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# **Appendix G1:**

# Scoping Approval







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PER MAIL / E-MAIL

Dear Mr Niemandt

ACCEPTANCE OF THE SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED BOTTERBLOM WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE ON THE REMAINDER OF THE FARM SOUS 226, NEAR LOERIESFONTEIN IN THE NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE.

The final Scoping Report (SR) and the Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment dated July 2022 and received by the Department on 18 July 2022, refer.

The Department has evaluated the submitted final SR and the Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment dated July 2022 and is satisfied that the documents comply with the minimum requirements of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended. The FSR is hereby accepted by the Department in terms of Regulation 22(1)(a) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.

You may proceed with the environmental impact assessment process in accordance with the tasks contemplated in the Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment as required in terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.

In addition, the following amendments and additional information are required for the EIAr:

#### (a) Public Participation

- (i) Please ensure that comments from all relevant stakeholders are submitted to the Department with the EIAr.
- (ii) Please ensure that all issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the draft SR and draft EIAr from registered I&APs and organs of state which have jurisdiction in respect of the proposed activity are adequately addressed in the final EIAr. Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the final EIAr. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof should be submitted to the Department of the attempts that were made to obtain comments.

- (iii) A comments and response trail report (C&R) must be submitted with the final EIAr. The C&R report must incorporate all comments for this development. The C&R report must be a separate document from the main report and the format must be in the table format as indicated in Appendix 1 of this comments letter. Please refrain from summarising comments made by I&APs. All comments from I&APs must be copied verbatim and responded to clearly. Please note that a response such as "noted" is not regarded as an adequate response to I&AP's comments.
- (iv) Comments from I&APs must not be split and arranged into categories. Comments from each submission must be responded to individually.
- (v) The Public Participation Process must be conducted in terms of Regulation 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 & 44 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.
- (vi) The EAP is requested to contact the Department to make the necessary arrangements to conduct a site inspection prior to the submission of the final EIAr.
- (vii) All evidence of public participation must be included in the final EIR including site notices and newspaper articles.

#### (b) Layout & Sensitivity Maps

- (i) The EIAr must provide the following:
  - Clear indication of the envisioned area for the proposed expansion.
  - Clear description of all associated infrastructure
- (ii) A copy of the final preferred layout map. All available biodiversity information must be used in the finalisation of the layout map. Existing infrastructure must be used as far as possible e.g. roads. The layout map must indicate the following:
  - Proposed development footprint;
  - The location of sensitive environmental features on site e.g. CBAs, heritage sites, wetlands, drainage lines etc. that will be affected by the facility and its associated infrastructure;
  - Location of access and service roads;
  - > All existing infrastructure on the site;
  - Buffer areas;
  - Buildings and
  - ➤ All "no-go" areas.
- (iii) An environmental sensitivity map indicating environmental sensitive areas and features identified during the assessment process.
- (iv) A map combining the final layout map superimposed (overlain) on the environmental sensitivity map.
- (v) Recommendations provided by specialist reports must be considered and used to inform the final Layout Plan and the EMPr.

#### (c) Specialist assessments

- (i) The EAP must ensure that the terms of reference for all the identified specialist studies must include the following:
  - A detailed description of the study's methodology; indication of the locations and descriptions of the development footprint, and all other associated infrastructures that they have assessed and are recommending for authorisations.
  - Provide a detailed description of all limitations to the studies. All specialist studies must be conducted in the right season and providing that as a limitation will not be allowed.
  - Please note that the Department considers a 'no-go' area, as an area where no development of any infrastructure is allowed; therefore, no development of associated infrastructure including access roads is allowed in the 'no-go' areas.
  - Should the specialist definition of 'no-go' area differ from the Departments definition; this must be clearly indicated. The specialist must also indicate the 'no-go' area's buffer if applicable.
  - All specialist studies must be final, and provide detailed/practical mitigation measures for the preferred alternative and recommendations, and must not recommend further studies

**to be completed post EA.** Should a specialist recommend specific mitigation measures, these must be clearly indicated.

