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## **Executive Summary**

Red Kite Environmental Solutions (Pty) Ltd ("Red Kite") was appointed by Prescali Environmental Consultants (Pty) Ltd to conduct a desktop Terrestrial Ecology Assessment for the Salene Manganese (Pty) Ltd NW Nickel Project Prospecting Right application, situated in the Ramotshere Moiloa Local Municipality and the Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipality of the North West Province.

Information on plant species previously recorded for the project area was extracted from the POSA online database hosted by SANBI. The results indicate that 90 plant species have been recorded in the area queried:

- Two Species of Conservation Concern (SCC) in terms of their Red List status have been recorded on POSA for the area queried. One additional flora species was listed for the project area in the Environmental Screening Tool Report. All of these flora SCC are considered to have a low likelihood of occurrence on the project area.
- Two of the flora species recorded on POSA for the area are listed as protected in the NWBMA.
- Two protected tree species, in terms of the NFA, have been recorded on POSA for the area queried.
- Seven of the flora species recorded on POSA for the area are known to have medicinal uses.
- One exotic plant species was recorded to occur within the area queried.
- Five endemic plant species were recorded to occur within the area queried.

A desktop study was conducted to establish whether any potentially sensitive faunal species or species of conservation concern may possibly occur on site. The Virtual Museum and Animal Demography Unit (ADU) was used to compile species lists based on the sightings and data gathered from the South African Biodiversity Institute.

National SCC include mammalian and avifaunal species which are known to occur in the regional area where the project is proposed. Provincially protected species could also be expected to occur in the region. The following summary of the findings are provided:

- Mammals: 94 mammal species were found to possibly occur within the QDS, of which many are provincial SCC. Eighteen (18) of these species are SCC in a national context. The other species, largely game species, have a provincially protected status.
- Avifaunal: 274 bird species listed are listed for the area of which 11 are national SCC.
- Butterflies: 76 butterfly species were recorded for the area queried of which none are categorised as SCC nationally. However, all Charaxes butterflies are provincially protected.
- Other invertebrates: Nine Lacewing species, 24 Dung beetles and four Odonata were listed for the QDS, none of which are listed as SCC in the IUCN Red List. None of these species are national SCC, however, all Dung beetle species are provincially protected.
- Reptiles: 36 reptile species were recorded for the QDS, none of which are considered national SCC. Several of these species are provincially protected.
- Amphibians: 20 amphibian species were listed for the QDS, but none of these species are considered SCC.

No field survey was conducted for the assessment and all results given within this document are based on desktop findings and assessments. Therefore, the results, typical flora, herpetofauna, avifauna and mammalian communities found within the study should/can therefore only be used as a general guideline.

The project area is located on three vegetation types, namely Dwaalboom Thornveld (SVcb 1), Zeerust Thornveld (SVcb 3) and Dwarsberg-Swartruggens Mountain Bushveld (SVcb 4). All three vegetation types occurring on the project area are not listed in the "National List of Ecosystems that are Threatened and need of protection", and as Least Concern by the 2018 National Biodiversity Assessment.

The study area contains the following classes from the NWBSP:

• CBA2: A few smaller, isolated CBA2 areas are located on the Prospecting Right area. These CBA2 areas on the project area appear to be largely associated with ridges and koppies and potential wetland features.





- ESA1: Larger, continuous ESA1 areas occur on the project area. The majority of the ESA1 areas are located on the eastern sections of the Prospecting Right area. These areas were most likely identified as ESA 1 areas due to their appearance as natural areas and their function as ecological corridors providing connectivity.
- ESA2: A few small, isolated ESA2 areas are located on the project footprint. These areas appear to be associated with vegetation previously disturbed by agricultural activities that fall within the ESA1 areas.

According to the South African Protected Areas Database (SAPAD) a number of Protected Areas, in terms of NEMPAA, are located within 10 km of the Prospecting Right area:

- 1. Madikwe Nature Reserve 6 km north of PR area
- 2. Tweekoppiesfontein Private Nature Reserve adjacent to western border of northern-most PR portion
- 3. Nellie Private Nature Reserve 1 km west of PR area
- 4. Drie Annie Private Nature Reserve adjacent to western-most portion of PR area
- 5. Koos Swart Private Nature Reserve 4 km west of PR area
- 6. Thys Snyman Private Nature Reserve 6 km west of PR area
- 7. Hillendale Private Nature Reserve 8 km south of PR area

The NW/Gauteng Bushveld NPAES area is located on portions of the northern section of the Prospecting Right area.

Various perennial and non-perennial rivers and streams flow across the Prospecting Right area. The most notable are:

- The Sehubyane River and its tributary, the Sandsloot River, flow through the southern section of the Prospecting Right area.
- The Madikwene River flows along the eastern border of the northern section of the Prospecting Right area.
- The Sehubyane River and Madikwe River confluence to form the Marico River, which flows in proximity to the eastern border of the northern section of the Prospecting Right area

Rivers and streams serve as ecological corridors, enable site and landscape level connectivity, and support ecological processes and are therefore considered to be of high ecological sensitivity.

The Prospecting Right area is located in a Freshwater Ecosystem Priority Area (FEPA), Phase 2 FEPA and Upstream FEPA.

From satellite imagery of the project area the following impacts are apparent:

- A number of formal and informal roads are located across the Prospecting Right area. Impacts from human and vehicle movement on these roads are expected.
- Mining activities have taken place or are currently taking place in the western-most portion of the Prospecting Right area.
- Current and historic agricultural activities, including crop farming and grazing.

Based on the desktop assessment findings, the specialist concurs with the sensitivity as presented on the National Webbased Environmental Screening Tool, with the inclusion of all rivers and streams as high sensitivity.

Sensitive ridge / koppie, riverine and riparian vegetation habitat constitute the most important features which make up the area identified as increased sensitivity. Suitable ecological buffers should be calculated for the river system and the infrastructure should keep clear of these sensitive areas.

It is the reasoned opinion of the specialist that the development may continue if all mitigation measures are implemented from the onset of the development.



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## **Abbreviations**

AIP	Alien Invasive Plant		
ADU	Animal Demographic Unit		
CBA	Critical Biodiversity Area		
CITES	Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species		
DFFE	Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment		
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment		
EMP	Environmental Management Plan		
ESA	Ecological Support Area		
FEPA	Freshwater Ecosystem Priority Area		
IBA	Important Birding Area		
IDP	Integrated Development Plan		
IUCN	International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources		
LC	Least Concern		
NBA	National Biodiversity Assessment		
NEMA	National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998)		
NEMBA	National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act (Act 10 of 2004)		
NEMPAA	National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act, 2003 (Act No. 57 of 2003)		
NFA	National Forests Act, 1998 (Act No. 84 of 1998)		
NFEPA	National Freshwater Ecosystem Priority Areas		
NPAES	National Protected Area Expansion Strategy		
NWBMA	North West Biodiversity Management Act (Act No. 4 of 2016)		
NWBSP	North West Biodiversity Sector Plan		
POSA	Plants of Southern Africa		
QDS	Quarter Degree Squares		
SABAP2	South African Bird Atlas Project 2		
SABCA	South African Butterfly Conservation Assessment		
SACAD	South African Conservation Areas Database		
SANBI	South African National Biodiversity Institute		
SAPAD	South African Protected Areas Database		
SARCA	South African Reptile Conservation Assessment		
SCC	Species of Conservation Concern		
ToPS	Threatened and Protected Species List (2007) as part of the National Environmental		
	Management: Biodiversity Act (Act 10 of 2004)		
VU	Vegetation Unit		





## **Declaration of Independence**

I, Nicole Upton, declare that -

- I act as the independent specialist;
- I will perform the work relating to the project in an objective manner, even if this results in views and findings that are not favourable to the project proponent;
- 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 project, including knowledge of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998; the Act), regulations and any guidelines that have relevance to the proposed activity;
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- I will take into account, to the extent possible, the matters listed in Regulation 8;
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Date	15/11/2020	

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## **1. INTRODUCTION**

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The Prospecting Right area consist of the following farm portions:

- Turfbult Alias Kanaan 10-JP
- Driekop 14-JP
- Goudini 30-JP
- Roode Kopjes Put 32-JP
- Kuilenburg 39-JP
- Knapdaar 26-JP
- Roodekopjesfontein 15-JP
- Leeuwkopje 952-KP
- Barboonrandjes 933-KP
- Brakfontein 132-KP

• Tweekoppiesfontein 143-KP

PPE Extended

- Bedford 142-KP
- Barbed 948-KP
- Barkop 949-KP
- Schoonlaagte 935-KP
- Rooderand 41-JP
- Farm 10 902-JP
- Doornlaagte 51-JP
- Giglio 42-JP
- Magdalenas Kuil 37-JP

The Prospecting Right area being applied for is 37 474 ha in extent.

