba 132kV
           Thabamoopo - Tshebela - Nhlovuko 132kV
113.
           Arthurseat 132kV
114.
115.
           Borutho 132kV MTS
           Volspruit - Potgietersrus 132kV
116.
           Neotel Optic Fibre Cable Installation Project: Western Cape
117.
           Matla-Glockner 400kV
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118.

Delmas North 44kV

- 119. Houwhoek 11kV Refurbishment
- 120. Clau-Clau 132kV
- 121. Ngwedi-Silwerkrans 134kV
- Nieuwehoop 400kV walk-through 122.
- 123. Booysendal 132kV Switching Station
- 124. Tarlton 132kV
- 125. Medupi - Witkop 400kV walk-through
- 126. Germiston Industries Substation
- 127. Sekgame 132kV
- 128. Botswana - South Africa 400kV Transfrontier Interconnector
- 129. Syferkuil - Rampheri 132kV
- Queens Substation and associated 132kV powerlines 130.
- 131. Oranjemond 400kV Transmission line
- 132. Aries - Helios - Juno walk-down
- 133. Kuruman Phase 1 and 2 Wind Energy facilities 132kV Grid connection
- Transnet 134.

Bird Impact Assessment Studies for the following residential and industrial developments:

- Lizard Point Golf Estate 1.
- 2. Lever Creek Estates
- 3. Leloko Lifestyle Estates
- Vaaloewers Residential Development 4.
- 5. Clearwater Estates Grass Owl Impact Study
- 6. Sommerset Ext. Grass Owl Study
- 7. Proposed Three Diamonds Trading Mining Project (Portion 9 and 15 of the Farm Blesbokfontein)
- N17 Section: Springs To Leandra "Borrow Pit 12 And Access Road On (Section 9, 6 And 28 Of The Farm Winterhoek 314 8.
- South African Police Services Gauteng Radio Communication System: Portion 136 Of The Farm 528 Jq, Lindley. 9.
- 10.
- Report for the proposed upgrade and extension of the Zeekoegat Wastewater Treatment Works, Gauteng. Bird Impact Assessment for Portion 265 (a portion of Portion 163) of the farm Rietfontein 189-JR, Gauteng. 11.
- Bird Impact Assessment Study for Portions 54 and 55 of the Farm Zwartkop 525 JQ, Gauteng. 12.
- 13. Bird Impact Assessment Study Portions 8 and 36 of the Farm Nooitgedacht 534 JQ, Gauteng.
- Shumba's Rest Bird Impact Assessment Study 14.
- 15. Randfontein Golf Estate Bird Impact Assessment Study
- Zilkaatsnek Wildlife Estate 16.
- 17. Regenstein Communications Tower (Namibia)
- Avifaunal Input into Richards Bay Comparative Risk Assessment Study 18.
- 19. Maquasa West Open Cast Coal Mine
- Glen Erasmia Residential Development, Kempton Park, Gauteng 20.
- 21.
- Bird Impact Assessment Study, Weltevreden Mine, Mpumalanga Bird Impact Assessment Study, Olifantsvlei Cemetery, Johannesburg 22.
- 23. Camden Ash Disposal Facility, Mpumalanga
- 24. Lindley Estate, Lanseria, Gauteng

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- 25. Proposed open cast iron ore mine on the farm Lylyveld 545, Northern Cape
- 26. Avifaunal monitoring for the Sishen Mine in the Northern Cape as part of the EMPr requirements
- Steelpoort CNC Bird Impact Assessment Study

Professional affiliations

I work under the supervision of and in association with Albert Froneman (MSc Conservation Biology) (SACNASP Zoological Science Registration number 400177/09) as stipulated by the Natural Scientific Professions Act 27 of 2003.

Chris van Rooyen 31 May 2022

Expertise of Specialist

Curriculum vitae: Albert Froneman (Pr.Sci.Nat Registration no: 400177/09)

Profession/Specialisation Avifaunal Specialist

Highest Qualification MSc (Conservation Biology)

Nationality South African Years of experience 24 years

Key Qualifications

Albert Froneman (Pr.Sci.Nat) has more than 24 years' experience in the management of avifaunal interactions with industrial infrastructure. He holds a M.Sc. degree in Conservation Biology from the University of Cape Town. He managed the Airports Company South Africa (ACSA) - Endangered Wildlife Trust Strategic Partnership from 1999 to 2008 which has been internationally recognized for its achievements in addressing airport wildlife hazards in an environmentally sensitive manner at ACSA's airports across South Africa. Albert is recognized worldwide as an expert in the field of bird hazard management on airports and has worked in South Africa, Swaziland, Botswana, Namibia, Kenya, Israel, and the USA. He has served as the vice chairman of the International Bird Strike Committee and has presented various papers at international conferences and workshops. At present he is consulting to ACSA with wildlife hazard management on all their airports. He also an accomplished specialist ornithological consultant outside the aviation industry and has completed a wide range of bird impact assessment studies. He has co-authored many avifaunal specialist studies and pre-construction monitoring reports for proposed renewable energy developments across South Africa. He also has vast experience in using Geographic Information Systems to analyse and interpret avifaunal data spatially and derive meaningful conclusions. Since 2009 Albert has been a registered Professional Natural Scientist (reg. nr 400177/09) with The South African Council for Natural Scientific Professions, specialising in Zoological Science.

