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

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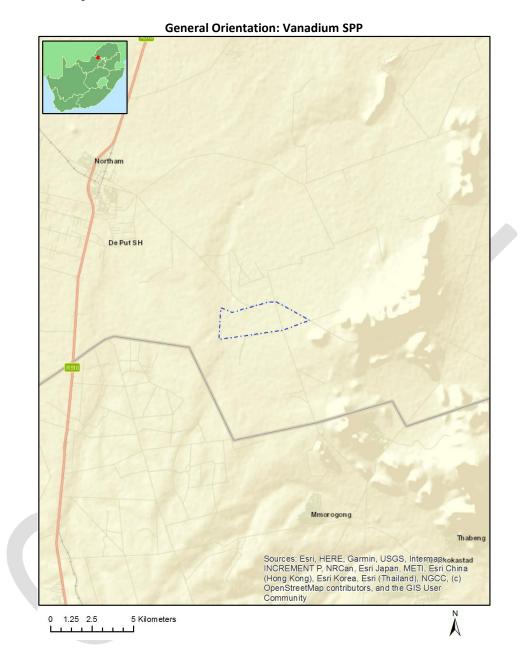
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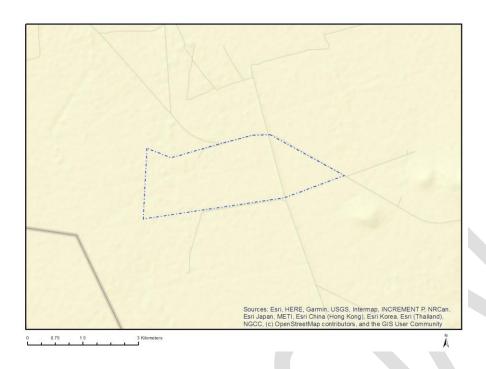
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# **Proposed Project Location**

# Orientation map 1: General location



# 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	ZWARTDOORNS	421	0	24°59'53.84S	27°22'25.73E	Farm
2	MAKAYSKRAAL	18	0	25°0'28.8S	27°20'10.73E	Farm
3	MAKAYSKRAAL	18	1	25°1'49.44S	27°20'13.58E	Farm Portion
4	MAKAYSKRAAL	18	0	25°0'55.11S	27°20'19.47E	Farm Portion
5		12	237	25°2'3.83S	27°19'50.06E	Farm Portion
6	ZWARTDOORNS	421	2	25°1'40.53S	27°22'4.42E	Farm Portion

Development footprint<sup>1</sup> vertices: No development footprint(s) specified.

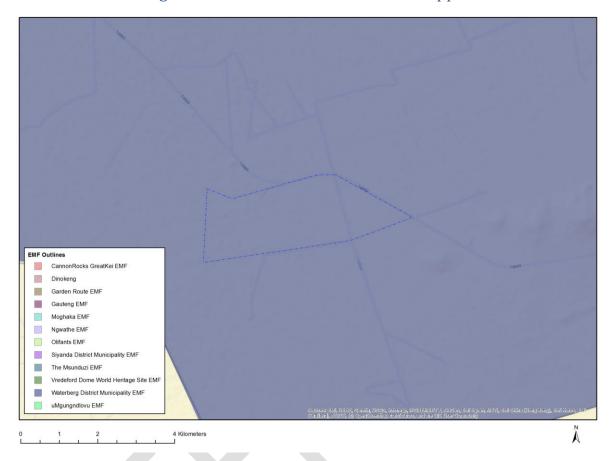
Wind and Solar developments with an approved Environmental Authorisation or applications under consideration within 30 km of the proposed area

No	EIA Reference No	Classification	Status of application	Distance from proposed area (km)
1	14/12/16/3/3/1/969	Solar PV	Approved	19.1
2	14/12/16/3/1/969	Solar PV	Approved	19.1

<sup>&</sup>lt;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.