- Regarding cumulative impacts:
  - Clearly defined cumulative impacts and where possible the size of the identified impact must be quantified and indicated, i.e. hectares of cumulatively transformed land.
  - A detailed process flow to indicate how the specialist's recommendations, mitigation measures and conclusions from the various similar developments in the area were taken into consideration in the assessment of cumulative impacts and when the conclusion and mitigation measures were drafted for this project.
  - Identified cumulative impacts associated with the proposed development must be rated with the significance rating methodology used in the process.
  - The significance rating must also inform the need and desirability of the proposed development.
  - A cumulative impact environmental statement on whether the proposed development must proceed.
- (ii) Should the appointed specialists specify contradicting recommendations, the EAP must clearly indicate the most reasonable recommendation and substantiate this with defendable reasons; and were necessary, include further expertise advice.
- (iii) It is further brought to your attention that Procedures for the Assessment and Minimum Criteria for Reporting on identified Environmental Themes in terms of Sections 24(5)(a) and (h) and 44 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998, when applying for Environmental Authorisation, which were promulgated in Government Notice No. 320 of 20 March 2020 (i.e. "the Protocols"), and in Government Notice No. 1150 of 30 October 2020 (i.e. protocols for terrestrial plant and animal species), have come into effect. Should this study be required, the specialist assessments must be conducted in accordance with these protocols.

#### (d) General

The EIAr must provide the technical details for the proposed project as well as their description and/or dimensions.

The applicant is hereby reminded to comply with the requirements of Regulation 45 of GN R982 of 04 December 2014, as amendment, with regard to the time period allowed for complying with the requirements of the Regulations.

You are hereby reminded of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended, that no activity may commence prior to an environmental authorisation being granted by the Department.

Yours faithfully

**Ms Milicent Solomons** 

**Acting Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations** 

Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment

Signed by: Dr Danie Smit

**Designation: Deputy Director: National Integrated Authorisation Projects** 

Date: 24/08/2022

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#### Annexure 1

Format for Comments and Response Trail Report:

Date of comment, format of comment name of organisation/I&AP	Comment	Response from EAP/Applicant/Specialist
27/01/2022 Email Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:	Please record C&R trail report in this format  Please update the contact details	EAP: (Noted)The C&R trail report has been updated into the desired format, see Appendix K
Priority Infrastructure Projects (John Doe)	of the provincial environmental authority	EAP: Details of provincial authority have been updated, see page 16 of the Application form

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# **Appendix G2:**

# Screening Report





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

**EIA Reference number:** 2020-10-0025

**Project name:** Proposed Botterblom WEF and associated infrastructure

**Project title:** Botterblom WEF Screening Tool Report **Date screening report generated:** 03/02/2021 12:36:02

**Applicant:** Botterblom Pty (Ltd) **Compiler:** Enviro-Insight CC

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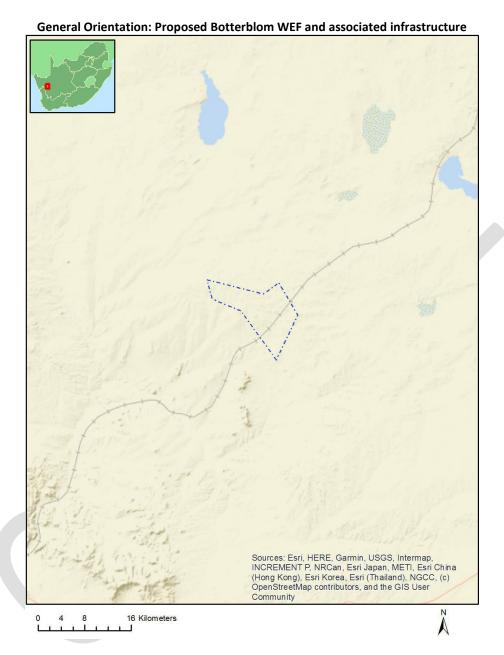
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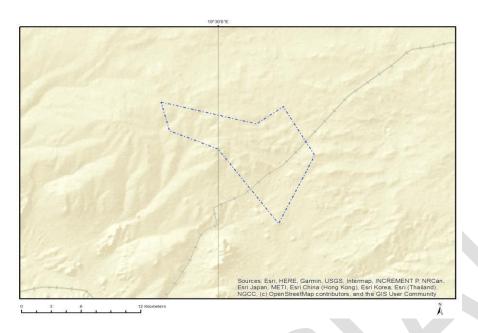
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#### **Proposed Project Location**

