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

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Project name: Nyala SPP

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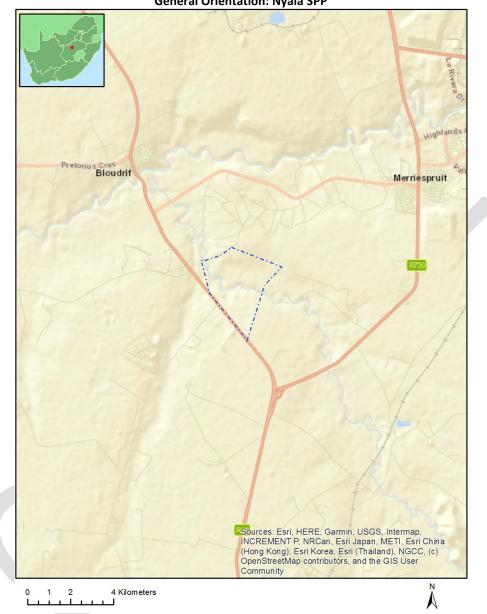


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# **Proposed Project Location**

# Orientation map 1: General location



**General Orientation: Nyala SPP** 

# 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		562	0	28°8'55.91S	26°43'35.17E	Farm
2		225	0	28°9'42.74S	26°45'34.43E	Farm
3		225	14	28°9'31.88S	26°46'59.72E	Farm Portion
4		562	3	28°8'50.91S	26°44'24.09E	Farm Portion
5		225	8	28°8'41.4S	26°46'11.42E	Farm Portion
6		225	1	28°9'52.47S	26°43'55.52E	Farm Portion
7		225	0	28°9'21.35S	26°45'43.33E	Farm Portion
8		225	15	28°8'42.73S	26°45'5.07E	Farm Portion

Development footprint<sup>1</sup> 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)

<sup>1</sup> "development footprint", means the area within the site on which the development will take place and incudes 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.

1	14/12/16/3/3/1/1472	Solar PV	Approved	27.6	
2	12/12/20/2666/A	Solar PV	Approved	2.5	
3	12/12/20/2669	Solar PV	Approved	0	
4	12/12/20/2668	Solar PV	Approved	9.5	
5	12/12/20/2669/A	Solar PV	Approved	0	
6	12/12/20/2666	Solar PV	Approved	2.5	
7	12/12/20/2667	Solar PV	Approved	9.5	
8	14/12/16/3/3/1/1471	Solar PV	Approved	26.3	

# Environmental Management Frameworks relevant to the application

No intersections with EMF areas found.

# Environmental screening results and assessment outcomes

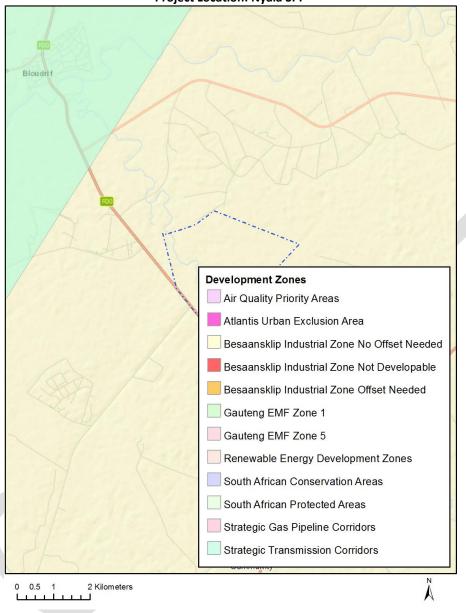
The following sections contain a summary of any development incentives, restrictions, exclusions or prohibitions that apply to the proposed development site as well as the most environmental sensitive features on the site based on the site sensitivity screening results for the application classification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

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.

No intersection with any development zones found.

# Map indicating proposed development footprint within applicable development incentive, restriction, exclusion or prohibition zones



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# 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		Х		
Animal Species Theme				Х
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Aquatic Biodiversity Theme			Х
Archaeological and Cultural			Х
Heritage Theme			
Avian Theme			Х
Civil Aviation (Solar PV)		Х	
Theme			
Defence Theme			Х
Paleontology Theme	Х		
Plant Species Theme			Х
RFI Theme			Х
Terrestrial Biodiversity Theme	Х		