The minerals being applied for as part of the Prospecting Right are: nickel, silver, copper, gold, cobalt, Platinum Group Metals (PGM), chrome Rare Earth Element (REE), titanium, barium and magnetite.

Invasive prospecting activities will consist of drilling.

The objectives of the fauna and flora assessment include:

- Identify sensitive areas and species that should be avoided during the proposed development.
- Make use of the South African Biodiversity Institute Database to obtain specialised information and previous surveys within the area.
- Summarise legislation pertaining to the project with regard to biodiversity.
- Highlight major concern or fatal flaws of the project with regard to biodiversity.
- Provide relevant mitigations and recommendations to the developer to help limit and minimise the impacts they may have on the fauna and flora of the area.







Figure 1: Locality of the proposed Prospecting Right area





Figure 2: Satellite image of the northern section of the Prospecting Right area





Figure 3: Satellite image of the southern section of the Prospecting Right area



## **2. SCOPE OF THE STUDY**

Red Kite Environmental Solutions was appointed to conduct a Desktop Terrestrial Ecology Assessment as one of the specialist studies for the Environmental Authorisation process for the project. This Terrestrial Ecology Assessment consist of a desktop study, which includes the following:

- A desktop vegetation study, which included:
  - o Classification of the main biome and description of the dominant vegetation type;
  - o Investigation of the dominant indigenous species within this region;
  - Listing the endemic species;
  - Listing species of conservation concern; and
  - o Determining the medicinal species.
- A desktop invertebrate and mammal study, which included determining the:
  - Endemic species;
  - Baseline occurrences of species within the area;
  - o Virtual Museum and Animal Demographic Unit consultation; and
  - o Listing species of conservation concern.

No field assessment was conducted to verify or dispute the findings as obtained during the desktop assessment.

The information from the desktop study was used to report on the following:

- General description of the biodiversity components in the study area;
- Description and mapping of the broad vegetation types identified in the study area
- Identify sensitive areas and species that should be avoided by the proposed development.
- Make use of the South African Biodiversity Institute Database to obtain specialised information and previous surveys within the area.
- Summarise legislation pertaining to the project with regard to biodiversity.
- Highlight major concern or fatal flaws of the project with regard to biodiversity.
- Identify potential impacts to terrestrial ecology aspects and determine the potential significance of these impacts.
- Provide relevant mitigations and recommendations to limit and minimise the impacts the activities may have on the fauna and flora of the area.



## **3. LEGISLATION**

The aim of this component of the report is to provide a brief overview of the pertinent policies, as well as legal and administrative requirements applicable to biodiversity aspects of the proposed development.

# 3.1. The National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA)

This Act embraces all three fields of environmental concern namely:

i) resource conservation and exploitation;

ii) pollution control and waste management; and

iii) land use planning and development.

#### 3.1.1. National Environmental Management Biodiversity Act (Act No. 10 Of 2004) (NEMBA)

The following aspects of the NEMBA are important to consider in the compilation of an ecological report:

- Lists of ecosystems that are threatened or in need of national protection;
- Links to Integrated Environmental Management processes;
- Must be taken into account in Environmental Management Plans (EMP) and Integrated Development Plans (IDPs);
- The Minister may make regulations to reduce the threats to listed ecosystems.
- Threatened or Protected Species List (ToPS List) Government Gazette Notice No. 151 of 2007
   "National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act, 2004 (Act No. 10 Of 2004): Publication of Lists of Critically Endangered, Endangered, Vulnerable and Protected Species"

The status provided by the Government Gazette in terms of Notice 151 implies:

- Critically endangered: Section 56(1)(a) applies to the species awarded this status in terms of NEMBA, meaning: "Critically endangered species, being any indigenous species facing an extremely high risk of extinction in the wild in the immediate future"
- Endangered species: Section 56(1)(b) applies to the species awarded this status in terms of NEMBA, meaning: *"Endangered species, being any indigenous species facing a high risk of extinction in the wild in the near future, although they are not a critically endangered species"*
- Vulnerable species: Section 56(1)(c) applies to the species awarded this status in terms of NEMBA, meaning: "Vulnerable species, being any indigenous species facing an extremely high risk of extinction in the wild in the medium-term future, although they are not a critically endangered species or an endangered species"
- Protected species: Section 56(1)(d) applies to the species awarded this status in terms of NEMBA, meaning: *"Protected species, being any species, which are of such high conservation value or national importance that they require national protection, although they are not listed in terms of paragraph (a), (b) or (c)"*
- Alien and Invasive Species List Government Gazette Notice No. 598 of 2014 [as amended] The Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment (DFFE) manages Invasive Alien Species (IAS) under the NEMBA.

The four different categories that NEMBA classify AIPs under are:

• Category 1a: A person in control of a Category 1a Listed Invasive Species must immediately take steps to combat or eradicate listed invasive species and officials from the DEFF must be allowed access to monitor or



assist with control. If an Invasive Species Management Programme has been developed in terms of section 75(4) of the Act, a person must control the listed invasive species in accordance with such programme.

- Category 1b: A person in control of a Category 1b Listed Invasive Species must control the listed invasive species. If an Invasive Species Management Programme has been developed in terms of section 75(4) of the Act, a person must control the listed invasive species in accordance with such programme. The Minister may require any person to develop a Category 1b Control Plan for one or more Category 1b species. Officials from the DFFE must be allowed access to monitor or assist with control.
- Category 2: These are invasive species that can remain in your garden, but only with a permit. A person in control of a Category 2 Listed Invasive Species, or person in possession of a permit, must ensure that the specimens of the species do not spread outside of the land or the area specified in the Notice or permit. Any species listed as a Category 2 Listed Invasive Species that occurs outside the specified area (permit) must, for purposes of these regulations, be considered to be a Category 1b Listed Invasive Species and must be managed accordingly.
- Category 3: These are invasive species that can remain on your property. However, you cannot propagate or sell these species and must control them in your garden. In riparian zones or wetlands all category 3 plants become category 1b plants.
- National List of Ecosystems that are threatened and in need of protection Government Gazette Notice No. 1002 of 2011

The National Environmental Management Biodiversity Act (Act 10 of 2004) (NEMBA) provides for listing of threatened or protected ecosystems, in one of four categories:

- Critically Endangered: these have undergone severe degradation of ecological structure, function or composition as a result of human intervention and are subject to an extremely high risk of irreversible transformation;
- Endangered: these have undergone degradation of ecological structure, function or composition as a result of human intervention, although they are not critically endangered ecosystems;
- Vulnerable: these have a high risk of undergoing significant degradation of ecological structure, function or composition as a result of human intervention, although they are not critically endangered ecosystems or endangered ecosystems; or
- Protected: these have a high conservation value or of high national or provincial importance, although they are not listed as critically endangered, endangered or vulnerable.

Threatened ecosystems are listed in order to reduce the rate of ecosystem and species extinction by preventing further degradation and loss of structure, function and composition of threatened ecosystems. The purpose of listing protected ecosystems is primarily to conserve sites of exceptionally high conservation value (SANBI, BGIS).

#### 3.2. The National Forest Act, 1998 (Act No. 84 of 1998) (NFA)

The National Forests Act:

- Promotes the sustainable management and development of forests for the benefit of all;
- Creates the conditions necessary to restructure forestry in State Forests;
- Provide special measures for the protection of certain forests and protected trees;
- Promotes the sustainable use of forests for environmental, economic, educational, recreational, cultural, health and spiritual purposes; and
- Promotes community forestry.

In terms of the NFA, forest trees or protected tree species may not be cut, disturbed, damaged, destroyed and their products may not be possessed, collected, removed, transported, exported, donated, purchased or sold – except under license granted by the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment (DFFE).