#### 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 Portion I		Latitude	Longitude	Property	
		No				Туре
1	LEEUBERGRIVIER	BERGRIVIER 1163 0 30°27'5		30°27'51.98S	19°24'44.84E	Farm
2	AAN DIE KARREE	213	0	30°24'30.22S	19°34'43.91E	Farm
	DOORN PAN					
3	KLEINE ROOIBERG	227	0	30°32'31.52S	19°29'31.66E	Farm
4	SOUS	226	0	30°27'45.88S	19°31'14.63E	Farm
5	SPRINGBOK TAND	215	0	30°21'53.03S	19°25'21.73E	Farm
6	NAROSIES	228	0	30°32'18.25S	19°35'40.68E	Farm
7	SOUS	226	3	30°29'17.3S	19°33'14.92E	Farm Portion
8	SOUS	226	0	30°29'31.94S	19°33'56.62E	Farm Portion
9	KLEINE ROOIBERG	227	0	30°32'59.8S	19°31'46.76E	Farm Portion
10	SOUS	226	1	30°29'58.04S	19°33'34.78E	Farm Portion
11	KLEINE ROOIBERG	227	0	30°30'47.16S	19°29'34.09E	Farm Portion
12	LEEUBERGRIVIER	1163	0	30°27'53.55S	19°24'42.6E	Farm Portion
13	AAN DIE KARREE	213	3	30°26'40.65S	19°35'52.72E	Farm Portion
	DOORN PAN					
14	SPRINGBOK TAND	215	0	30°21'53.15S	19°25'27.01E	Farm Portion
15	SOUS	226	2	30°28'12.21S	19°30'7.58E	Farm Portion
16	AAN DIE KARREE	213	1	30°27'12.97S	19°35'49.74E	Farm Portion
	DOORN PAN					
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18	SOUS	226	0	30°27'15.83S	19°30'44.99E	Farm Portion
19	NAROSIES	228	0	30°32'18.25S	19°35'40.68E	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	12/12/20/2321/2	Solar PV	Approved	0

#### 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 | Wind.

#### Relevant development incentives, restrictions, exclusions or prohibitions

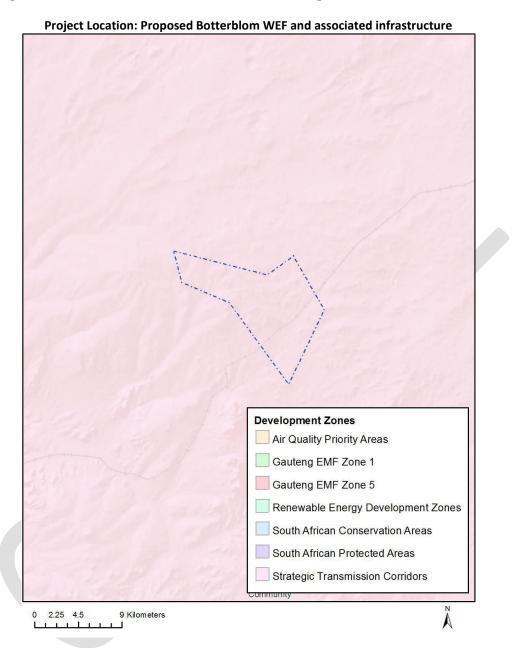
The following development incentives, restrictions, exclusions or prohibitions and their implications that apply to this site are indicated below.

Incentive, restriction	Implication
or	
prohibitio	
n	
Strategic Transmission Corridor- Western corridor	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/DevelopmentZones/G N 113 16 February 2018.pdf

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<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.

#### 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			Χ	
Animal Species Theme		Х		

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Aquatic Biodiversity Theme	Х			
Archaeological and Cultural		Х		
Heritage Theme				
Avian (Wind) Theme				Χ
Bats (Wind) Theme		Х		
Civil Aviation (Wind) Theme		Х		
Defence (Wind) Theme				Х
Flicker Theme	Х			
Landscape (Wind) Theme	Х			
Paleontology Theme	Х			
Noise Theme	Х			
Plant Species Theme			Х	
RFI (Wind) 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.

