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

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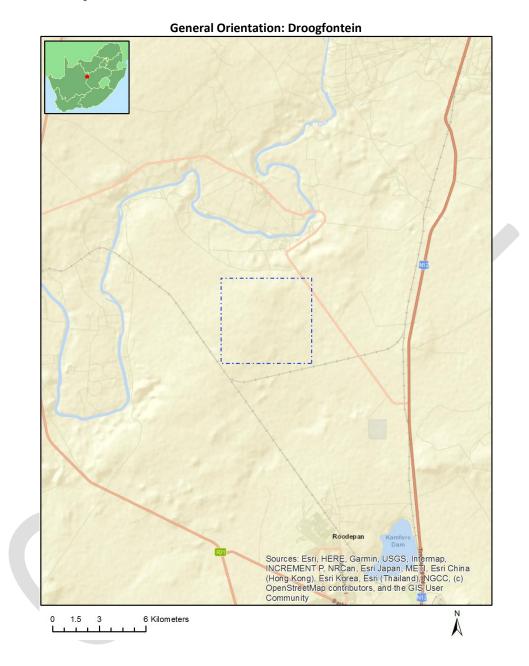
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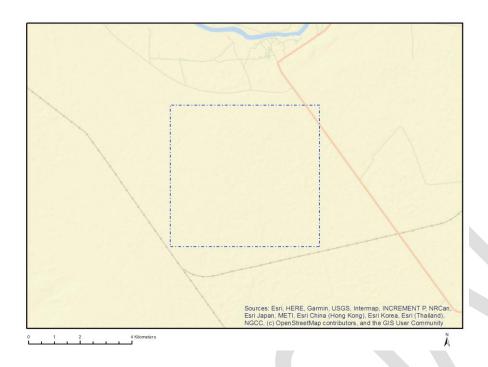
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Proposed Project Location

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	Portion	Latitude	Longitude	Property
		No				Туре
1		193	0	28°32'1.12S	24°38'25.25E	Farm
2	DROOGFONTEIN	62	0	28°34'59.14S	24°43'8.21E	Farm
3	NEW PIPE	61	0	28°35'22.09S	24°43'0.89E	Farm
	TRACK					
4	DROOGFONTEIN	62	0	28°35'12.79S	24°44'17.65E	Farm Portion
5		193	0	28°32'2.7S	24°38'27.18E	Farm Portion
6	NEW PIPE	61	0	28°35'18.17S	24°42'59.78E	Farm Portion
	TRACK					
7	DROOGFONTEIN	62	1	28°35'29.12S	24°41'50.24E	Farm Portion
8	DROOGFONTEIN	62	19	28°32'12.74S	24°43'31.93E	Farm Portion

Development footprint¹ 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

¹ "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.

No	EIA Reference No	Classification	Status of	Distance from
			application	proposed area (km)
1	12/12/20/2024/1A	Solar PV	Approved	0
2	12/12/20/2124	Solar PV	Approved	6.8
3	12/12/20/2024	Solar CSP and PV	Approved	0
4	14/12/16/3/3/1/505	Solar PV	Approved	9.9
5	12/12/20/2251/2	Solar CSP	Approved	4.2
6	12/12/20/2138	Solar PV	Approved	18
7	12/12/20/2251/1	Solar PV	Approved	7.8
8	12/12/20/2148	Solar PV	Approved	26
9	14/12/16/3/3/1/429	Solar PV	Approved	18.1
10	14/12/16/3/3/2/307	Solar PV	Approved	11.1
11	14/12/16/3/3/1/508/1	Solar CSP and Solar	Approved	0
		PV		
12	12/12/20/2024/1/1/AM6	Solar PV	Approved	0
13	12/12/20/2024/1/1	Solar PV	Approved	0
14	12/12/20/2024/2	Solar PV	Approved	0
15	12/12/20/2024/1A	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:

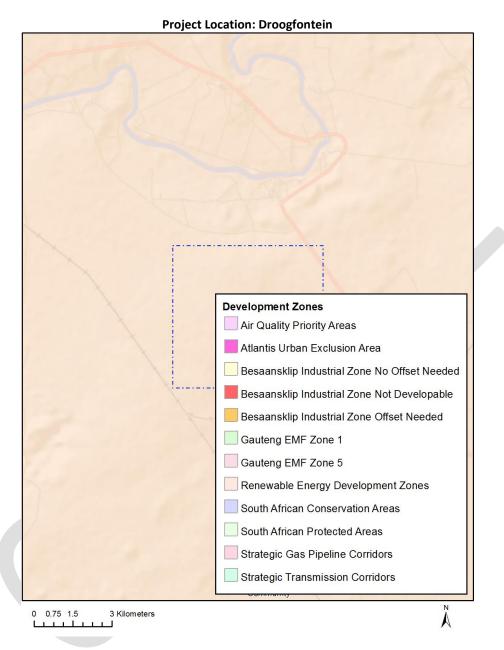
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Relevant development incentives, restrictions, exclusions or prohibitions

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

Incentiv	Implication
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Renewable	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/DevelopmentZones/Co
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developme	
nt zones 5-	
Kimberley	

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	X			
Archaeological and Cultural				Х
Heritage Theme				
Avian Theme	X			
Civil Aviation (Solar PV)			Х	
Theme				
Defence Theme				X
Landscape (Solar) Theme	X			
Paleontology Theme		Χ		
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.