The list of protected trees has been published in terms of Section 12 (1) (d) of the NFA, in Government Gazette No. 536 of 2018.

#### 3.3. Focus Areas for Protected Area Expansion – NPAES (2008)

The goal of the National Protected Area Expansion Strategy (NPAES) is to achieve cost effective protected area expansion for ecological sustainability and adaptation to climate change. The NPAES sets targets for protected area expansion, provides maps of the most important areas for protected area expansion, and makes recommendations on mechanisms for protected area expansion. It deals with land-based and marine protected areas across all of South Africa's territory (SANBI, BGIS).

#### 3.4. National Biodiversity Assessment (NBA; 2018)

The National Biodiversity Assessment (NBA) is the primary tool for monitoring and reporting on the state of biodiversity in South Africa and is prepared as part of the SANBI mandate under the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act (Act 10 of 2004). It is used to inform policies, strategies and actions in a range of sectors for managing and conserving biodiversity more effectively.

The NBA focusses primarily on assessing biodiversity at the ecosystem and species level, and the two headline indicators of threat status and protection level are applied to both ecosystems and species in the four realms (terrestrial, inland aquatic, estuarine and marine) and in two cross-realm areas (the coast and South Africa's sub-Antarctic territory). These established headline indicators provide a way of comparing results meaningfully across the realms, and a standardised framework that links with policy and legislation in South Africa to facilitate an effective interface between science and policy. Underlying the headline indicators is a wealth of geographically detailed information that can be applied at the provincial and local level.

The latest NBA (NBA 2018) was released in October 2019 and builds on the National Spatial Biodiversity Assessment 2004 and the NBA 2011.

# 3.5. The North-West Biodiversity Management Act, 2016 (Act No. 4 of 2016) (NWBMA)

The purpose of the NWBMA is to provide for:

- The management and conservation of the North West Province's biophysical environment and protected areas within the framework of the NEMA;
- The protection species and ecological systems that warrant provincial protection; and
- The sustainable use of indigenous biological resources.

The following sections are of importance:

- Schedule 2: Specially Protected Species;
- Schedule 3: List of ordinary species;
- Schedule 4: List of ordinary species to be hunted with landowner's written consent.

The NWBA provides the following restrictions regarding specially protected species:

15 (1) Any person who intends to carry out a restricted activity involving specimen of listed specially protected species must do so by means of a permit issued in terms of Chapter 8.



The NWBMA defines "restricted activity" as:

(a) hunting, catching, capturing, or killing any living specimen by any means, method or device whatsoever, including searching, pursuing, driving, lying in wait, luring, alluring, discharging a missile, obstructing free passage or injuring with intent to hunt, catch, capture or kill any such specimen;

(b) gathering, collecting or plucking any such specimen;

(c) picking parts of, or cutting, chopping off, uprooting, damaging or destroying any such specimen;

(d) importing into the Province, including introducing from the sea, any such specimen;

(e) exporting from the Province, including re-exporting from the Province, any such specimen;

(f) having in possession or exercising physical control over such specimen;

(g) growing, breeding or in any other way propagating any such specimen, or causing it to multiply;

(h) conveying, moving or otherwise translocating any such specimen;

(i) selling or otherwise trading, buying, receiving, giving, donating or accepting as a gift, or in any way acquiring or disposing of any such specimen;

(j) damaging, disturbing or destroying the breeding site or habitat of any such specimen; or

(k) any other prescribed activity which involves a specimen of a listed species.

This Act must be interpreted and applied in accordance with the national environmental management principles set out in Section 2 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998).





## 4. METHODS AND APPROACH

This report is based on a literature review and GIS analysis of the proposed development. The literature review included scientific and popular publications on related aspects for the area. Internet searches for ecological issues in the area and Red Data plant and animal species were performed. The Google search engine was used for information pertaining to Red Data flora and fauna and their habitat preferences.

A baseline assessment was conducted to establish whether any potentially sensitive species / receptors might occur on site. The South African National Biodiversity Institute's (SANBI) online biodiversity tool and the Virtual Museum and Animal Demography Unit (ADU) was used to query species lists for the project area.

The National Web Based Environmental Screening Tool, hosted by the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment, was also used to determine geographically based sensitivity information in terms of terrestrial ecology, and animal and plant species themes, including potential sensitive species associated with the region.

Aerial photographs and satellite imagery were used to delineate potential sensitive habitat types and these were used as suitable method to identify sensitive areas at a desktop level.

No field survey was conducted for the assessment and all results given within this document is based on desktop findings and assessments.

#### 4.1. Data Sourcing

The data sources consulted and used where necessary in the study includes the following:

- Vegetation types and their conservation status were extracted from the South African National Vegetation Map (Mucina and Rutherford 2006) (updated 2018).
- Information on plant species recorded for the project area was extracted from the Plants of Southern Africa (POSA) database hosted by SANBI.
- The IUCN conservation status of the species recorded for the area queried on POSA was also extracted from the database and is based on the Threatened Species Programme, Red List of South African Plants.
- Threatened Ecosystem data was extracted from the NEM:BA listed ecosystems layer (2011 and 2018).
- Information on Critical Biodiversity Areas (CBA) was extracted from the North West Biodiversity Sector Plan.
- Protected areas expansion areas were extracted from the National Protected Areas Expansion Strategy 2008 (NPAES).
- Protected Areas, in terms of the NEMPAA, was extracted from the DFFE Protected Areas Register.
- Lists of mammals, reptiles and amphibians which are likely to occur at the site were derived based on distribution records from the literature and various spatial databases (SANBI's SIBIS and BGIS databases).
- Bird species lists for the area were extracted from the SABAP 1 and SABAP 2 databases and Birdlife South Africa's Important Bird Areas was also consulted to ascertain if the site falls within the range of any range-restricted or globally threatened species.
- The faunal species lists provided are based on species which are known to occur in the broad geographical area.
- The conservation status of each species is also listed, based on the latest IUCN Red List Categories and Criteria and where species have not been assessed under these criteria, the CITES status is reported where possible.



#### 4.2. Limitations and Assumptions

The desktop study was conducted with up to date resources. It might however be possible that additional information become available in time, because environmental impact assessments deal with dynamic natural ecosystems. It is therefore important that the report be viewed and acted upon with these limitations in mind.

No field survey was conducted for the assessment and all results given within this document are based on desktop findings and assessments. Therefore, the results, typical flora, herpetofauna, avifauna and mammalian communities found within the study should/can therefore only be used as a general guideline.

No detailed description or layout was provided to the specialist for this project and as such the impacts and their ratings are based on broad generalisations.

The specialist responsible for this study reserves the right to amend this report, recommendations and/or conclusions at any stage should any additional or otherwise significant information come to light.





## 5. FLORA

#### 5.1. Biomes

The project area lies within the Savanna Biome, which is the largest biome in South Africa, covering 34.3% of the country (about 435 000 km2). It is a mixture of grasses and trees or shrubs. Savanna stretches from the Kalahari in the north-west across to the lowveld in the north-east and southwards to the lowlands of KwaZulu Natal and the Eastern Cape. It is found from sea level to about 2 000 metres above sea level. More than 5 700 plant species grow in the Savanna Biome. They include various types of grasses (e.g. Rooigras) and trees like the Baobab, Mopane, Camel Thorn and Knob Thorn.

Rain falls in summer and varies greatly across the region, from about 235 mm per year in the Kalahari to over 1000 mm per year in the east.

#### 5.2. Vegetation Types

Three vegetation types, according to Mucina & Rutherford (2006), occur in the project area, namely Dwaalboom Thornveld (SVcb 1), Zeerust Thornveld (SVcb 3) and Dwarsberg-Swartruggens Mountain Bushveld (SVcb 4).

A description of the vegetation types, extracted from the CD accompanying Mucina & Rutherford (2006), is presented below.

#### 5.2.1. Dwaalboom Thornveld (SVcb 1)

Approximately 23 260 ha of the Prospecting Right area falls within the Dwaalboom Thornveld vegetation type.

The Dwaalboom Thornveld vegetation type occurs in the Limpopo and North-West Provinces, on the flats north of the Dwarsberge and associated ridges, mainly west of the Crocodile River in the Dwaalboom area but including a patch around Sentrum. South of the ridges it extends eastwards from the Nietverdiend area, north of the Pilanesberg to the Northam area.