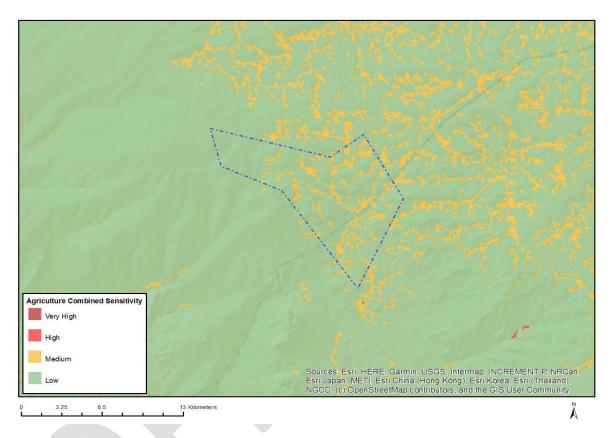
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2	Landsca pe/Visu al Impact Assessm ent	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted General Requirement Assessment Protocols.pdf
3	Archaeo logical and Cultural Heritage Impact Assessm ent	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted 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 Impact Assessm ent	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols /Gazetted_Aquatic_Biodiversity_Assessment_Protocols.pdf
7	Avian Impact Assessm ent	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted_Avifauna_Assessment_Protocols.pdf
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0	RFI Assessm ent	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/ /Gazetted General Requirement Assessment Protocols.pdf
1 1	Noise Impact Assessm ent	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted Noise Impacts Assessment Protocol.pdf
1 2	Flicker Assessm ent	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/ /Gazetted_General_Requirement_Assessment_Protocols.pdf
3	Traffic Impact Assessm ent	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted General Requirement Assessment Protocols.pdf
1 4	Geotech nical Assessm ent	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted General Requirement Assessment Protocols.pdf
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1 6	Plant Species Assessm ent	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted Plant Species Assessment Protocols.pdf
7	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.

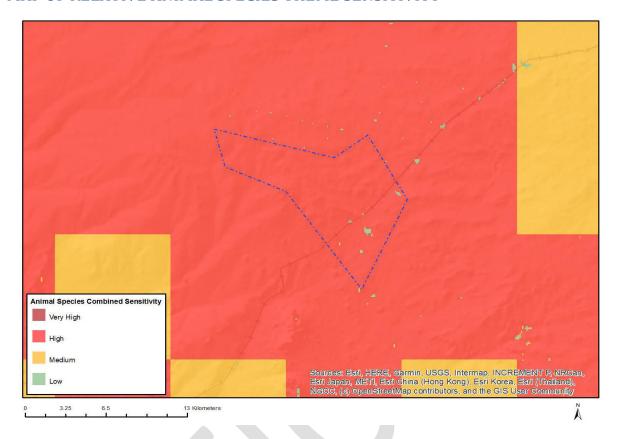
#### MAP OF RELATIVE AGRICULTURE THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
		X	

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
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

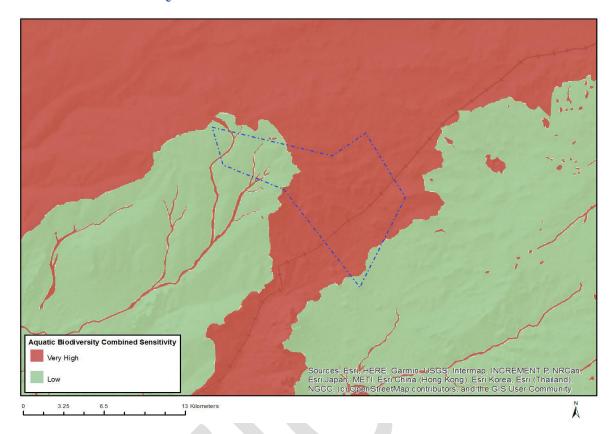


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Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
	X		

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
High	Aves-Neotis ludwigii
High	Aves-Calendulauda burra
Low	Low sensitivity
Medium	Aves-Calendulauda burra
Medium	Aves-Sagittarius serpentarius