Key Project Experience

Renewable Energy Facilities –avifaunal monitoring projects in association with Chris van Rooyen Consulting

- Jeffrey's Bay Wind Farm 12-months preconstruction avifaunal monitoring project
- 2. Oysterbay Wind Energy Project – 12-months preconstruction avifaunal monitoring project
- 3. Ubuntu Wind Energy Project near Jeffrey's Bay – 12-months preconstruction avifaunal monitoring project
- 4. Bana-ba-Pifu Wind Energy Project near Humansdorp – 12-months preconstruction avifaunal monitoring project
- 5. Excelsior Wind Energy Project near Caledon – 12-months preconstruction avifaunal monitoring project
- Laingsburg Spitskopvlakte Wind Energy Project 12-months preconstruction avifaunal monitoring project 6.
- 7. Loeriesfontein Wind Energy Project Phase 1, 2 & 3 – 12-months preconstruction avifaunal monitoring project
- 8. Noupoort Wind Energy Project – 12-months preconstruction avifaunal monitoring project
- Vleesbaai Wind Energy Project 12-months preconstruction avifaunal monitoring project 9.
- 10. Port Nolloth Wind Energy Project – 12-months preconstruction avifaunal monitoring project
- Langhoogte Caledon Wind Energy Project 12-months preconstruction avifaunal monitoring project 11.
- Lunsklip Stilbaai Wind Energy Project 12-months preconstruction avifaunal monitoring project 12.
- Indwe Wind Energy Project 12-months preconstruction avifaunal monitoring project 13.
- 14. Zeeland St Helena bay Wind Energy Project – 12-months preconstruction avifaunal monitoring project
- 15. Wolseley Wind Energy Project – 12-months preconstruction avifaunal monitoring project
- Renosterberg Wind Energy Project 12-months preconstruction avifaunal monitoring project 16.
- 17. De Aar - North (Mulilo) Wind Energy Project - 12-months preconstruction avifaunal monitoring project (2014)
- De Aar South (Mulilo) Wind Energy Project 12-months bird monitoring Namies Aggenys Wind Energy Project 12-months bird monitoring 18.
- 19.
- Pofadder Wind Energy Project 12-months bird monitoring 20.
- Dwarsrug Loeriesfontein Wind Energy Project 12-months bird monitoring 21.
- Waaihoek Utrecht Wind Energy Project 12-months bird monitoring 22.
- 23. Amathole – Butterworth Utrecht Wind Energy Project – 12-months bird monitoring & EIA specialist study
- De Aar and Droogfontein Solar PV Pre- and Post-construction avifaunal monitoring 24.
- 25. Makambako Wind Energy Faclity (Tanzania) 12-month bird monitoring & EIA specialist study (Windlab)
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- 32. Mañhica Wind Energy Facility 12-month bird monitoring & EIA specialist study (Windlab)
- 33. Kwagga Wind Energy Facility, Beaufort West, 12-months pre-construction monitoring (ABO)
- 34. Pienaarspoort Wind Energy Facility, Touws River, Western Cape, 12-months pre-construction monitoring (ABO).

Bird Impact Assessment studies and / or GIS analysis:

- Aviation Bird Hazard Assessment Study for the proposed Madiba Bay Leisure Park adjacent to Port Elizabeth Airport.
- 2. Extension of Runway and Provision of Parallel Taxiway at Sir Seretse Khama Airport, Botswana Bird / Wildlife Hazard Management Specialist Study
- 3. Maun Airport Improvements Bird / Wildlife Hazard Management Specialist Study
- 4. Bird Impact Assesment Study - Bird Helicopter Interaction - The Bitou River, Western Cape Province South Africa
- 5. Proposed La Mercy Airport - Bird Aircraft interaction specialists study using bird detection radar to assess swallow flocking behaviour
- KwaZulu Natal Power Line Vulture Mitigation Project GIS analysis 6.
- Perseus-Zeus Powerline EIA GIS Analysis

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1 BACKGROUND

Windlab Developments South Africa Pty Ltd (Windlab) received an Environmental Authorisation for the proposed Iziduli Emoyeni Wind Energy Facility (previously known as Amakhala Emoyeni Phase 4) on 28 August 2012 from the National Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA Ref: 12/12/20/1754/4). The proposed Wind Energy Facility (WEF) was previously part of the greater project concept known as the Amakhala Emoyeni Wind Energy Facility. The WEF was split into four phases in order to align with the Department of Energy's (DOE) Renewable Energy Independent Power Producer Procurement Programme (REIPPPP) requirements restricting a WEF capacity size to 140MW (contracted capacity). Further amendments to the EA dated 02 July 2015, 18 May 2016, 04 October 2016, 15 November 2018 and the latest 02 June 2021 were undertaken.

2 TERMS OF REFERENCE

Chris van Rooyen Consulting was contracted by Nala Environmental to conduct a "walk-through" of the proposed 84MW Iziduli Emoyeni Wind Energy Facility (WEF) site on behalf of African Clean Energy Developments (Pty) Ltd (ACED) to identify any avifaunal sensitivities to be considered for the final lay-out of the turbines. The Iziduli Emoyeni WEF is to be constructed together with the Msenge Emoyeni WEF which has been selected as a preferred bidder project via a private off taker and is currently finalizing the required layouts and documentation in order meet financial close requirements. The authorised layout of 29 turbines (02 June 2021) was provided by Nala for purposes of the walk-through, which was subsequently reduced by -65% to 10 on 15 May 2022.

3 METHODOLOGY

A site inspection was conducted on 26 - 30 March 2022 to record all avifaunal sensitivities on, and in the immediate vicinity of the project site, which could influence the lay-out of the turbines. Emphasis was placed on locating nests of priority species, particularly species of conservation concern (SCC), which may be impacted by the proposed WEF. Priority species were defined as species included on the list of priority species of the Avian Wind Farm Sensitivity Map of South Africa compiled by Birdlife South Africa (Retief et al. 2012).

See Figure 1 for the most recent lay-out and the track log of the field specialist who conducted the walk-through.

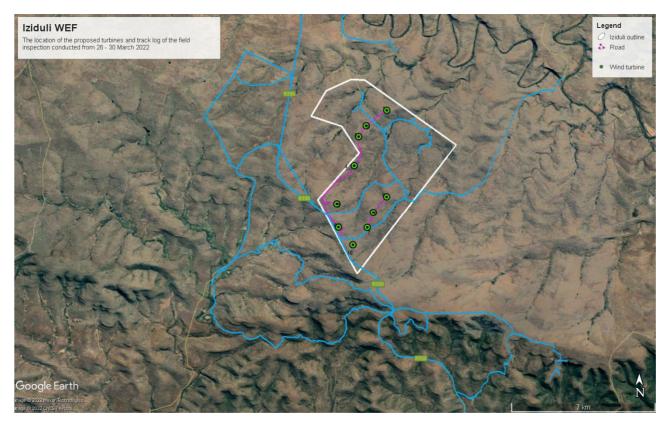


Figure 1: The proposed lay-out of 10 turbines and the tracklog of the field specialist.