3   12/12/20/2129   Solar PV   Approved   11.9
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### Environmental Management Frameworks relevant to the application



Environmen	LINK
tal	
Manageme	
nt	
Framework	
Waterberg	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/EMF/WDEMF_Final_
District	EMF_Report.pdf
Municipality	
EMF	

# 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:

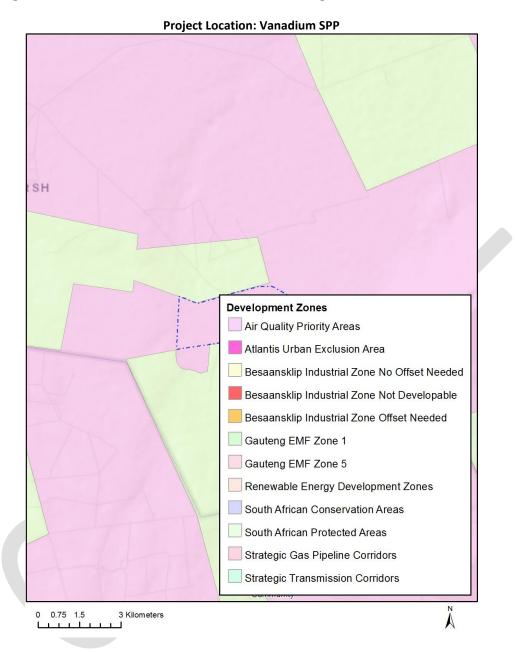
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# Relevant development incentives, restrictions, exclusions or prohibitions

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

Incenti	Implication
ve,	
restricti	
on or	
prohibi	
tion	
Air	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/DevelopmentZones/gg39
Quality-	489 nn1207a.pdf
Waterber	
g-	
Bojanala	
Priority	
Area	
South	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/DevelopmentZones/SAPA
African	D OR 2022 Q1 Metadata.pdf
Protecte	
d Areas	

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



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

# 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.

N	Special	Assessment Protocol
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	assess	
	ment	
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	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted_Terrestrial_Biodiversity_Assessment_Protocols.pdf
6	Aquatic Biodiver sity	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/ /Gazetted_Aquatic_Biodiversity_Assessment_Protocols.pdf

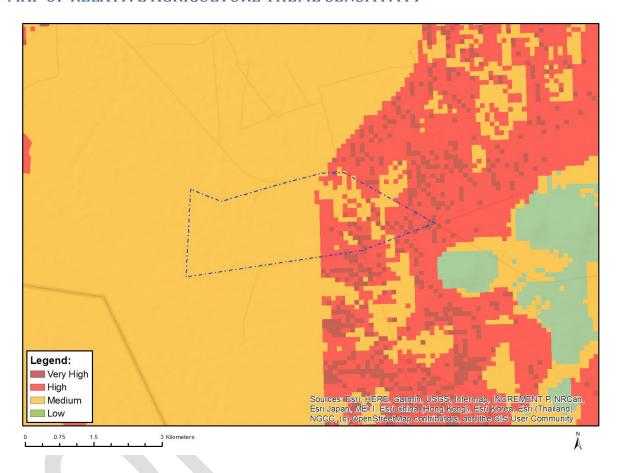
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	Impact	
	Assessm	
	ent	
7	Civil Aviation Assessm ent	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted_Civil_Aviation_Installations_Assessment_Protocols.pdf
8	Defense Assessm ent	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/ /Gazetted_Defence_Installations_Assessment_Protocols.pdf
9	RFI Assessm ent	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/ /Gazetted_General_Requirement_Assessment_Protocols.pdf
0	Geotech nical Assessm ent	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted_General_Requirement_Assessment_Protocols.pdf
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.