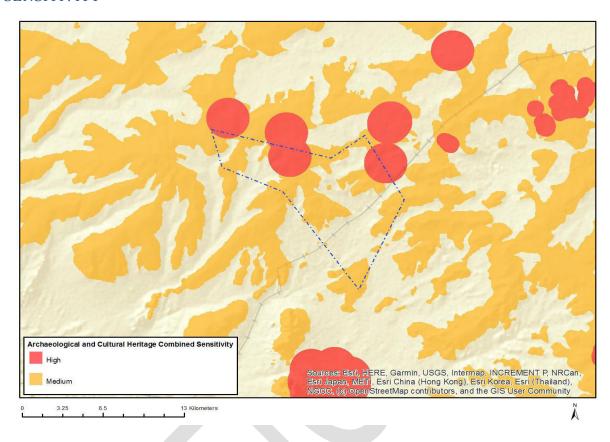
#### MAP OF RELATIVE AQUATIC BIODIVERSITY THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
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Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Low	Low sensitivity
Very High	Rivers
Very High	Wetlands and Estuaries
Very High	Freshwater ecosystem priority area quinary catchments

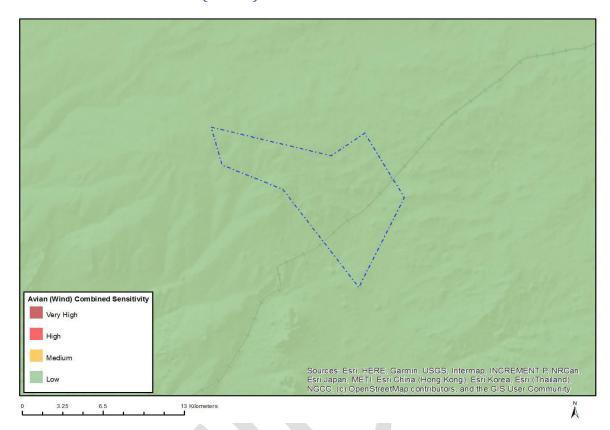
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Sensitivity	Feature(s)
High	Within 500 m of a heritage site
Medium	Mountain or ridge

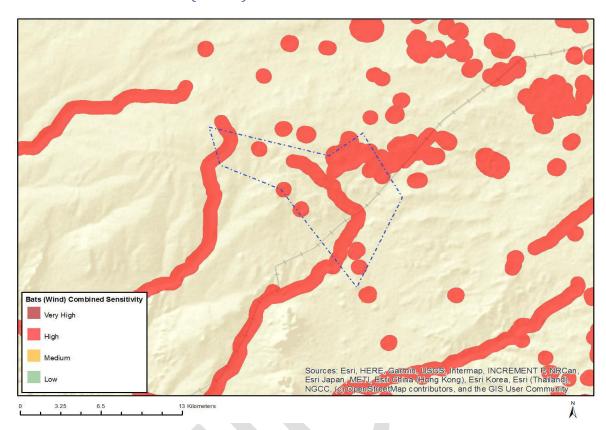
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Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
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Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Low	Area Outside Sensitivities

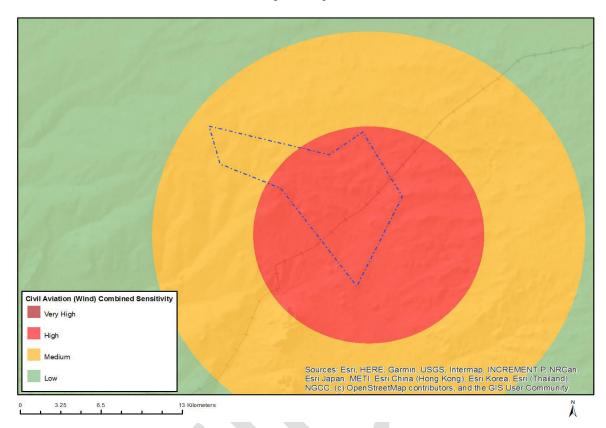
#### MAP OF RELATIVE BATS (WIND) THEME SENSITIVITY



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Sensitivity	Feature(s)
High	Within 500 m of a river
High	Wetland
High	Within 500 m of a wetland