The vegetation type is characterised by plains with a layer of scattered, low to medium high, deciduous microphyllous trees and shrubs with a few broad-leaved tree species, and an almost continuous herbaceous layer dominated by grass species.

A list of expected common and dominant species in undisturbed vegetation includes the following (those with a "d" are considered to be dominant) (Mucina and Rutherford, 2006):

- **Trees:** Vachellia erioloba, Vachellia erubescens (d), V. nilotica (d), V. tortilis subsp. heteracantha (d), Senegalia fleckii, S. mellifera subsp. detinens, Combretum imberbe, Searsia lancea, Ziziphus mucronata.
- Shrubs: Vachellia hebeclada subsp. hebeclada, Combretum hereroense, Diospyros lycioides subsp. lycioides, Euclea undulata, Grewia flava, Tarchonanthus camphoratus, Vachellia tenuispina (d), Abutilon austroafricanum, Aptosimum elongatum, Hirpicium bechuanense, Pavonia burchellii, Solanum delagoense, Kalanchoe rotundifolia, Talinum caffrum.
- **Graminoids:** Aristida bipartita (d), Bothriochloa insculpta (d), Digitaria eriantha subsp. eriantha (d), Ischaemum afrum (d), Panicum maximum (d), Cymbopogon pospischilii, Eragrostis curvula, Sehima galpinii, Setaria incrassata.
- Herbs: Heliotropium ciliatum, Kohautia caespitosa subsp. brachyloba, Nidorella hottentotica, Rhynchosia minima.



#### 5.2.2. Zeerust Thornveld (SVcb 3)

Approximately 14 190 ha of the Prospecting Right area falls within the Zeerust Thornveld vegetation type.

The Zeerust Thornveld vegetation type occurs in the North-West Province and extends along the plains from the Lobatsi River in the west via Zeerust, Groot Marico and Mabaalstad to the flats between the Pilanesberg and western end of the Magaliesberg in the east.

The vegetation type is characterised by deciduous, open to dense short thorny woodland, dominated by *Acacia* species with herbaceous layer of mainly grasses on deep, high base-status and some clay soils on plains and lowlands, also between rocky ridges of SVcb 4 Dwarsberg-Swartruggens Mountain Bushveld.

A list of expected common and dominant species in undisturbed vegetation includes the following (those with a "d" are considered to be dominant) (Mucina and Rutherford, 2006):

- Trees: Senegalia burkei (d), Vachellia erioloba (d), Senegalia mellifera subsp. detinens (d), Vachellia nilotica (d), V. tortilis subsp. heteracantha (d), Searsia lancea (d), Senegalia fleckii, Peltophorum africanum, Terminalia sericea.
- Shrubs: Diospyros lycioides subsp. lycioides, Grewia flava, Mystroxylon aethiopicum subsp. Burkeanum, Agathisanthemum bojeri, Chaetacanthus costatus, Clerodendrum ternatum, Indigofera filipes, Searsia grandidens, Sida chrysantha, Stylosanthes fruticosa.
- Graminoids: Eragrostis lehmanniana (d), Panicum maximum (d), Aristida congesta, Cymbopogon pospischilii.
- **Herbs:** Blepharis integrifolia, Chamaecrista absus, C. mimosoides, Cleome maculata, Dicoma anomala, Kyphocarpa angustifolia, Limeum viscosum, Lophiocarpus tenuissimus.

#### 5.2.3. Dwarsberg-Swartruggens Mountain Bushveld (SVcb 4)

Only approximately 28 ha of the Prospecting Right area is located in the Dwarsberg-Swartruggens Mountain Bushveld vegetation type.

The Dwarsberg-Swartruggens Mountain Bushveld occurs in the North-West Province, on hills and ridges east of the Lobatsi River through the Zeerust and the Swartruggens areas to Mabeskraal and the Selons River Valley in the east. Also occurs on the parallel ridges of the Dwarsberge from Witkleigat in the west to the hills of the Dwarsberg area in the east.

The vegetation type is characterised by rocky low to medium high hills and ridges with some steep faces in places. Height above the surrounding plains can reach about 300 m. Variable vegetation structure depending on slope, exposure, aspect and local habitat—various combinations of tree and shrub layers often with dense grass layer. Bush clumps also occur.

A list of expected common and dominant species in undisturbed vegetation includes the following (those with a "d" are considered to be dominant) (Mucina and Rutherford, 2006):

- Tree: Vachellia robusta (d), Senegalia caffra (d), S. erubescens (d), Burkea africana (d), Combretum apiculatum (d), Faurea saligna (d), Protea caffra (d), Combretum imberbe, C. molle, Cussonia paniculata, C. transvaalensis, Dombeya rotundifolia, Ozoroa paniculosa, Pappea capensis, Peltophorum africanum, Spirostachys africana, Vangueria infausta, Ziziphus mucronata, Aloe marlothii subsp. marlothii (d).
- Shrubs: Dichrostachys cinerea (d), Croton pseudopulchellus, Ehretia rigida subsp. rigida, Grewia flava, Mundulea sericea, Tarchonanthus camphoratus, Vitex zeyheri, Athrixia elata, Pavonia burchellii, Searsia magalismontana subsp. magalismontana, S. rigida var. rigida, Asparagus africanus.



- **Graminoids:** Aristida canescens (d), Cenchrus ciliaris (d), Chrysopogon serrulatus (d), Digitaria eriantha subsp. eriantha (d), Enneapogon scoparius (d), Loudetia simplex (d), Schizachyrium sanguineum (d), Setaria lindenbergiana (d), Bewsia biflora, Bothriochloa insculpta, Cymbopogon caesius, C. pospischilii, Elionurus muticus, Eragrostis rigidior, Fingerhuthia africana, Heteropogon contortus, Melinis nerviglumis, Panicum maximum, Setaria sphacelata, Themeda triandra, Trachypogon spicatus, Tristachya biseriata.
- **Herbs:** Barleria macrostegia, Commelina africana, Hermannia depressa, Senecio venosus. Geophytic Herbs: Hypoxis hemerocallidea, Pellaea calomelanos, Tritonia nelsonii.







Figure 4: Vegetation types of the study site



#### 5.3. Vegetation Conservation Status

The National List of Ecosystems that are Threatened and need of protection (GN1002 of 2011), published under NEMBA (Section 3.1.1), lists national vegetation types that are afforded protection on the basis of rates of transformation. All three vegetation types occurring on the project area (Dwaalboom Thornveld, Zeerust Thornveld and Dwarsberg-Swartruggens Mountain Bushveld) are not listed in the "National List of Ecosystems that are Threatened and need of protection", and as Least Concern by the 2018 National Biodiversity Assessment.

There is one main conservation management plan for the province, namely the North West Biodiversity Sector Plan (NWBSP). The purpose of a Biodiversity Sector Plan is to inform land use planning, environmental assessments, land and water use authorisations, as well as natural resource management, undertaken by a range of sectors whose policies and decisions impact on biodiversity.

The NWBSP comprises two spatial components: maps of critical biodiversity areas (CBAs); and a set of land-use guidelines that are important for maintaining and supporting the inherent biodiversity values of these critical biodiversity areas.

- Critical Biodiversity Areas (1) (CBA1): Irreplaceable Sites. Areas required to meet biodiversity pattern and/or ecological processes targets. No alternative Sites are Available to Meet targets. Maintain In a natural state with limited or no biodiversity loss. Rehabilitate degraded areas to a natural or near natural state, and manage for no further degradation.
- Critical Biodiversity Area (2) (CBA2): Best Design Selected Sites. Areas selected to meet biodiversity pattern and/or ecological process targets. Alternative sites may be available to meet targets. Maintain in a natural state with limited or no biodiversity loss. Maintain current agricultural activities. Ensure that land use is not intensified and that activities are managed to minimize impact on threatened species.
- Ecological Support Areas (1) (ESA1): Natural, Near natural and degraded areas supporting CBAs by maintaining Ecological processes. Maintain ecosystem functionality and connectivity allowing for limited loss of biodiversity pattern.
- Ecological Support Areas (2) (ESA2): Areas with no natural habitat that is important for supporting ecological processes. Avoid additional / new impacts on ecological processes.
- Other Natural Areas (ONA): Natural and intact but not required to meet targets, or identified as CBA or ESA. No management objectives, land management recommendations or land-use guidelines are prescribed.
- No natural habitat remaining: Areas with no significant direct biodiversity value. Not Natural or degraded natural areas that are not required as ESA, including intensive agriculture, urban, industry; and human infrastructure. No management objectives, land management recommendations or land-use guidelines are prescribed.