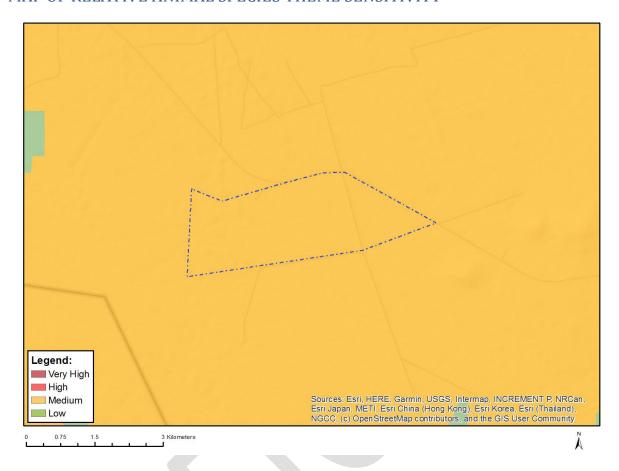
### MAP OF RELATIVE AGRICULTURE THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
Х			

Sensitivity	Feature(s)		
High	Land capability;09. Moderate-High/10. Moderate-High		
Medium	ım Land capability;06. Low-Moderate/07. Low-Moderate/08. Moderate		
Very High	Land capability;11. High/12. High-Very high/13. High-Very high/14. Very high/15. Very high		

### MAP OF RELATIVE ANIMAL SPECIES THEME SENSITIVITY

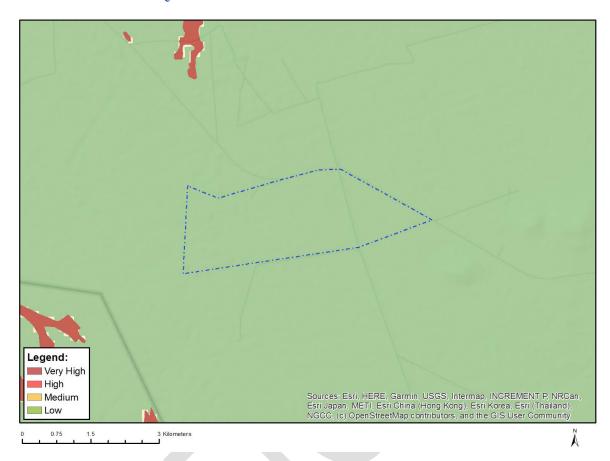


Where only a sensitive plant unique number or sensitive animal unique number is provided in the screening report and an assessment is required, the environmental assessment practitioner (EAP) or specialist is required to email SANBI at <a href="mailto:eiadatarequests@sanbi.org.za">eiadatarequests@sanbi.org.za</a> 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
		Х	

Sensitivity	Feature(s)	
Medium	Aves-Aquila rapax	
Medium	Sensitive species 5	
Medium	Mammalia-Crocidura maquassiensis	
Medium	Mammalia-Lycaon pictus	
Medium	Reptilia-Kinixys lobatsiana	

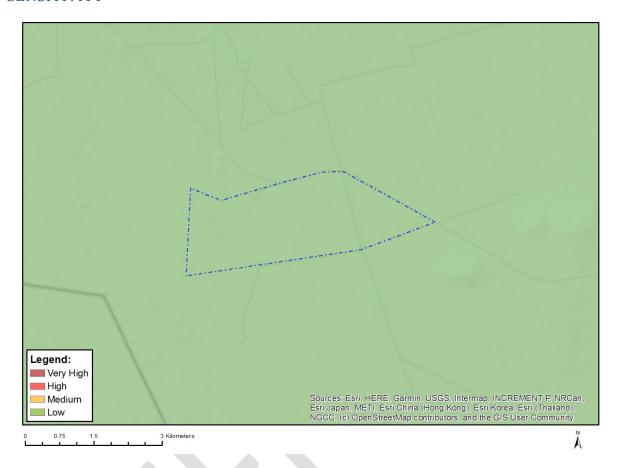
# MAP OF RELATIVE AQUATIC BIODIVERSITY THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
X			

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Low	Low sensitivity
Very High	Wetlands and Estuaries