4 RECEIVING ENVIRONMENT

4.1 DFFE National Screening Tool

The project site is classified as **VERY HIGH** sensitivity for avifauna according to the **Wind Theme**. The classification is linked to the following: Within 50 km of Cape Vulture colonies, within 40 km of known Cape Vulture roosts sites, areas where susceptible large terrestrial birds were found to be present.

The Animal Species Theme classifies the project site as **HIGH** and **MEDIUM**. These classifications are linked to the potential occurrence of Denham's Bustard *Neotis denhami* (Regionally Vulnerable), Black Harrier *Circus maurus* (Globally and Regionally Endangered) and Southern Black Korhaan *Afrotis afra* (Globally and Regionally Vulnerable).

The project site contains confirmed habitat for SCC as defined in the Protocol for the specialist assessment and minimum report content requirements for environmental impacts on avifaunal species by onshore wind energy generation facilities where the electricity output is 20MW or more (Government Gazette No. 43110 – 20 March 2020). It is important to note that Black Harrier *C. maurus* was only marginally recorded during the SABAP 2 atlassing period to date for the broader area (https://sabap2.birdmap.africa), and not during the field survey in March 2022. However this species was recorded during vantage point monitoring conducted in 2010-2011 at the project site. It was identified as a locally resident or visiting raptor, foraging in or moving through the broader area, that will be vulnerable to collision and displacement impacts associated with a development of this kind (Jenkins *et al.* 2015). Both Ludwig's Bustard *N. ludwigii* and Denham's Bustard *N. denhami* have been recorded during the SABAP 2 surveys, the latter also observed during the field surveys in March 2022. Based on these, and observations of Blue Crane *Grus paradisea*, Secretarybird *Sagittarius serpentarius*, Cape

Vulture *Gyps coprotheres*, Verreaux's Eagle *Aquila verreauxii* and Martial Eagle *Polemaetus bellicosus* made during the March 2022 surveys, the classification of **HIGH** sensitivity for avifauna in the Animal Species Theme seems to be the most appropriate for the site.

See Appendix 1 for the DFFE screening reports.

4.2 Bird habitat

The project site is located at the interface between the Albany Thicket and Sub-escarpment Grassland Bioregions (Mucina & Rutherford 2006),

Jenkins *et al.* 2015 gives an accurate description of the project site, which is still applicable: "The project site features open, hilly grassland (in many areas covered by a high density of termite mounds), grading into wooded and succulent-rich thicket vegetation along the drainage lines. The climate is mild, with mean minimum and maximum temperatures 13°C and 22°C respectively, and mean annual rainfall of about 550 mm, which falls year-round but mostly in summer. Altitude averages about 750 m above sea level, rising to nearly 900 m a.s.l. in places. Land use is predominantly stock-farming – cattle, sheep and game. There are multiple farm houses and associated outhouses within or close by the development area, which lies just east of a major thoroughfare – the R350 between Bedford and Grahamstown - and includes a network of lesser, gravel roads and farm tracks. Avian habitats within the impact zone comprise (i) extensive tracts of degraded, lightly wooded grassland, (ii) areas of thicker, thornveld or thicket, including riparian strips, and (iii) a small network of wetlands, dominated by artificial impoundments".

See Appendix 2 for images of the habitat at the project site.

5 RESULTS AND CONCLUSIONS

5.1 Avifauna

Appendix 3 lists the species Jenkins *et al.* (2015) recorded during a year of pre-construction monitoring in 2011 – 2012 (Appendix 3). The 58 species that were recorded on and around the project site during the site surveys 26 - 30 March 2022 are listed in Table 1.

Table 1: Avifauna recorded during surveys at the project site 26 - 30 March 2022. SCC are shaded.

Name	9	SABAP 2 Reporting Rates			Status	
Species name	Scientific name	Full protocol	Ad hoc protocol	Red List Global	Red List Regional	Endemic (SA)
Bokmakierie	Telophorus zeylonus	31.3	12.5.8	-	-	
Quailfinch	Ortygospiza atricollis	12.5	0.0	-	-	
Secretarybird	Sagittarius serpentarius	9.4	3.1	EN	VU	
Bar-throated Apalis	Apalis thoracica	15.6	3.1	-	-	
Southern Boubou	Laniarius ferrugineus	21.9	9.4	-		
Golden-breasted Bunting	Emberiza flaviventris	25.0	12.5	-	-	
Denham's Bustard	Neotis denhami	12.5	0.0	NT	VU	