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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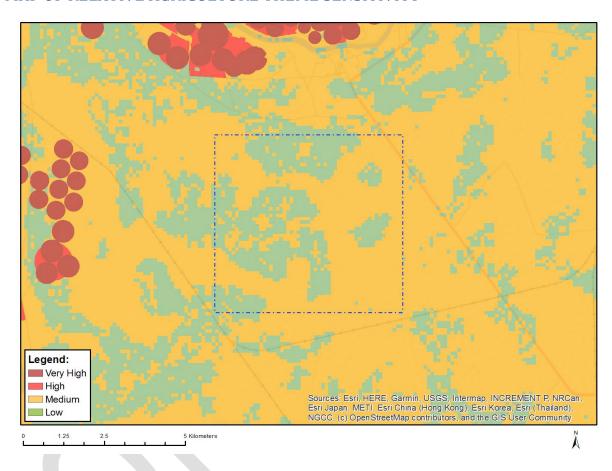
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7	Impact Assessm ent Civil	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols
	Aviation Assessm ent	/Gazetted Civil Aviation Installations Assessment Protocols.pdf
8	Defense Assessm ent	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/ /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	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.

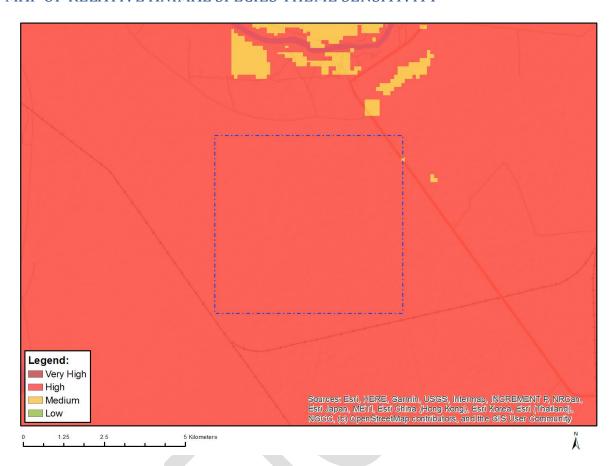
MAP OF RELATIVE AGRICULTURE THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
		Χ	

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

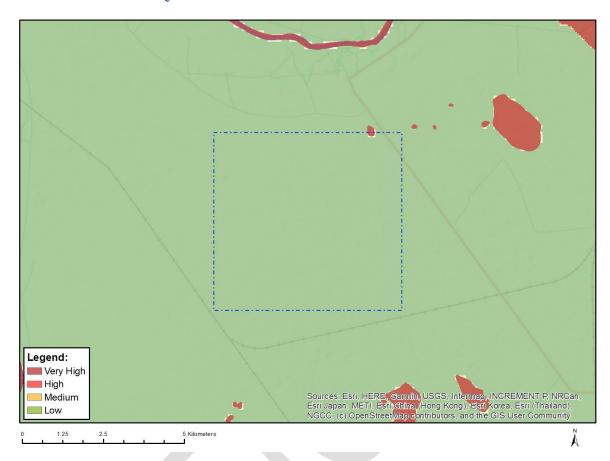


Where only a sensitive plant unique number or sensitive animal unique number is provided in the screening report and an assessment is required, the environmental assessment practitioner (EAP) or specialist is required to email SANBI at eiadatarequests@sanbi.org.za listing all sensitive species with their 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	Feature(s)	
High	Aves-Neotis ludwigii	
High	High Aves-Gyps africanus	
Medium	Aves-Sagittarius serpentarius	
Medium	Aves-Gyps africanus	
Medium	Aves-Neotis Iudwigii	