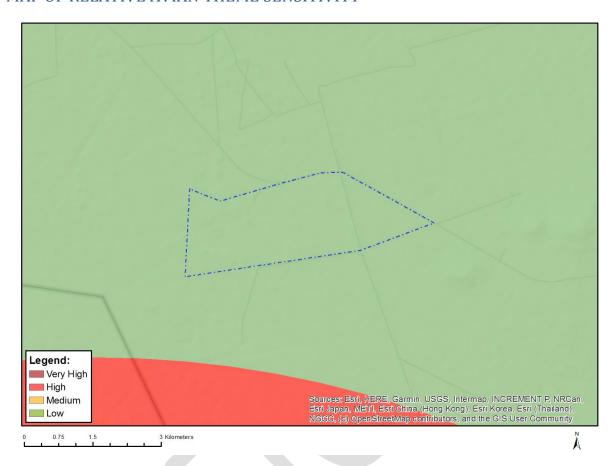
# MAP OF RELATIVE ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL HERITAGE THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
			X

Sensitivity	Feature(s)	
Low	Low sensitivity	

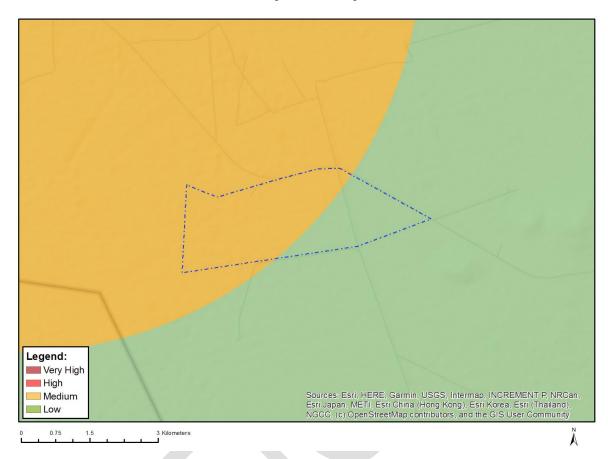
### MAP OF RELATIVE AVIAN THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
			Χ

Sensitivity	Feature(s)	
Low	Low Sensitivity	

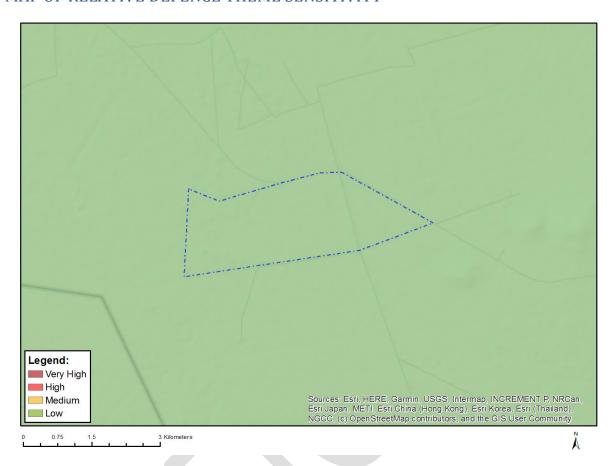
# MAP OF RELATIVE CIVIL AVIATION (SOLAR PV) THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
		X	

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

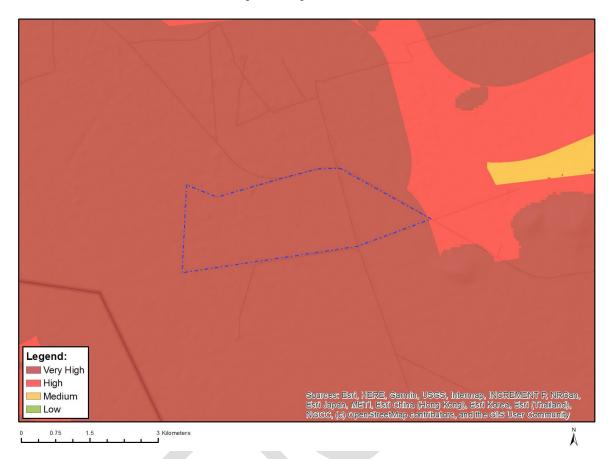
### MAP OF RELATIVE DEFENCE THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
			Χ