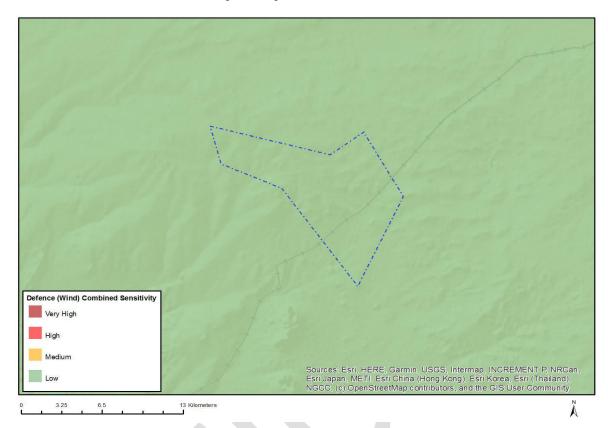
#### MAP OF RELATIVE CIVIL AVIATION (WIND) THEME SENSITIVITY



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Sensitivity	Feature(s)
High	Within 8 km of other civil aviation aerodrome
Medium	Between 8 and 15 km of other civil aviation aerodrome

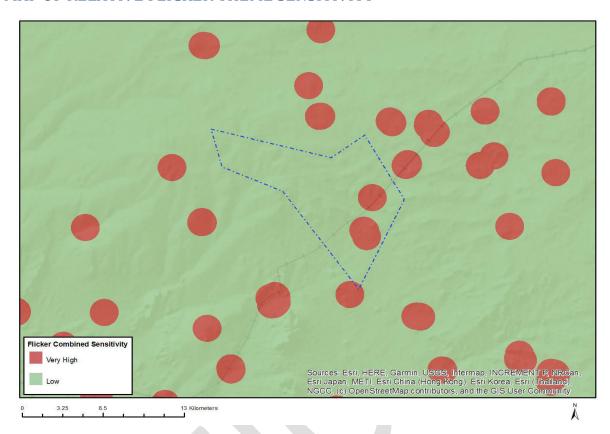
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Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
			Х

Sensitivity	Feature(s)	
Low	Low sensitivity	

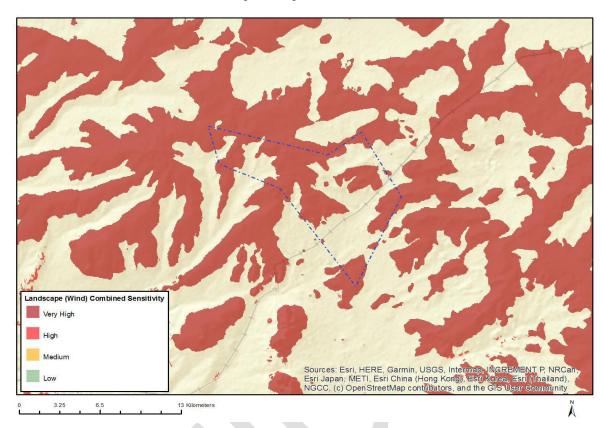
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Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
X			

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Low	Area of low sensitivity
Very High	Potential temporarily or permanently inhabited residence

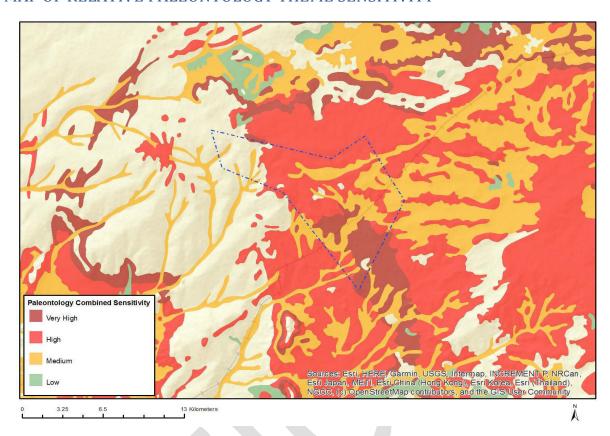
#### MAP OF RELATIVE LANDSCAPE (WIND) THEME SENSITIVITY



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Sensitivity	Feature(s)	
High	Slope between 1:4 and 1:10	
Very High	Mountain tops and high ridges	