The study area contains the following classes from the NWBSP:

- CBA2: A few smaller, isolated CBA2 areas are located on the Prospecting Right area. These CBA2 areas on the project area appear to be largely associated with ridges and koppies and potential wetland features.
- ESA1: Larger, continuous ESA1 areas occur on the project area. The majority of the ESA1 areas are located on the eastern sections of the Prospecting Right area. These areas were most likely identified as ESA 1 areas due to their appearance as natural areas and their function as ecological corridors providing connectivity.
- ESA2: A few small, isolated ESA2 areas are located on the project footprint. These areas appear to be associated with vegetation previously disturbed by agricultural activities that fall within the ESA1 areas.





Figure 5: NWBSP Biodiversity areas on the project area



According to the South African Protected Areas Database (SAPAD) a number of Protected Areas, in terms of NEMPAA, are located within 10 km of the Prospecting Right area:

- 1. Madikwe Nature Reserve 6 km north of PR area
- 2. Tweekoppiesfontein Private Nature Reserve adjacent to western border of northern-most PR portion
- 3. Nellie Private Nature Reserve 1 km west of PR area
- 4. Drie Annie Private Nature Reserve adjacent to western-most portion of PR area
- 5. Koos Swart Private Nature Reserve 4 km west of PR area
- 6. Thys Snyman Private Nature Reserve 6 km west of PR area
- 7. Hillendale Private Nature Reserve 8 km south of PR area

The NW/Gauteng Bushveld NPAES area is located on portions of the northern sections of the Prospecting Right area.

No other conservation areas are located on the project area or within 10 km of the project area.







Figure 6: Protected and conservation areas



#### 5.4. POSA Plant Species

Information on plant species previously recorded for the project area was extracted from the POSA online database hosted by SANBI. A list of plant species that have previously been recorded in the project area is provided in Appendix C. The results indicate that 90 plant species have been recorded in the area queried, consisting of 36 families.

Of the 90 species previously recorded for the area, two are Species of Conservation Concern (SCC) in terms of their Red List status. One additional flora species was listed for the project area in the Environmental Screening Tool Report.

The table below list the flora SCC previously recorded for the greater area along with the likelihood of the species occurring on the project footprint. It is important to note that the specialist has taken a conservative approach regarding the likelihood of occurrence as the assessment is based on desktop findings and does not include a site survey.

Species	Conservation	Likelihood of occurrence
Sensitive species 695	Red List Status: EN	Plants remain at two to five locations within a restricted area (1277
		km <sup>2</sup> ). Occurs in the Marico district north of Zeerust in the Dwarsberg-
		Swartruggens Mountain Bushveld. This species is found in woodland
		and thornveld, wedged among large rocks on the slopes of quartzitic
		ridges, at altitudes of 1000-1200 m.
		This species is considered to have a low likelihood of occurrence on
		the project footprint.
Ceropegia insignis	Red List Status: EN	A range-restricted species (164 km <sup>2</sup> ), occurring at two to three
		locations. Occurs in northern North West province and adjacent areas
		in Limpopo between Ramotswa and Dwaalboom, in Dwaalboom
		Thornveld. This species occurs on stony slopes and sandy soils in
		grassland and open savanna.
		Based on the distribution of the species provided by the SANBI Red
		List of South African Plants, tis species is considered to have a <b>low</b>
		likelihood of occurrence on the project footprint.
Searsia maricoana	Red List Status: VU	Known from three locations in the Zeerust District. Occurs in
		Dwaalboom Thornveld, Carletonville Dolomite Grassland, and
		Klerksdorp Thornveld. This species is found in grassland, at the
		transition from bushveld, in dark soil among igneous rocks.
		This species is considered to have a low likelihood of occurrence on
		the project footprint.

#### Table 1: Flora SCC recorded for the area on POSA

Two of the flora species recorded on POSA for the area are listed as protected in the NWBMA:

- Ceropegia insignis
- Euphorbia inaequilatera

Two protected tree species, in terms of the NFA, have been recorded on POSA for the area queried, namely:

- Boscia albitrunca (Shepherd's tree)
- Sclerocarya birrea (Marula)





Seven of the flora species recorded on POSA for the area are known to have medicinal uses:

- Convolvulus sagittatus
- Diospyros lycioides
- Dombeya rotundifolia
- Euclea undulata
- Senegalia caffra
- Vachellia karroo
- Ziziphus mucronata

One exotic plant species were recorded to occur within the area queried, namely Bidens bipinnata (Black jack).

Five endemic plant species were recorded to occur within the area queried:

- Blepharis innocua
- Indigofera glaucescens
- Indigofera leendertziae
- Lotononis burchellii
- Triumfetta sonderi





## 6. FAUNA

A desktop study was conducted to establish whether any potentially sensitive faunal species or species of conservation concern (SCC) may possibly occur on site. The Virtual Museum and Animal Demography Unit (ADU) was used to compile species lists based on the sightings and data gathered from the South African Biodiversity Institute for the 2436CD, 2526AA, 2526AB, 2526AC and 2526AD Quarter Degree Squares (QDS). The avifaunal species list was obtained from SABAP2 for the pentads applicable to the project area.

It is important to note that a QDS covers a large area:  $\pm 27 \times 25 \text{ km}$  ( $\pm 693 \text{ km}^2$ ) and a pentad (SABAP2 Protocol) an area of  $\pm 8 \times 7.6 \text{ km}$  ( $\pm 60.8 \text{ km}^2$ ) and it is possible that suitable habitat will exist for a certain Red Data avifaunal species within this wider area surrounding the study site. However, the specific habitat(s) found on site may not suit Red Data species, even though it has been recorded for the QDS or pentad.

Species and habitat were identified as possibly sensitive within the framework of this study. Sensitive species were determined according to their close relationship and dependence on the vegetation type and habitat found to occur on the project site.

Appendix D list the faunal species for the five QDS applicable to the project. National SCC include mammalian and avifaunal species which are known to occur in the regional area where the project is proposed (Table 2). Provincially protected species could also be expected to occur in the region and are shown below and within the appendices.

Scientific Name	Common Name	Conservation Concern		
Mammals				
Possible occurrence	Possible occurrence			
Damaliscus lunatus lunatus	(Southern African) Tsessebe	Vulnerable (2016), TOPS		
Smutsia temminckii	Ground Pangolin	Vulnerable (2016), TOPS		
Otomys auratus	Southern African Vlei Rat	Near Threatened (2016)		
Aonyx capensis	African Clawless Otter	Near Threatened (2016), NWBA Schedule 2 & 5		
Crocidura mariquensis	Swamp Musk Shrew	Near Threatened (2016), NWBA Schedule 2		
Pipistrellus (Pipistrellus) rusticus	Rusty Pipistrelle	Near Threatened		
Hippotragus equinus	Roan Antelope	Endangered (2016), TOPS		
Hippotragus niger niger	Sable	Vulnerable (2016), NWBA Schedule 2		
Kobus leche	Lechwe	Near Threatened (2017)		
Pelea capreolus	Vaal Rhebok	Near Threatened (2016), NWBA Schedule 2 & 5		
Not likely to occur				
Leptailurus serval	Serval	Near Threatened (2016), TOPS		
Panthera leo	Lion	Least Concern (2016) – Listed large predator, TOPS		
Panthera pardus	Leopard	Vulnerable (2016) – Listed large predator, TOPS		
Hinnonotamus amphihius	Common Hipponotamus	Least Concern (2016), NWBA Schedule 2 & 5,		
		Flagged by Screening Tool Report		
Crocuta crocuta	Spotted Hyaena	Near Threatened (2016) – Listed large predator,		
		TOPS		
Hyaena brunnea	Brown Hyena	Near Threatened (2015), TOPS		
lucaon nictus	African wild dog	Endangered (2016) – Listed large predator		
		(NWBA), TOPS, Flagged by Screening Tool Report		
Loxodonta africana	African Bush Elephant	Vulnerable A2a (2008), TOPS		