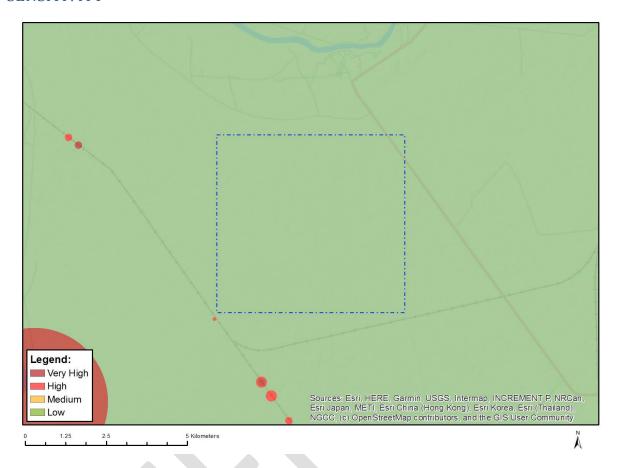
MAP OF RELATIVE AQUATIC BIODIVERSITY THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
X			

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

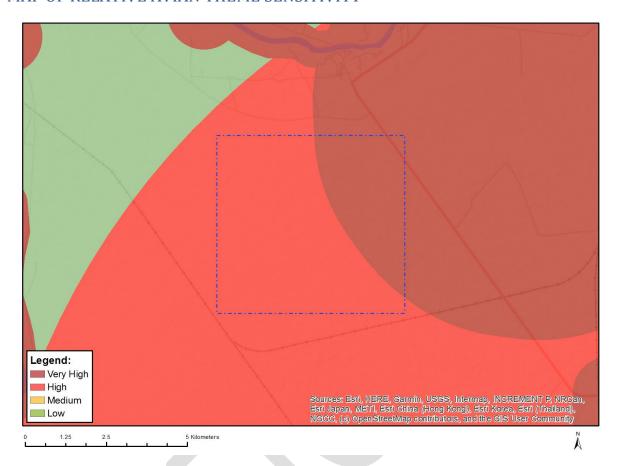
MAP OF RELATIVE ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL HERITAGE THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
			Χ

Sensitivity	Feature(s)	
Low	Low sensitivity	

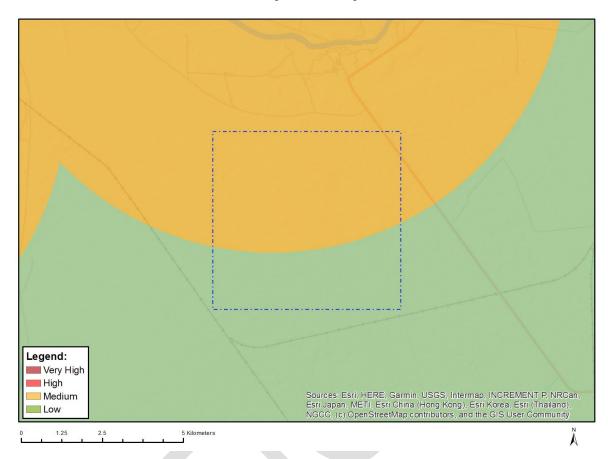
MAP OF RELATIVE AVIAN THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
X			

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
High	within 20 km of known Cape Vulturerestuarants sites
Very High	within 5 km of Langleg Pan

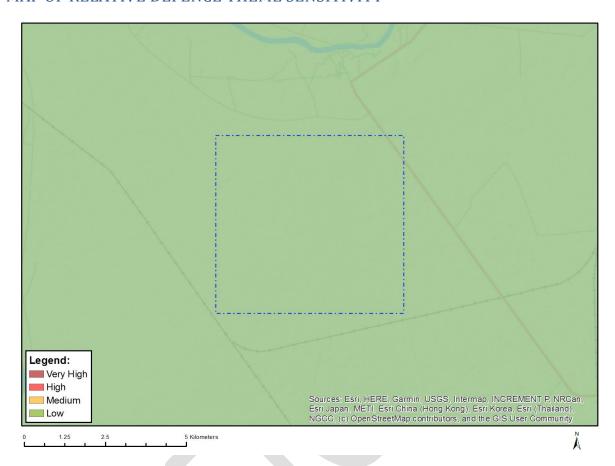
MAP OF RELATIVE CIVIL AVIATION (SOLAR PV) THEME SENSITIVITY



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

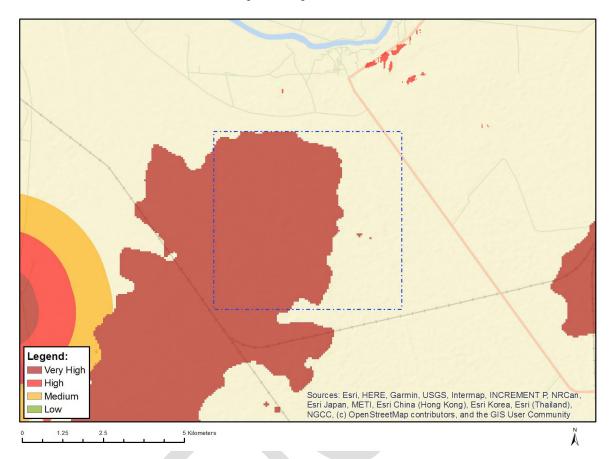
MAP OF RELATIVE DEFENCE THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
			Χ