Sensitivity	Feature(s)	
Low	Low sensitivity	
Low	Low sensitivity	

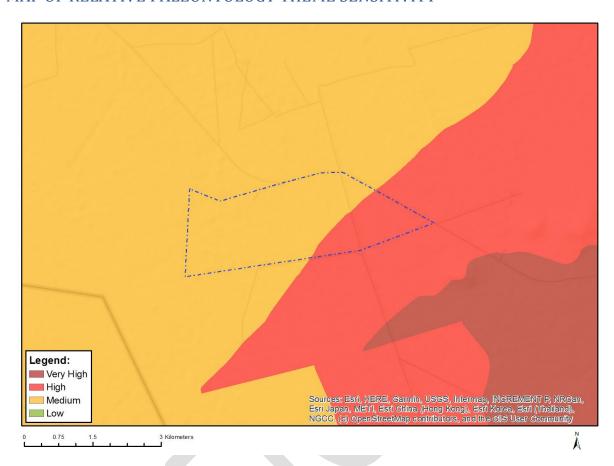
# MAP OF RELATIVE LANDSCAPE (SOLAR) THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
X			

Sensitivity	Feature(s)	
High	Between 1.5 and 3 km of a nature reserve	
Very High	Within 1.5 km of a nature reserve	
Very High	Nature Reserve	
Very High	Mountain tops and high ridges	

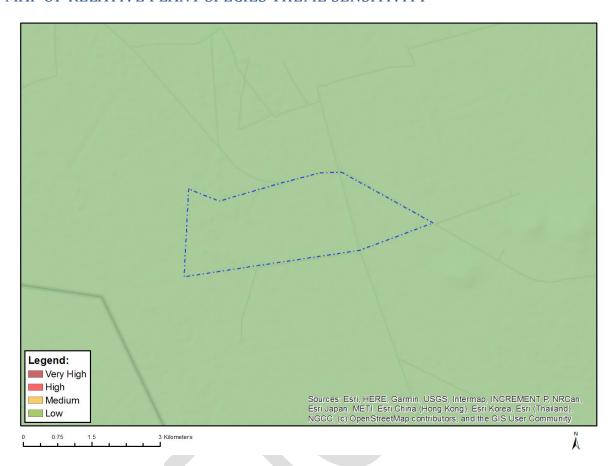
### MAP OF RELATIVE PALEONTOLOGY THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
	X		

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

### MAP OF RELATIVE PLANT SPECIES THEME SENSITIVITY

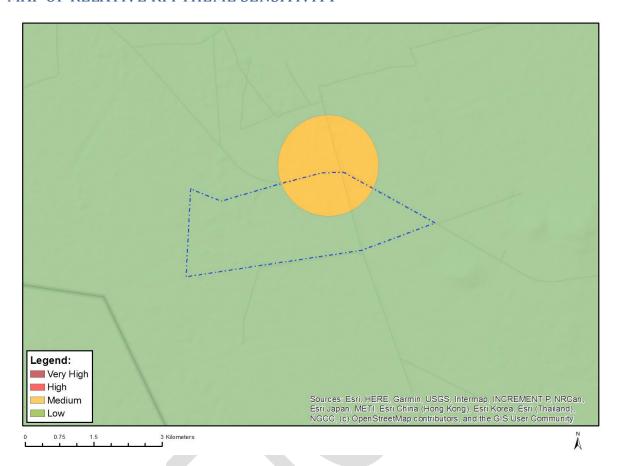


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			Χ

Sensitivity	Feature(s)	
Low	Low Sensitivity	

### MAP OF RELATIVE RFI THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
		Х	

Sensitivity	Feature(s)	
Low	Low sensitivity	
Medium	Within 1 km of a telecommunication facility	

### MAP OF RELATIVE TERRESTRIAL BIODIVERSITY THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
X			

Sensitivity	Feature(s)	
Low	Low Sensitivity	
Very High	Ecological support area 1	
Very High	Philip Wulfsohn Private Nature Reserve	