# Specialist assessments identified

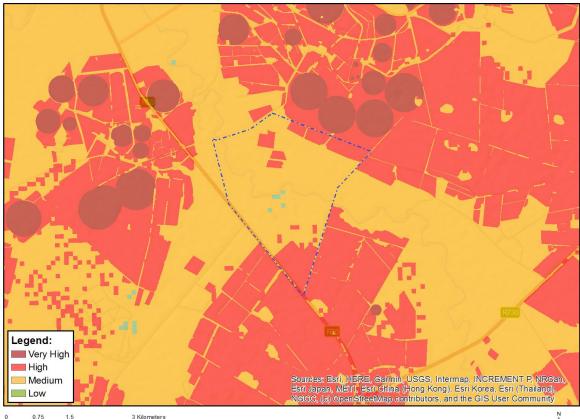
Based on the selected classification, and the environmental sensitivities of the proposed development footprint, the following list of specialist assessments have been identified for inclusion in the assessment report. It is the responsibility of the EAP to confirm this list and to motivate in the assessment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

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1	Agricult ural Impact Assessm ent	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols /Gazetted_WindAndSolar_Agriculture_Assessment_Protocols.pdf
2	Landsca pe/Visu al Impact Assessm ent	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols /Gazetted_General_Requirement_Assessment_Protocols.pdf
3	Archaeo logical and Cultural Heritage Impact Assessm ent	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols /Gazetted_General_Requirement_Assessment_Protocols.pdf
4	Palaeon tology Impact Assessm ent	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols /Gazetted_General_Requirement_Assessment_Protocols.pdf
5	Terrestri al Biodiver sity Impact Assessm ent	<u>https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols</u> /Gazetted_Terrestrial_Biodiversity_Assessment_Protocols.pdf
6	Aquatic Biodiver sity Impact	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols /Gazetted_Aquatic_Biodiversity_Assessment_Protocols.pdf

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7	Civil Aviation Assessm ent	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols /Gazetted_Civil_Aviation_Installations_Assessment_Protocols.pdf
8	Defense Assessm ent	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols /Gazetted_Defence_Installations_Assessment_Protocols.pdf
9	RFI Assessm ent	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols /Gazetted_General_Requirement_Assessment_Protocols.pdf
1 0	Geotech nical Assessm ent	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols /Gazetted_General_Requirement_Assessment_Protocols.pdf
1 1	Socio- Economi c Assessm ent	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols /Gazetted General Requirement Assessment Protocols.pdf
1 2	Plant Species Assessm ent	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols /Gazetted Plant Species Assessment Protocols.pdf
1 3	Animal Species Assessm ent	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols /Gazetted_Animal_Species_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

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Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
	X		

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
High	Land capability;09. Moderate-High/10. Moderate-High
High	Annual Crop Cultivation / Planted Pastures Rotation;Land capability;06. Low-Moderate/07. Low- Moderate/08. Moderate
High	Annual Crop Cultivation / Planted Pastures Rotation;Land capability;09. Moderate-High/10. Moderate- High
Low	Land capability;01. Very low/02. Very low/03. Low-Very low/04. Low-Very low/05. Low
Medium	Land capability;06. Low-Moderate/07. Low-Moderate/08. Moderate

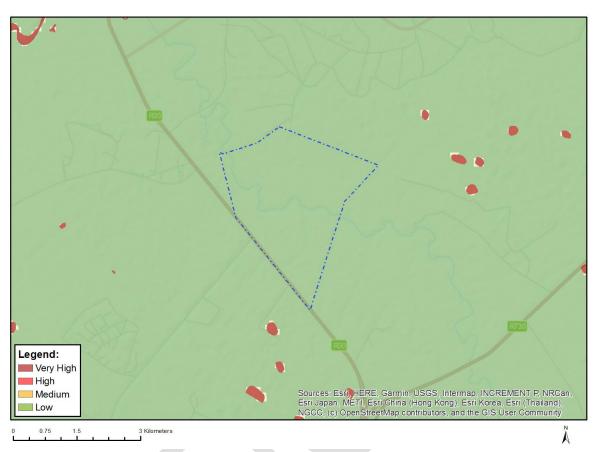


# MAP OF RELATIVE ANIMAL SPECIES THEME SENSITIVITY

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Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity	
			Х	