Sensitivity	Feature(s)	
Low	Low sensitivity	

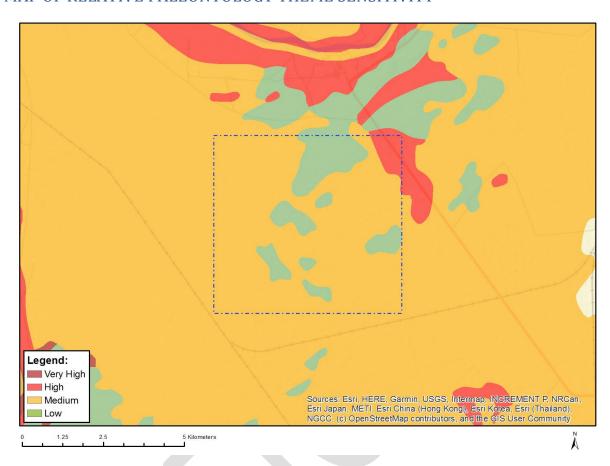
MAP OF RELATIVE LANDSCAPE (SOLAR) THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
X			

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Very High	Mountain tops and high ridges

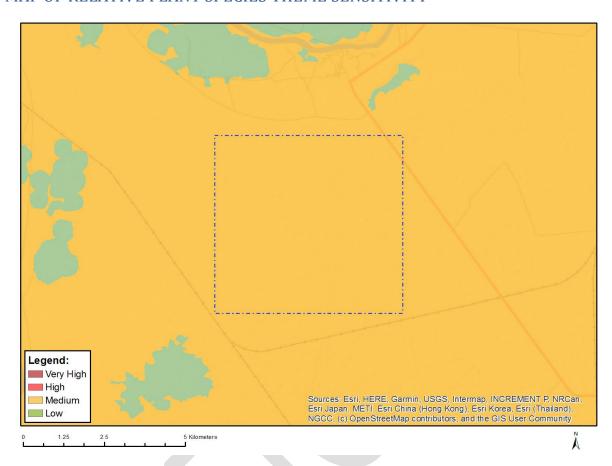
MAP OF RELATIVE PALEONTOLOGY THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
	X		

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

MAP OF RELATIVE PLANT SPECIES THEME SENSITIVITY

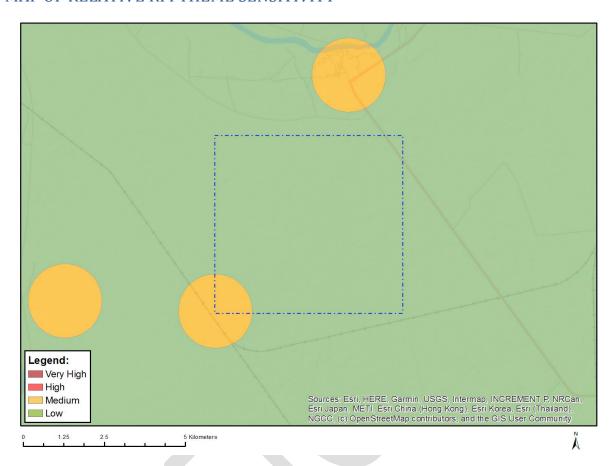


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Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
		X	

Sensitivity Feature(s)	
Low	Low Sensitivity
Medium	Sensitive species 257

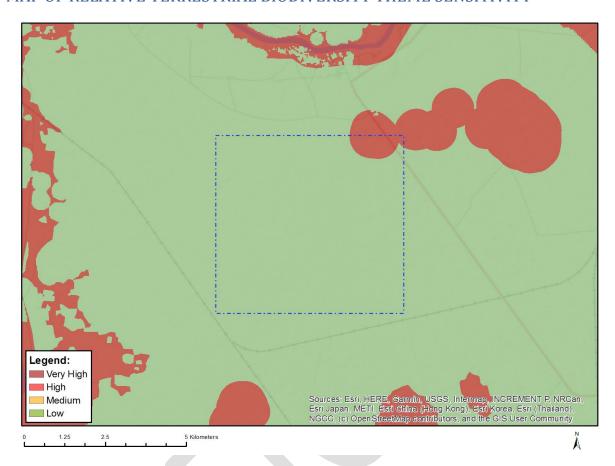
MAP OF RELATIVE RFI THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
		X	

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	Critical biodiveristy area 1
Very High	Critical biodiveristy area 2