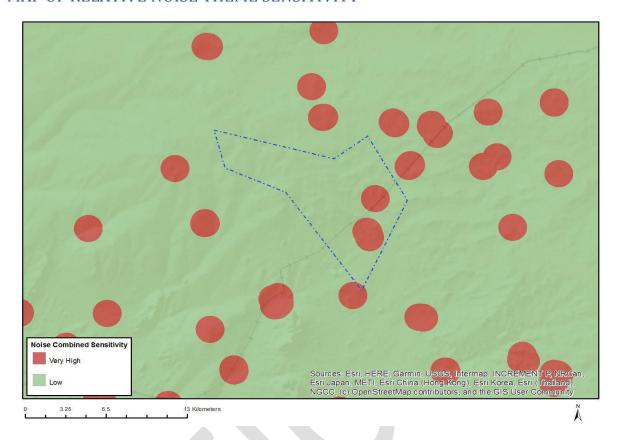
#### MAP OF RELATIVE PALEONTOLOGY THEME SENSITIVITY



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

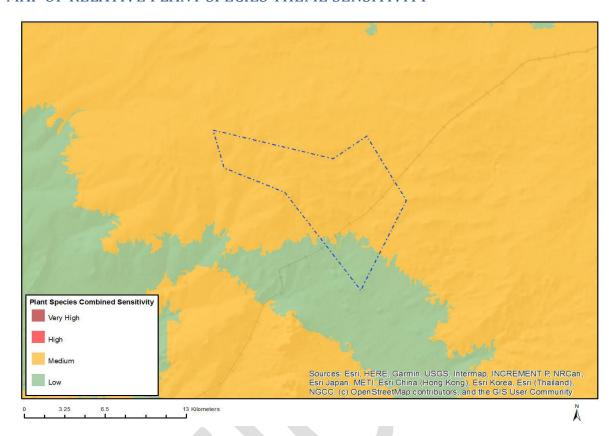
#### MAP OF RELATIVE NOISE THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
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Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Low	Area of low sensitivity
Very High	Potential temporarily or permanently inhabited residence

#### MAP OF RELATIVE PLANT SPECIES THEME SENSITIVITY

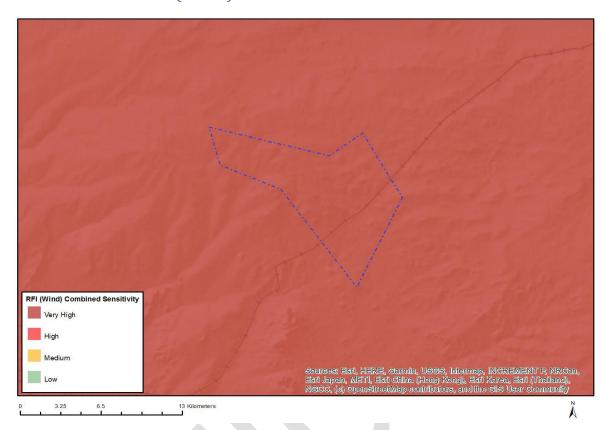


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		X	

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Low	Low Sensitivity
Medium	Dregeochloa calviniensis

#### MAP OF RELATIVE RFI (WIND) THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
X			

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
High	Low sensitivity for telecommunications;Between 18 km and 26 km of the Radio Astronomy Advantage
	Area;More than 60 km from a Weather Radar installation
High	Low sensitivity for telecommunications;Between 18 km and 26 km of the Radio Astronomy Advantage
	Area;Between 26 and 48 km of a SKA receptor;More than 60 km from a Weather Radar installation
Medium	Low sensitivity for telecommunications;Between 26 and 48 km of the Radio Astronomy Advantage
	Area; More than 60 km from a Weather Radar installation
Medium	Low sensitivity for telecommunications;Between 26 and 48 km of the Radio Astronomy Advantage
	Area;Between 26 and 48 km of a SKA receptor;More than 60 km from a Weather Radar installation
Very High	Low sensitivity for telecommunications;Inside or within 18 km of the Radio Astronomy Advantage
	Area;More than 60 km from a Weather Radar installation
Very High	Low sensitivity for telecommunications;Inside or within 18 km of the Radio Astronomy Advantage
	Area;Between 26 and 48 km of a SKA receptor;More than 60 km from a Weather Radar installation

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Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
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Sensitivity	Feature(s)	
Low	Low Sensitivity	
Very High	Critical Biodiversity Area 1	
Very High	Ecological Support Area	
Very High	Freshwater ecosystem priority area quinary catchments	