#### Table 2: Fauna SCC found in QDS that may be relevant to the Salene Manganese PR





Scientific Name Common Name		Conservation Concern		
Acinonyx jubatus	Chaotab	Vulnerable (2016) – Listed large predator, TOPS,		
Acinonyx jubutus	Cheetan	Flagged by Screening Tool Report		
Avifauna		Regional Status	Global Status	
Polemaetus hellicosus	Eagle Martial	EN, NWBA Schedule 2,	VII (EN 2021)	
Folemaetas benicosas		TOPS	VO (LN 2021)	
Falco biarmicus	Falcon, Lanner	VU, NWBA Schedule 2	LC	
Phoenicopterus roseus	Flamingo, Greater	NT, NWBA Schedule 2	LC	
Certhilauda chuana	Lark, Short-clawed	NT, NWBA Schedule 2	LC	
Coracias garrulus	as garrulus Roller, European		LC	
Pterocles gutturalis	es gutturalis Sandgrouse, Yellow-throated		LC	
		VU, NWBA Schedule 2 –		
Sagittarius serpentarius	Secretarybird	Flagged by Screening	VU	
		Tool Report		
Ciconia abdimii	Stork, Abdim's	NT, NWBA Schedule 2	LC	
Mycteria ibis	Stork, Yellow-billed	EN, NWBA Schedule 2	LC	
Torgos trasholistos	Vulture Lennet feed	EN, NWBA Schedule 2,	<b>EN</b>	
Torgos trachenolos	Vulture, Lappet-Taced	TOPS	EIN	
Cups africanus	Vulture White backed	CR, NWBA Schedule 2,	CB	
Gyps africarias		TOPS		

#### 6.1.1. Mammals

Ninety-four (94) mammal species were found to possibly occur within the QDS, of which many are provincial SCC. Eighteen (18) species are SCC in a national context. The other species, largely game species, have a provincially protected status, which regulates handling of these species, and may be viewed in Appendix D.

Those species with a high likelihood of occurrence include the following:

•	Damaliscus lunatus lunatus (Southern Africa	an Tsessebe) -	VU (2016), TOPS
•	Hippotragus equinus (Roan Antelope)	-	EN (2016), TOPS
•	Hippotragus niger niger (Sable)	-	VU (2016), NWBA Schedule 2
•	Kobus leche (Lechwe)	-	NT (2017)
•	Pelea capreolus (Vaal Rhebok)	-	NT (2016), NWBA Schedule 2 & 5
•	Leptailurus serval (Serval)	-	NT (2016), TOPS
•	Smutsia temminckii (Ground Pangolin)	-	VU (2016), TOPS
•	Otomys auratus (Southern African Vlei Rat)	-	NT (2016)
•	Aonyx capensis (African Clawless Otter)	-	NT (2016), NWBA Schedule 2 & 5
•	Crocidura mariquensis (Swamp Musk Shrew	') -	NT (2016), NWBA Schedule 2
•	Pipistrellus rusticus (Rusty Pipistrelle)	-	NT

The following SCC species listed for the QDS are **unlikely or have a low likelihood of occurrence** on the project site due to anthropogenic movement and activities in the area:

•	Lycaon pictus (African wild dog) -	EN (2016), Listed large predator (NWBA), TOPS, Flagged
		by Screening Tool Report
•	Loxodonta Africana (African Bush Elephant) -	VU A2a (2008), TOPS
•	Acinonyx jubatus (Cheetah) -	VU (2016), Listed large predator, TOPS, Screening Tool
		Report
•	Panthera pardus (Leopard) -	VU (2016), Listed large predator, TOPS
•	Crocuta Crocuta (Spotted Hyaena) -	NT (2016), Listed large predator, TOPS





- Hyaena brunnea (Brown Hyena)
- NT (2015), TOPS

• Panthera leo (Lion)

- LC (2016) Listed large predator, TOPS
- Hippopotamus amphibius (Common Hippopotamus) LC (2016), NWBA Schedule 2 & 5, Screening Tool Report

#### 6.1.2. Avifaunal

According to data collected during the Southern African Bird Atlas Project 2 (SABAP2) <u>http://sabap2.adu.org.za</u>, the site is located within several pentads of which the following nineteen (19) pentads overlap with the prospecting right: 2450\_2615, 2450\_2620, 2455\_2615, 2455\_2620, 2500\_2610, 2500\_2615, 2500\_2620, 2505\_2610, 2505\_2615, 2505\_2620, 2510\_2610, 2510\_2610, 2510\_2610, 2515\_2610, 2515\_2610, 2515\_2620, 2520\_2610 and 2520\_2615.

Two hundred and seventy-four (274) bird species are listed for the pentads associated with the project area.

Eleven (11) avifaunal SCC have been indicated for the specific pentad and listed in the Screening Tool Report relevant to the development:

•	Eagle, Martial (Polemaetus bellicosus)	-	EN, NWBA Schedule 2, TOPS (Regional), VU (EN 2021) (Global)
•	Falcon, Lanner (Falco biarmicus)	-	VU, NWBA Schedule 2 (Regional), LC (Global)
•	Flamingo, Greater (Phoenicopterus roseus)	-	NT, NWBA Schedule 2 (Regional), LC (Global)
•	Lark, Short-clawed (Certhilauda chuana)	-	NT, NWBA Schedule 2 (Regional), LC (Global)
•	Roller, European (Coracias garrulus)	-	NT, NWBA Schedule 2 (Regional), LC (Global)
•	Sandgrouse, Yellow-throated (Pterocles gut	turalis) -	NT, NWBA Schedule 2 (Regional), LC (Global)
•	Secretarybird (Sagittarius serpentarius)	-	VU, NWBA Schedule 2 – Flagged by Screening Tool Report (Regional), VU (Global)
•	Stork, Abdim's ( <i>Ciconia abdimii)</i>	-	NT, NWBA Schedule 2 (Regional), LC (Global)
•	Stork, Yellow-billed (Mycteria ibis)	-	EN, NWBA Schedule 2 (Regional), LC (Global)
•	Vulture, Lappet-faced (Torgos tracheliotos)	-	EN, NWBA Schedule 2, TOPS (Regional), EN (Global)
•	Vulture, White-backed (Gyps africanus)	-	CR, NWBA Schedule 2, TOPS (Regional), CR (Global)

The closest Important Birding Areas are located more than 50 km from the project area.

#### 6.1.3. Butterflies

Seventy-six (76) butterfly species were found for the 2436CD, 2526AA, 2526AB, 2526AC and 2526AD QDS, none of which are categorised as SCC in terms of their national status.

However, all Charaxes butterflies are provincially protected:

- Charaxes achaemenes Achaemenes (Bushveld charaxes)
- *Charaxes jahlusa rex* (Pearl-spotted charaxes)
- Charaxes saturnus saturnus (Foxy charaxes)
- Charaxes vansoni (Van Son's charaxes)

- LC (SABCA 2013), NWBA Schedule 2



#### 6.1.4. Other Invertebrates

Nine Lacewing species, 24 Dung beetles and four Odonata were listed for the QDS, none of which are listed as SCC on the IUCN Red list. None of these species have a national Red List SCC status, however, all Dung beetle species are provincially protected.

#### 6.1.5. Reptiles

Thirty-six (36) reptile species were recorded for the QDS. None of the species are categorised as SCC in terms of the national Red List. Several others enjoy provincial protection:

٠	Sensitive Species 12	-	LC (SARCA 2014), NWBA Schedule 2,
			Flagged by Screening Tool Report
٠	Chamaeleo dilepis (Common Flap-neck Chameleon	) -	LC (SARCA 2014), NWBA Schedule 2
٠	Telescopus semiannulatus semiannulatus (Eastern	Tiger Snake)	LC (SARCA 2014), NWBA Schedule 2
٠	Cordylus jonesii (Jones' Girdled Lizard)	-	LC (SARCA 2014), NWBA Schedule 2
٠	Cordylus vittifer (Common Girdled Lizard)	-	LC (SARCA 2014), NWBA Schedule 2
٠	Gerrhosaurus flavigularis (Yellow-throated Plated I	_izard) -	LC (SARCA 2014), NWBA Schedule 2
٠	Varanus albigularis albigularis (Rock Monitor)	-	LC (SARCA 2014), NWBA Schedule 2
٠	Varanus niloticus (Water Monitor)	-	LC (SARCA 2014), NWBA Schedule 2

#### 6.1.6. Amphibians

Twenty (20) amphibian species were listed within the QDS, none of which are Red List SCC.