Name)		AP 2 ng Rates		Status	
Species name	Scientific name	Full protocol	Ad hoc protocol	Red List Global	Red List Regional	Endemic (SA)
Common Buzzard	Buteo buteo	6.3	6.3	-	-	
Jackal Buzzard	Buteo rufofuscus	18.8	9.4	-	-	Х
Yellow Canary	Crithagra flaviventris	0.0	0.0	_	-	
Familiar Chat	Oenanthe familiaris	46.9	18.8	-	-	
Sickle-winged Chat	Emarginata sinuata	65.6	6.3	_	-	Х
White-breasted Cormorant	Phalacrocorax lucidus	9.4	3.1	_	-	
Blue Crane	Grus paradisea	50.0	12.5	VU	NT	
Pied Crow	Corvus albus	71.9	21.9	-	-	
Jacobin Cuckoo	Clamator jacobinus	3.1	0.0	-	-	
Red-eyed Dove	Streptopelia semitorquata	25.0	25.0	-	-	
Cape Turtle Dove	Streptopelia capicola	68.8	37.5			
Fork-tailed Drongo	Dicrurus adsimilis	50.0	0.0	_	-	
White-faced Whistling Duck	Dendrocygna viduata	0.0	0.0	_	-	
Martial Eagle	Polemaetus bellicosus	3.1	0.0	EN	EN	
Verreaux's Eagle	Aquila verreauxii	0.0	6.3	-	VU	
Western Cattle Egret	Bubulcus ibis	0.0	0.0	-	-	
African Firefinch	Lagonosticta rubricata	3.1	0.0	-	-	
Southern Fiscal	Lanius collaris	50.0	9.4	_	-	
Egyptian Goose	Alopochen aegyptiaca	50.0	18.8	_	-	
Pale Chanting Goshawk	Melierax canorus	43.8	9.4	_	-	
Little Grebe	Tachybaptus ruficollis	25.0	6.3	_	-	
Black-headed Heron	Ardea melanocephala	3.1	0.0	_	-	
Grey Heron	Ardea cinerea	25.0	9.4	-	-	
Hadada Ibis	Bostrychia hagedash	46.9	21.9	-	-	
Rock Kestrel	Falco rupicolus	43.8	9.4	-	-	
Southern Black Korhaan	Afrotis afra	28.1	12.5	VU	VU	Х
Blacksmith Lapwing	Vanellus armatus	21.9	18.8	_	-	
Crowned Lapwing	Vanellus coronatus	40.6	6.3	-	-	
Large-billed Lark	Galerida magnirostris	53.1	12.5	-	-	Х
Monotonous Lark	Mirafra passerina	0	0			
Spike-heeled Lark	Chersomanes albofasciata	53.1	6.3	-	-	
Rock Martin	Ptyonoprogne fuligula	28.1	0.0	-	-	
Speckled Pigeon	Columba guinea	40.6	6.3	-	-	
African Pipit	Anthus cinnamomeus	87.5	31.3	-	-	
Common Quail	Coturnix coturnix	18.8	3.1	-	-	
South African Shelduck	Tadorna cana	37.5	21.9	-	-	
Red-backed Shrike	Lanius collurio	15.6	0.0	-	-	
African Spoonbill	Platalea alba	6.3	0.0	-	-	
Cape Starling	Lamprotornis nitens	65.6	21.9	-	-	
Pied Starling	Lamprotornis bicolor	46.9	18.8	-	-	Х
Red-winged Starling	Onychognathus morio	75.0	15.6	-	-	
Greater Double-collared Sunbird	Cinnyris afer	12.5	9.4	-	-	Х
Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica	37.5	9.4	-	-	
White-rumped Swift	Apus caffer	25.0	12.5	-	-	
Spotted Thick-knee	Burhinus capensis	9.4	0.0	-	-	
Cape Rock Thrush	Monticola rupestris	0.0	0.0	-	-	Х
Cape Vulture	Gyps coprotheres	3.1	3.1	EN	EN	
African Pied Wagtail	Motacilla aguimp	0.0	0.0			
Cape Wagtail	Motacilla capensis	50.0	28.1	-	-	

Name	3	SABAP 2 Reporting Rates Status				
Species name	Scientific name	Full protocol	Ad hoc protocol	Red List Global	Red List Regional	Endemic (SA)
Chestnut-vented Warbler	Curruca subcoerulea	40.6	21.9	-	-	
Rufous-eared Warbler	Malcorus pectoralis	46.9	6.3	-	-	

5.2 Nests

The following nests were recorded during the site surveys from 26 - 30 March 2022:

- 1. N1: Pied Crow
- 2. N2: Pied Crow
- 3. N3: 2 x Pale Chanting Goshawk/Pied Crow nests
- 4. N4: Pied Crow
- 5. N5: Old raptor nest
- 6. N6: Old nest of Hamerkop?
- 7. N7: Small raptor nest?
- 8. N8: Small raptor nest
- 9. N9: Secretarybird nest (active)

The only confirmed priority species nest was nest N9, i.e. an active Secretarybird nest. The nest is 13.1km from the closest turbine and will therefore not impact on the lay-out (Figure 2).

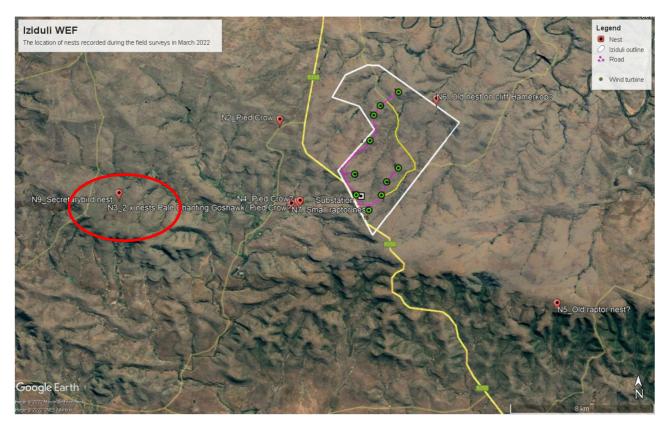


Figure 2: The nests identified during the walk-through exercise 26 - 30 March 2022.

5.3 Other sensitivities

Surface water is crucially important for priority avifauna including many SCC. It is important to leave open space with no obstructions for birds to access and leave the surface water area unhindered. Vultures in particular often congregate in large groups around dams to bath and drink. There is at least one known Cape Vulture G. *coprotheres* colony (Agieskloof) located within a 50km radius northeast of the project site. This is believed to be mainly a summer roost, used by up to 120 birds or even more in the off-season, and much depleted in the winter (from Feb-March to Sept-Oct) when most of these birds move east to breed (Boshoff et al. 2009a). Cape Vultures were observed roosting on the existing high voltage lines at then project site during the field visit in March 2022.