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Low	Subject to confirmation



# MAP OF RELATIVE AQUATIC BIODIVERSITY THEME SENSITIVITY

Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
			Х

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Low	Low sensitivity

# MAP OF RELATIVE ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL HERITAGE THEME SENSITIVITY



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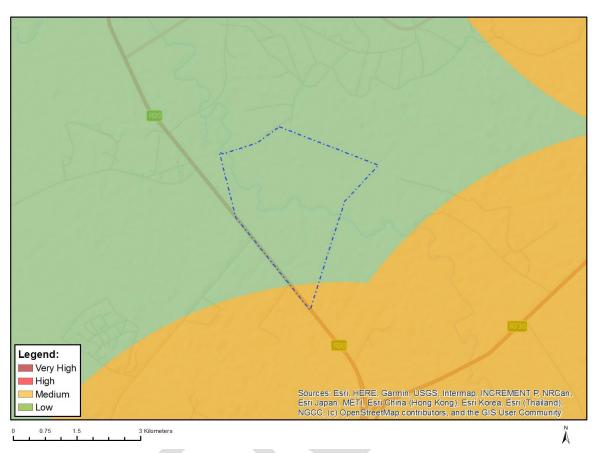
Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Low	Low sensitivity

# MAP OF RELATIVE AVIAN THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
			Х

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Low	Low Sensitivity



# MAP OF RELATIVE CIVIL AVIATION (SOLAR PV) THEME SENSITIVITY

Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
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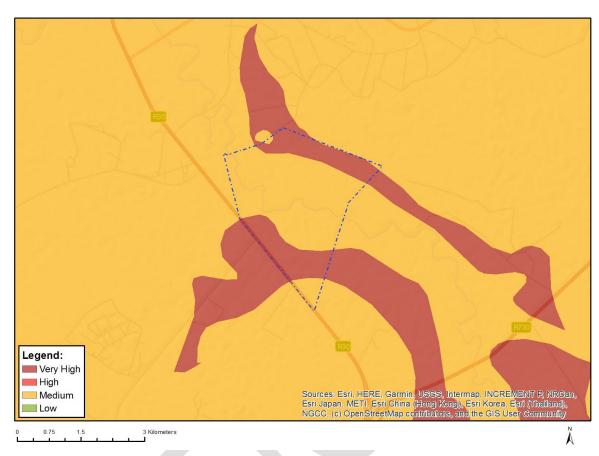
Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Low	No major or other types of civil aviation aerodromes
Medium	Within 8 km of an other civil aviation aerodrome

# MAP OF RELATIVE DEFENCE THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
			Х

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Low	Low sensitivity



# MAP OF RELATIVE PALEONTOLOGY THEME SENSITIVITY

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

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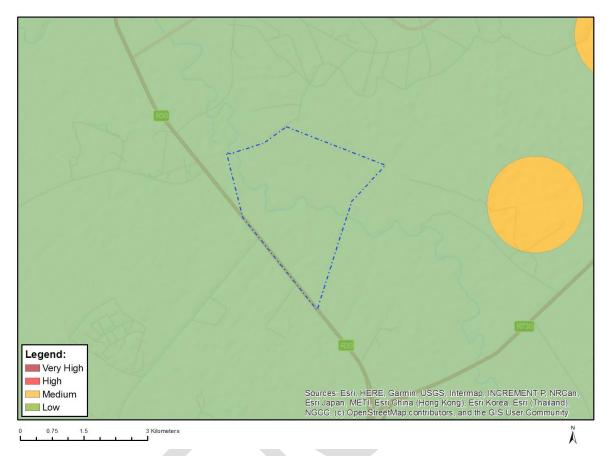
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Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Low	Low Sensitivity

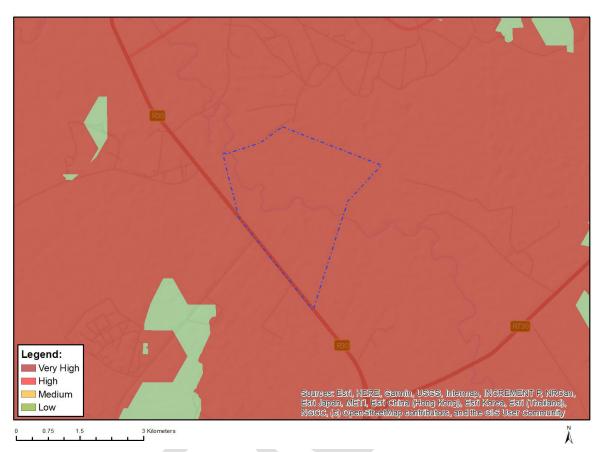
# MAP OF RELATIVE RFI THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
			Х

# 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	Feature(s)
Very High	Critical biodiveristy area 1
Very High	Ecological support area 1
Very High	Ecological support area 2
Very High	Endangered ecosystem