## 7. SENSITIVITY

The project area is located on three vegetation types, namely Dwaalboom Thornveld (SVcb 1), Zeerust Thornveld (SVcb 3) and Dwarsberg-Swartruggens Mountain Bushveld (SVcb 4). All three vegetation types occurring on the project area are not listed in the "National List of Ecosystems that are Threatened and need of protection", and as Least Concern by the 2018 National Biodiversity Assessment.

The study area contains the following classes from the NWBSP:

- CBA2: A few smaller, isolated CBA2 areas are located on the Prospecting Right area. These CBA2 areas on the project area appear to be largely associated with ridges and koppies and potential wetland features.
- ESA1: Larger, continuous ESA1 areas occur on the project area. The majority of the ESA1 areas are located on the eastern sections of the Prospecting Right area. These areas were most likely identified as ESA 1 areas due to their appearance as natural areas and their function as ecological corridors providing connectivity.
- ESA2: A few small, isolated ESA2 areas are located on the project footprint. These areas appear to be associated with vegetation previously disturbed by agricultural activities that fall within the ESA1 areas.

According to the South African Protected Areas Database (SAPAD) a number of Protected Areas, in terms of NEMPAA, are located within 10 km of the Prospecting Right area:

- 1. Madikwe Nature Reserve 6 km north of PR area
- 2. Tweekoppiesfontein Private Nature Reserve adjacent to western border of northern-most PR portion
- 3. Nellie Private Nature Reserve 1 km west of PR area
- 4. Drie Annie Private Nature Reserve adjacent to western-most portion of PR area
- 5. Koos Swart Private Nature Reserve 4 km west of PR area
- 6. Thys Snyman Private Nature Reserve 6 km west of PR area
- 7. Hillendale Private Nature Reserve 8 km south of PR area

The NW/Gauteng Bushveld NPAES area is located on the sections of the northern sections of the Prospecting Right area.

Various perennial and non-perennial rivers and streams flow across the Prospecting Right area. The most notable are:

- The Sehubyane River and its tributary, the Sandsloot River, flow through the southern section of the Prospecting Right area.
- The Madikwene River flows along the eastern border of the northern section of the Prospecting Right area.
- The Sehubyane River and Madikwe River confluence to form the Marico River, which flows in proximity to the eastern border of the northern section of the Prospecting Right area

Rivers and streams serve as ecological corridors, enable site and landscape level connectivity, and support ecological processes and are therefore considered to be of high ecological sensitivity.

The Prospecting Right area is located in a Freshwater Ecosystem Priority Area (FEPA), Phase 2 FEPA and Upstream FEPA.

Although some flora SCC were previously recorded for the area queried, all are considered to have a low likelihood of occurrence on the project area (refer to Table 1).

A number of mammalian and avifaunal SCC may potentially occur on the project site (refer to Table 2 and Table 3).

From satellite imagery of the project area the following impacts are apparent:

• A number of formal and informal roads are located across the Prospecting Right area. Impacts from human and vehicle movement on these roads are expected.





- Mining activities have taken place or are currently taking place in the western-most portion of the Prospecting Right area.
- Current and historic agricultural activities, including crop farming and grazing.

Based on the desktop assessment findings, the specialist concurs with the sensitivity as presented on the National Web-based Environmental Screening Tool, with the inclusion of all rivers and stream as high sensitivity.







Figure 7: Rivers and stream in relation to the project site





Figure 8: River FEPAs of the project area



Figure 9: Environmental Screening Tool map of animal species theme sensitivity



40 Kilometers

Figure 10: Environmental Screening Tool map of plant species theme sensitivity







Figure 11: Environmental Screening Tool map of terrestrial biodiversity theme sensitivity



## **8. IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

All forms of development, albeit for mining, industrial, urban or residential purposes, will have an immediate effect on the natural environment. It is therefore of utmost importance to provide information on the environmental consequences these activities will have and to inform the decision-makers thereof.

#### 8.1. Methodology

#### 8.1.1. Assessment Criteria

The criteria for the description and assessment of environmental impacts were drawn from the EIA Guidelines, National Environmental Management Act (Act No. 107 of 1998): EIA Regulations (2014) and as amended from time to time.

The level of detail as depicted in the EIA Guidelines was fine-tuned by assigning specific values to each impact. In order to establish a coherent framework within which all impacts could be objectively assessed, it was necessary to establish a rating system, which was applied consistently to all the criteria. For such purposes each aspect was assigned a value, ranging from one (1) to five (5), depending on its definition. This assessment is a relative evaluation within the context of all the activities and the other impacts within the framework of the project.

An explanation of the impact assessment criteria is defined below.

EXTENT					
Classification	of the physical and spatial scale of the impact				
Faatarint	The impacted area extends only as far as the activity, such as footprint occurring within the total site				
FOOLDHILL	area.				
Site	The impact could affect the whole, or a significant portion of the site.				
Degional	The impact could affect the area including the neighbouring farms, the transport routes and the				
Regional	adjoining towns.				
National	The impact could have an effect that expands throughout the country (South Africa).				
International	Where the impact has international ramifications that extend beyond the boundaries of South Africa.				
DURATION					
The lifetime of	f the impact that is measured in relation to the lifetime of the proposed development.				
Short torm	The impact will either disappear with mitigation or will be mitigated through a natural process in a				
Short term	period shorter than that of the construction phase.				
Short to The impact will be relevant through to the end of a construction phase (1.5 years).					
Medium					
term					
Medium	The impact will last up to the end of the development phases, where after it will be entirely negated.				
term					
Longtorm	The impact will continue or last for the entire operational lifetime i.e. exceed 30 years of the				
Long term	development, but will be mitigated by direct human action or by natural processes thereafter.				
	This is the only class of impact, which will be non-transitory. Mitigation either by man or natural				
Permanent	process will not occur in such a way or in such a time span that the impact can be considered				
transient.					
INTENSITY					
The intensity	of the impact is considered by examining whether the impact is destructive or benign, whether it				

#### Table 3: Impact Assessment Criteria

The intensity of the impact is considered by examining whether the impact is destructive or benign, whether it destroys the impacted environment, alters its functioning, or slightly alters the environment itself. The intensity is rated as





	The impact alters the affected environment in such a way that the natural processes or functions are		
Low	not affected		
	not anected.		
Medium	The affected environment is altered, but functions and processes continue, albeit in a modified way.		
High	Function or process of the affected environment is disturbed to the extent where it temporarily or		
riigii	permanently ceases.		
PROBABILITY			
This describes	the likelihood of the impacts actually occurring. The impact may occur for any length of time during		
the life cycle o	f the activity, and not at any given time. The classes are rated as follows:		
Improbable	The possibility of the impact occurring is none, due either to the circumstances, design or experience.		
IIIprobable	The chance of this impact occurring is zero (0 %).		
Dessible	The possibility of the impact occurring is very low, due either to the circumstances, design or		
POSSIBLE	experience. The chances of this impact occurring is defined as 25 %.		
Likoly	There is a possibility that the impact will occur to the extent that provisions must therefore be made.		
LIKEIY	The chances of this impact occurring is defined as 50 %.		
It is most likely that the impacts will occur at some stage of the development. Plans must be			
Fighty Likely	up before carrying out the activity. The chances of this impact occurring is defined as 75 %.		
	The impact will take place regardless of any prevention plans, and only mitigation actions or		
Definite	contingency plans to contain the effect can be relied on. The chance of this impact occurring is		
	defined as 100 %.		

The status of the impacts and degree of confidence with respect to the assessment of the significance must be stated as follows:

- Status of the impact: A description as to whether the impact would be positive (a benefit), negative (a cost), or neutral.
- **Degree of confidence in predictions:** The degree of confidence in the predictions, based on the availability of information and specialist knowledge.