6 RECOMMENDATIONS

The following recommendations are put forward for inclusion in the Final Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) in addition to the recommendations in the Avian Impact Assessment Report (Jenkins 2010) and the subsequent pre-construction monitoring report (Jenkins et al. 2015):

- It is recommended that a 200m turbine exclusion zone is implemented around all sources of surface water at the project site, as a pre-cautionary measure against Cape Vulture and other SCC collisions (Figure 3). The current 10 turbine lay-out has taken this into account.
- It is recommended that shutdown on demand (SDoD) be implemented for Cape Vultures at all turbines during daylight hours for a trial period of two years in the operational phase, once the wind farm commences with operations, to reduce the risk of collisions of Cape Vultures with the turbines. The need for SDoD must be evaluated by the avifaunal specialist after the two year period to see if it is necessary to continue, based on the number of shutdown events in the preceding two years. If, alternative proven mitigation measures become available during the two year trial period or anytime thereafter, the SDoD can be suspended and replaced by alternative mitigation measures, on the recommendation of the avifaunal specialist.
- It is recommended that all internal medium voltage cables are buried if technically possible.
- Those sections where the medium voltage cable should preferably not be trenched due to technical or
 environmental reasons, but needs run on overhead poles, the proposed pole designs must be approved
 by the avifaunal specialist, to ensure that the designs are raptor-friendly.
- It is recommended that bird flight diverters are fitted to all the internal overhead lines.

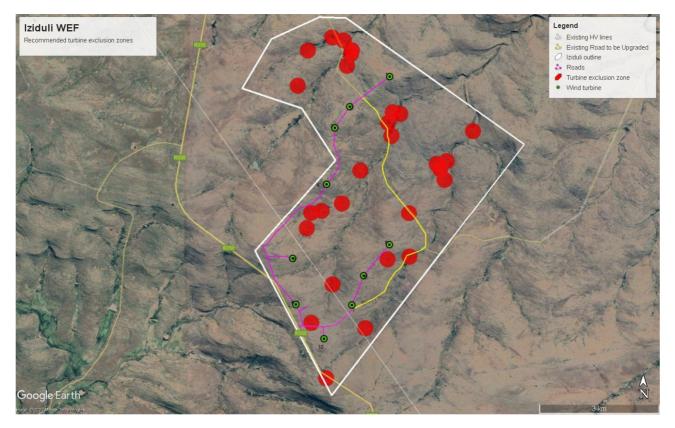


Figure 3: The 10 turbine layout with implemented buffer zones around water points

7 IMPACT STATEMENT

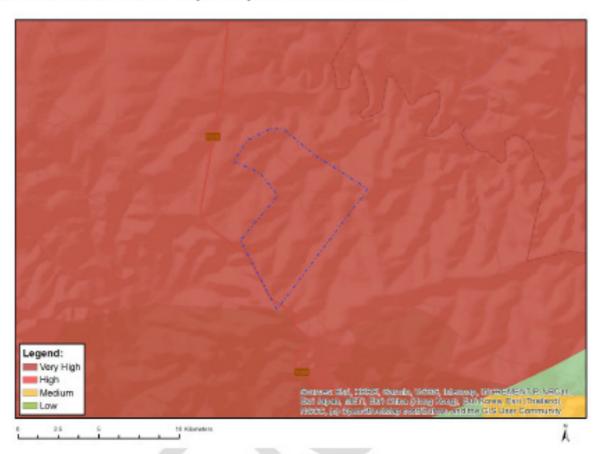
It is recommended that the lay-out is approved, subject to the implementation of the mitigation measures as detailed in the Environmental Management Programme (EMPr).

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APPENDIX 1: DFFE SCREENING REPORTS

MAP OF RELATIVE AVIAN (WIND) THEME SENSITIVITY

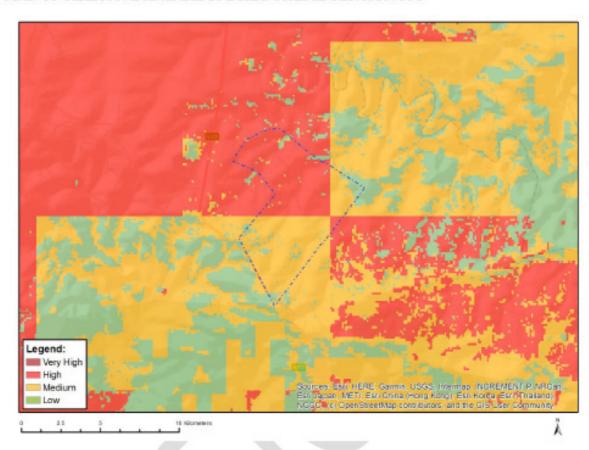


Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
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Sensitivity Features:

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Very High	within 50 km of Colonies; within 40 km of known Cape Vulture roosts sites
Very High	within 50 km of Colonies; areas where susceptible large terrestrial birds were found to be present
Very High	within 50 km of Colonies; within 40 km of known Cape Vulture roosts sites; areas where susceptible large terrestrial birds were found to be present





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)
High	Aves-Circus maurus
High	Aves-Afrotis afra
Low	Subject to confirmation
Medium	Aves-Afrotis afra
Medium	Aves-Circus maurus
Medium	Aves-Neotis denhami

APPENDIX 2: BIRD HABITAT



Figure 1: Grassland habitat at the project site



Figure 1: Woodland habitat at the project site

APPENDIX 3. Annotated list of the bird species considered likely to occur within the impact zone of the proposed Iziduli Emoyeni Wind Energy Facility. Species seen during the time spent on site appear in **bold (Jenkins** *et al.* **2015)**.

Species	Scientific name	Conservation	Endemism	Habitat			
		status		Grasslands (incl. light Acacia woodland)	Thicket (incl. dense riparian woodland)	Wetlands (incl. vleis, rivers and dams)	
Common Ostrich	Struthio camelus			X			
Grey-winged Francolin	Scleroptila africanus		Endemic	X			
Common Quail	Coturnix coturnix			X			
Helmeted Guineafowl	Numida meleagris			Х			
Egyptian Goose	Alopochen aegyptiaca					Х	
South African Shelduck	Tadorna cana		Endemic			Х	
Spur-winged Goose	Plectropterus gambensis					Х	
White-faced Duck	Dendrocygna viduata					Х	
African Black Duck	Anas sparsa					Х	
Yellow-billed Duck	Anas undulata					Х	
Cape Shoveler	Anas smithii		Endemic			Х	
Cape Teal	Anas capensis					Х	
Red-billed Teal	Anas erythrorhyncha					Х	
Greater Honeyguide	Indicator indicator				Х		
Lesser Honeyguide	Indicator minor				Х		
Red-throated Wryneck	Jynx ruficollis				Х		
Cardinal Woodpecker	Dendropicos fuscescens				Х		
Acacia Pied Barbet	Tricholaema leucomelas		Near-endemic		Х		
Black-collared Barbet	Lybius torquatus				Х		

Species	Scientific name	Conservation status	Endemism		Habitat			
			Grasslands (incl. light <i>Acacia</i> woodland)	Thicket (incl. dense riparian woodland)	Wetlands (incl. vleis, rivers and dams)			
Red-fronted Tinkerbird	Pogoniulus pusillus				X			
Crowned Hornbill	Tockus alboterminatus				Х			
African Hoopoe	Upupa africana				Х			
Green Wood-Hoopoe	Phoeniculus purpureus				Х			
European Roller	Coracias garrulus			Х				
Malachite Kingfisher	Alcedo cristata					Χ		
Brown-hooded Kingfisher	Halcyon albiventris				Х			
Giant Kingfisher	Megaceryle maximus					Х		
Pied Kingfisher	Ceryle rudis					Х		
European Bee-eater	Merops apiaster			Х				
White-backed Mousebird	Colius colius				X			
Speckled Mousebird	Colius striatus				Х			
Red-faced Mousebird	Urocolius indicus				Х			
Jacobin Cuckoo	Clamator jacobinus				Х			
Great Spotted Cuckoo	Clamator glandarius				Х			
Red-chested Cuckoo	Cuculus solitarius				Х			
Black Cuckoo	Cuculus clamosus				Х			
Common Cuckoo	Cuculus canorus				Х			
Klaas's Cuckoo	Chrysococcyx klaas				Х			
Diderick Cuckoo	Chrysococcyx caprius				Х			
Burchell's Coucal	Centropus burchellii					Х		
Alpine Swift	Tachymarptis melba			Х				
Common Swift	Apus apus			Х				

Species	Scientific name	Conservation status	Endemism		Habitat	
			Grasslands (incl. light Acacia woodland)	Thicket (incl. dense riparian woodland)	Wetlands (incl. vleis, rivers and dams)	
African Black Swift	Apus barbatus			X		
Little Swift	Apus affinis			X		
Horus Swift	Apus horus			X		
White-rumped Swift	Apus caffer			X		
Barn Owl	Tyto alba			X	X	
African Scops Owl	Otus senegalensis				X	
Cape Eagle-Owl	Bubo capensis			X		
Spotted Eagle-Owl	Bubo africanus			Х	Х	
Fiery-necked Nightjar	Caprimulgus pectoralis				Х	
Rufous-cheeked Nightjar	Caprimulgus rufigena				Х	
Rock Dove	Columba livia			Х		
Speckled Pigeon	Columba guinea			Х		
African Olive-Pigeon	Columba arquatrix				X	
Laughing Dove	Streptopelia senegalensis			Х	Х	
Cape Turtle-Dove	Streptopelia capicola			X	X	
Red-eyed Dove	Streptopelia semitorquata				Х	
Namaqua Dove	Oena capensis			Х		
Denham's Bustard	Neotis denhami	Vulnerable		Х		
Ludwig's Bustard	Neotis ludwigii	Vulnerable	Near-endemic	X		
Kori Bustard	Aredeotis kori	Vulnerable		Х		
Southern Black Korhaan	Afrotis afra		Endemic	Х		
Karoo Korhaan	Eupodotis vigorsii		Endemic	Х		
White-bellied Korhaan	Eupodotis senegalensis	Vulnerable		Х		

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Blue Crane	Anthropoides paradiseus	Vulnerable	Endemic	X		X
African Rail	Rallus caerulescens					Х
Black Crake	Amaurornis flavirostris					Х
Common Moorhen	Gallinula chloropus					Х
Red-knobbed Coot	Fulica cristata					Х
Namaqua Sandgrouse	Pterocles namaqua		Near-endemic	Х		
African Snipe	Gallinago nigripennis					Х
Marsh Sandpiper	Tringa stagnatilis					Х
Common Greenshank	Tringa nebularia					Х
Common Sandpiper	Actitis hypoleucos					Х
African Jacana	Actophilornis africanus					Х
Spotted Thick-knee	Burhinus capensis			Х		
Black-winged Stilt	Himantopus himantopus					Х
Pied Avocet	Recurvirostra avosetta					Х
Kittlitz's Plover	Charadrius pecuarius			Х		Х
Three-banded Plover	Charadrius tricollaris					х
Blacksmith Lapwing	Vanellus armatus					X
Crowned Lapwing	Vanellus coronatus			Х		
Double-banded Courser	Rhinoptilus africanus			X		
Burchell's Courser	Cursorius rufus		Endemic	Х		
Grey-headed Gull	Larus cirrocephalus					Χ
Whiskered Tern	Chlidonias hybrida					Х
White-winged Tern	Chlidonias leucopterus					Х

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Black-shouldered Kite	Elanus caeruleus			X	X	
Yellow-billed Kite	Milvus migrans			X	X	
African Fish-Eagle	Haliaeetus vocifer				X	Χ
Cape Vulture	Gyps coprotheres	Vulnerable	Endemic	Х		
African Marsh-Harrier	Circus ranivorus	Vulnerable				Х
Black Harrier	Circus maurus	Near-threatened	Endemic	Х		Х
Pallid Harrier	Circus macrourus	Near-threatened		Х		
African Harrier-Hawk	Polyboroides typus			Х	Х	
Southern Pale Chanting Goshawk	Melierax canorus		Near-endemic	Х	Х	
Gabar Goshawk	Melierax gabar				Х	
African Goshawk	Accipiter tachiro				Х	
Little Sparrowhawk	Accipiter minullus				Х	
Rufous-chested Sparrowhawk	Accipiter rufiventris			Х	Х	
Black Sparrowhawk	Accipiter melanoleucus				Х	
Steppe Buzzard	Buteo vulpinus			Х	Х	
Jackal Buzzard	Buteo rufofuscus		Endemic	Х	Х	
Verreaux's Eagle	Aquila verreauxii			Х		
Booted Eagle	Aquila pennatus			Х		
Martial Eagle	Polemaetus bellicosus	Vulnerable		Х	Х	
Secretarybird	Sagittarius serpentarius	Near-threatened		Х		
Lesser Kestrel	Falco naumanni	Vulnerable		Х		
Rock Kestrel	Falco rupicolus			Х		

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Greater Kestrel	Falco rupicoloides			X		
Amur Falcon	Falco amurensis			X		
Eurasian Hobby	Falco subbuteo			X	X	
Lanner Falcon	Falco biarmicus	Near-threatened		X		
Peregrine Falcon	Falco peregrinus	Near-threatened		X		
Little Grebe	Tachybaptus ruficollis					Х
Black-necked Grebe	Podiceps nigricollis					Χ
African Darter	Anhinga rufa					Χ
Reed Cormorant	Phalacrocorax africanus					Х
White-breasted Cormorant	Phalacrocorax lucidus					Х
Little Egret	Egretta garzetta					Χ
Yellow-billed Egret	Egretta intermedia					Х
Great Egret	Egretta alba					Χ
Grey Heron	Ardea cinerea					Х
Black-headed Heron	Ardea melanocephala			Х		Х
Goliath Heron	Ardea goliath					Χ
Purple Heron	Ardea purpurea					Х
Cattle Egret	Bubulcus ibis			Х		Х
Squacco Heron	Ardeola ralloides					Χ
Black-crowned Night-Heron	Nycticorax nycticorax					Χ
Little Bittern	Ixobrychus minutus					Χ
Hamerkop	Scopus umbretta					Х

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Glossy Ibis	Plegadis falcinellus					Χ
Hadeda Ibis	Bostrychia hagedash				X	X
African Sacred Ibis	Threskiornis aethiopicus					Х
African Spoonbill	Platalea alba					X
Yellow-billed Stork	Mycteria ibis	Near-threatened				Χ
Black Stork	Ciconia nigra	Near-threatened		X		Х
White Stork	Ciconia ciconia			X		Χ
Eurasian Golden Oriole	Oriolus oriolus				X	
Black-headed Oriole	Oriolus larvatus				X	
Fork-tailed Drongo	Dicrurus adsimilis				Х	
African Paradise-Flycatcher	Terpsiphone viridis				Х	
Black-backed Puffback	Dryoscopus cubla				Х	
Southern Tchagra	Tchagra tchagra		Endemic		Х	
Southern Boubou	Laniarius ferrugineus		Endemic		Х	
Bokmakierie	Telophorus zeylonus		Near-endemic		Х	
Olive Bush-Shrike	Telophorus olivaceus		Near-endemic		Х	
Cape Batis	Batis capensis		Endemic		х	
Chinspot Batis	Batis molitor				х	
Pririt Batis	Batis pririt		Near-endemic		X	
Cape Crow	Corvus capensis			Х		
Pied Crow	Corvus albus			Х	Х	
White-necked Raven	Corvus albicollis			Х		

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Red-backed Shrike	Lanius collurio			X	X		
Lesser Grey Shrike	Lanius minor			Χ			
Common Fiscal	Lanius collaris			Х	Х		
Cape Penduline-Tit	Anthoscopus minutus		Near-endemic		Х		
Grey Tit	Parus afer		Endemic	Х	Х		
Southern Black Tit	Parus niger			Х	Х		
Sand Martin	Riparia riparia			Х		Х	
Brown-throated Martin	Riparia paludicola					Х	
Banded Martin	Riparia cincta			Х		Х	
Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica			Х		Х	
White-throated Swallow	Hirundo albigularis					Х	
Pearl-breasted Swallow	Hirundo dimidiata			Х		Х	
Greater Striped Swallow	Hirundo cucullata			Х		Х	
Lesser Striped Swallow	Hirundo abyssinica			Х		Х	
South African Cliff-Swallow	Hirundo spilodera		Breeding endemic	Х			
Rock Martin	Hirundo fuligula			Х			
Common House-Martin	Delichon urbicum			Х		Х	
Black Saw-wing	Psalidoprocne holomelaena				Х		
Dark-capped Bulbul	Pycnonotus tricolor				Х		
African Red-eyed Bulbul	Pycnonotus nigricans		Near-endemic		X		
Cape Bulbul	Pycnonotus capensis		Endemic		Х		
Sombre Greenbul	Andropadus importunus				Х		

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Fairy Flycatcher	Stenostira scita		Endemic	X	X	
Cape Grassbird	Sphenoeacus afer		Endemic	X		
Long-billed Crombec	Sylvietta rufescens				Х	
Yellow-bellied Eremomela	Eremomela icteropygialis				Х	
Karoo Eremomela	Eremomela gregalis		Endemic	Х		
Little Rush-Warbler	Bradypterus baboecala					Х
African Reed-Warbler	Acrocephalus baeticatus					Х
Lesser Swamp Warbler	Acrocephalus gracilirostris					Х
Willow Warbler	Phylloscopus trochilus				Х	
Layard's Tit-Babbler	Parisoma layardi		Endemic	Х	Х	
Chestnut-vented Tit-Babbler	Parisoma subcaeruleum		Near-endemic	Х	Х	
Garden Warbler	Sylvia borin				Х	
Cape White-eye	Zosterops virens		Endemic		Х	
Orange River White-eye	Zosterops pallidus		Endemic		Х	
Lazy Cisticola	Cisticola aberrans			Х		
Grey-backed Cisticola	Cisticola subruficapilla			Х	Х	
Wailing Cisticola	Cisticola lais				Х	
Levaillant's Cisticola	Cisticola tinniens					Х
Neddicky	Cisticola fulvicapilla			Х		
Zitting Cisticola	Cisticola juncidis			Х		
Desert Cisticola	Cisticola aridulus			Х		
Cloud Cisticola	Cisticola textrix		Near-endemic	Х		

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Black-chested Prinia	Prinia flavicans		Near-endemic		X	
Karoo Prinia	Prinia maculosa		Endemic	Х	X	
Namaqua Warbler	Phragmacia substriata		Endemic		X	
Rufous-eared Warbler	Malcorus pectoralis		Endemic	Х		
Bar-throated Apalis	Apalis thoracica				Х	
Yellow-breasted Apalis	Apalis flavida				Х	
Melodious Lark	Mirafra cheniana	Near-threatened	Endemic	X		
Rufous-naped Lark	Mirafra africana			Х		
Cape Clapper Lark	Mirafra apiata		Endemic	Х		
Eastern Clapper Lark	Mirafra fasciolata		Near-endemic	Х		
Sabota Lark	Calendulauda sabota		Near-endemic	Х		
Spike-heeled Lark	Chersomanes albofasciata			Х		
Eastern Long-billed Lark	Certhilauda semitorquata		Endemic	X		
Grey-backed Sparrowlark	Eremopterix verticalis		Near-endemic	X		
Red-capped Lark	Calandrella cinerea			X		
Large-billed Lark	Galerida magnirostris		Endemic	Х		
Cape Rock-Thrush	Monticola rupestris		Endemic	х		
Sentinel Rock-Thrush	Monticola explorator		Endemic	Х		
Karoo Thrush	Turdus smithi		Endemic	Х	Х	
Chat Flycatcher	Bradornis infuscatus		Near-endemic	Х		
Fiscal Flycatcher	Sigelus silens		Endemic		Х	
Spotted Flycatcher	Muscicapa striata				Х	

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African Dusky Flycatcher	Muscicapa adusta				X	
Cape Robin-Chat	Cossypha caffra				X	
White-browed Scrub-Robin	Cercotrichas leucophrys				X	
Karoo Scrub-Robin	Cercotrichas coryphoeus		Endemic	Х	X	
African Stonechat	Saxicola torquatus			Х		
Mountain Wheatear	Oenanthe monticola		Near-endemic	Х		
Capped Wheatear	Oenanthe pileata			Х		
Sickle-winged Chat	Cercomela sinuata		Endemic	Х		
Karoo Chat	Cercomela schlegelii		Near-endemic	X		
Familiar Chat	Cercomela familiaris			Х		
Ant-eating Chat	Myrmecocichla formicivora		Endemic	Х		
Mocking Cliff-Chat	Thamnolaea cinnamomeiventris			Х		
Pale-winged Starling	Onychognathus nabouroup		Near-endemic	Х		
Red-winged Starling	Onychognathus morio			Х		
Cape Glossy Starling	Lamprotornis nitens				х	
Pied Starling	Spreo bicolor		Endemic	Х		
Wattled Starling	Creatophora cinerea			Х	X	
Common Starling	Sturnus vulgaris				Х	
Amethyst Sunbird	Chalcomitra amethystina				х	
Malachite Sunbird	Nectarinia famosa			X	Х	

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Southern Double- collared Sunbird	Cinnyris chalybeus		Endemic	X	X		
Greater Double-collared Sunbird	Cinnyris afer		Endemic	Х			
Dusky Sunbird	Cinnyris fuscus		Near-endemic	Х			
Scaly-feathered Finch	Sporopipes squamifrons		Near-endemic	Х			
White-browed Sparrow-Weaver	Plocepasser mahali			Х			
Spectacled Weaver	Ploceus ocularis				Х		
Cape Weaver	Ploceus capensis		Endemic	Х	Х	Х	
Southern Masked-Weaver	Ploceus velatus			Х	Х	Х	
Village Weaver	Ploceus cucullatus				Х		
Red-billed Quelea	Quelea quelea			Х		Х	
Yellow-crowned Bishop	Euplectes afer					Х	
Southern Red Bishop	Euplectes orix			Х		Х	
Yellow Bishop	Euplectes capensis			X		Х	
Long-tailed Widowbird	Euplectes progne			X		Х	
Red-collared Widowbird	Euplectes ardens			X			
African Quailfinch	Ortygospiza atricollis			Х			
Red-headed Finch	Amadina erythrocephala		Near-endemic	X	Х		
Swee Waxbill	Coccopygia melanotis		Endemic		Х		
Common Waxbill	Estrilda astrild			Х	Х	Х	
Red-billed Firefinch	Lagonosticta senegala				Х		
African Firefinch	Lagonosticta rubricata				Х		

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Bronze Mannikin	Spermestes cucullatus			X		Х
Pin-tailed Whydah	Vidua macroura			Х		
Dusky Indigobird	Vidua funerea				Х	
House Sparrow	Passer domesticus			х	х	Х
Cape Sparrow	Passer melanurus		Near-endemic	X		
Southern Grey-headed Sparrow	Passer diffusus			X		
Yellow-throated Petronia	Petronia superciliaris				X	
African Pied Wagtail	Motacilla aguimp					X
Cape Wagtail	Motacilla capensis			Х		Х
Yellow Wagtail	Motacilla flava					Х
Cape Longclaw	Macronyx capensis		Endemic	X		
African Rock Pipit	Anthus crenatus		Endemic	Х		
African Pipit	Anthus cinnamomeus			Х		
Plain-backed Pipit	Anthus leucophrys			X		
Buffy Pipit	Anthus vaalensis			X		
Long-billed Pipit	Anthus similis			Х		
Cape Canary	Serinus canicollis		Endemic	х	х	
Black-headed Canary	Serinus alario		Endemic	Х		
Yellow-fronted Canary	Crithagra mozambicus			Х	Х	
Black-throated Canary	Crithagra atrogularis			Х		
Forest Canary	Crithagra scotops		Endemic		Х	
Yellow Canary	Crithagra flaviventris		Near-endemic	х		
Brimstone Canary	Crithagra sulphuratus			Х	Х	
White-throated Canary	Crithagra albogularis		Near-endemic	Х	36	

Streaky-headed Seedeater	Crithagra gularis		X	X	
Lark-like Bunting	Emberiza impetuani	Near-endemic	X		
Cinnamon-breasted Bunting	Emberiza tahapisi		X		
Cape Bunting	Emberiza capensis	Near-endemic	X		
Golden-breasted Bunting	Emberiza flaviventris			Х	