Other aspects to take into consideration in the specialist studies are:

- Impacts should be described both before and after the proposed mitigation and management measures have been implemented.
- All impacts should be evaluated for the full-lifecycle of the proposed development, including construction, operation and decommissioning.
- The impact evaluation should take into consideration the cumulative effects associated with this and other facilities which are either developed or in the process of being developed in the region.
- The specialist studies must attempt to quantify the magnitude of potential impacts (direct and cumulative effects) and outline the rationale used. Where appropriate, national standards are to be used as a measure of the level of impact.

#### 8.1.2. Mitigation

The impacts that are generated by the development can be minimised if measures are implemented in order to reduce the impacts. The mitigation measures ensure that the development considers the environment and the predicted impacts in order to minimise impacts and achieve sustainable development.

#### 8.1.2.1. Determination of Significance-Without Mitigation

Significance is determined through a synthesis of impact characteristics as described in the above paragraphs. It provides an indication of the importance of the impact in terms of both tangible and intangible characteristics. The significance of the impact "without mitigation" is the prime determinant of the nature and degree of mitigation required. Where the impact is positive, significance is noted as "positive". Significance is rated on the following scale:



0	0
NO	The impact is not substantial and does not require any mitigation action.
SIGNIFICANCE	
LOW	The impact is of little importance, but may require limited mitigation.
	The impact is of importance and is therefore considered to have a negative impact. Mitigation is
	required to reduce the negative impacts to acceptable levels.
	The impact is of major importance. Failure to mitigate, with the objective of reducing the impact to

#### Table 4: Significance-Without Mitigation

#### 8.1.2.2. Determination of Significance- With Mitigation

unacceptable. Mitigation is therefore essential.

Determination of significance refers to the foreseeable significance of the impact after the successful implementation of the necessary mitigation measures. Significance with mitigation is rated on the following scale:

acceptable levels, could render the entire development option or entire project proposal

NO	The impact will be mitigated to the point where it is regarded as insubstantial.				
SIGNIFICANCE					
LOW	The impact will be mitigated to the point where it is of limited importance.				
LOW TO	The impact is of importance, however, through the implementation of the correct mitigation				
MEDIUM	measures such potential impacts can be reduced to acceptable levels.				
	Notwithstanding the successful implementation of the mitigation measures, to reduce the				
	negative impacts to acceptable levels, the negative impact will remain of significance. However,				
	taken within the overall context of the project, the persistent impact does not constitute a fatal				
	flaw.				
MEDIUM TO	The impact is of major importance but through the implementation of the correct mitigation				
HIGH	measures, the negative impacts will be reduced to acceptable levels.				
	The impact is of major importance. Mitigation of the impact is not possible on a cost-effective				
шсц	basis. The impact is regarded as high importance and taken within the overall context of the				
поп	project, is regarded as a fatal flaw. An impact regarded as high significance, after mitigation could				
	render the entire development option or entire project proposal unacceptable.				

#### Table 5: Significance- With Mitigation

HIGH

#### 8.1.3. Assessment Weighting

Each aspect within an impact description was assigned a series of quantitative criteria. Such criteria are likely to differ during the different stages of the project's life cycle. In order to establish a defined base upon which it becomes feasible to make an informed decision, it was necessary to weigh and rank all the criteria.

#### 8.1.3.1. Ranking, Weighting and Scaling

For each impact under scrutiny, a scaled weighting factor is attached to each respective impact (refer Table 7). The purpose of assigning weights serves to highlight those aspects considered the most critical to the various stakeholders and ensure that each specialist's element of bias is taken into account. The weighting factor also provides a means whereby the impact assessor can successfully deal with the complexities that exist between the different impacts and associated aspect criteria.

Simply, such a weighting factor is indicative of the importance of the impact in terms of the potential effect that it could have on the surrounding environment. Therefore, the aspects considered to have a relatively high value will score a relatively higher weighting than that which is of lower importance.





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EXTENT		DURATION		INTENSITY		PROBABILITY		WEIGHTING		SIGNIFICANCE		
								FACTOR (WF	)		RATING (SR)	
Footprint	1	Short term	1	Low	1	Probable	1	Low		1	Low	0-19
Site	2	Short to Medium	2			Possible	2	Low to Mediu	um	2	Low to Medium	20-39
Regional	3	Medium term	3	Medium	3	Likely	3	Medium		3	Medium	40-59
National	4	Long term	4			Highly Likely	4	Medium High	to	4	Medium to High	60-79
Internation al	5	Permanent	5	High	5	Definite	5	High		5	High	80-100
MITIGATION	EF	FICIENCY (ME)				SIGNIFICANCE FOLLOWING MITIGATION (SFM)						
High		0.	0.2		Low		0 - 19					
Medium to High		0.	0.4		Low to Medium			20 - 39				
Medium 0.6		Medium			40 - 59							
Low to Medium 0.8		Medium to High		60 - 79								
Low	ow 1.0 High			80 - 100								

#### Table 6: Description of assessment parameters with its respective weighting

#### 8.1.3.2. Identifying the Potential Impacts Without Mitigation Measures (WOM)

Following the assignment of the necessary weights to the respective aspects, criteria are summed and multiplied by their assigned weightings, resulting in a value for each impact (prior to the implementation of mitigation measures).

Equation 1:

Significance Rating (WOM) = (Extent + Intensity + Duration + Probability) x Weighting Factor

#### 8.1.3.3. Identifying the Potential Impacts with Mitigation Measures (WM)

In order to gain a comprehensive understanding of the overall significance of the impact, after implementation of the mitigation measures, it was necessary to re-evaluate the impact.

#### 8.1.3.4. Mitigation Efficiency (ME)

The most effective means of deriving a quantitative value of mitigated impacts is to assign each significance rating value (WOM) a mitigation efficiency (ME) rating (refer to Table 7). The allocation of such a rating is a measure of the efficiency and effectiveness, as identified through professional experience and empirical evidence of how effectively the proposed mitigation measures will manage the impact.

Thus, the lower the assigned value the greater the effectiveness of the proposed mitigation measures and subsequently, the lower the impacts with mitigation.

#### Equation 2:

Significance Rating (WM) = Significance Rating (WOM) x Mitigation Efficiency or WM = WOM x ME

#### 8.1.3.5. Significance Following Mitigation (SFM)

The significance of the impact after the mitigation measures are taken into consideration. The efficiency of the mitigation measure determines the significance of the impact. The level of impact is therefore seen in its entirety with all considerations taken into account.



#### 8.2. Nature of Impact Identified

The following section focuses on the potential impacts that the proposed activity and associated activities may have on the terrestrial ecology of the area. Potential impacts, as a result of the proposed activities, will be investigated for two phases of the project: operational phase and closure / decommissioning phase. As the project only proposes to undertake drilling as part of the invasive activities, no construction phase is expected.

No layout was provided to the specialist for this project as the number and location of drill holes will be determined as part of the data gathering to be undertaken for the prospecting, as such the impacts described below and their ratings are based on broad generalisations.

- Most of the impacts on plant species will occur during the operational phase when removal of plant communities will take place on site, which will also impact on the animals that use the area.
- The operational activities may result in impacts to the natural environment due to increased traffic and personnel to the area. Heavy machinery and vehicles will result in compaction of the soil and removal of vegetation and topsoil.
- Impacts to sensitive areas and specialised niche habitats, such as koppies, ridges and rivers and streams may occur as a result of the proposed project.
- Vegetation clearance will likely destroy habitats and lead to possible invasive and / or exotic species establishing in the area and edge-effects occurring surrounding the prospecting activities. Bare areas may become vulnerable to Alien and Invasive Plant species and these may compete with indigenous species, likely leading to the migration of sensitive species from the site to a more favourable habitat.
- Endemic and/or SCC species could possibly occur within the operational footprint area and would then be damaged or destroyed without proper knowledge and/or mitigation measures.
- Anthropogenic influence stemming from staff and contractors that infiltrate the natural veld areas may damage and impact on species communities within these areas.
- Human activity may impact on the faunal communities within the area. Associated noise, waste, the smell of humans, physical infiltration into natural areas are problematic and may lead to declining populations (where the disturbance of habitat has caused habitat remaining to become unfavorable).

#### 8.3. Flora Impact Assessment and Risk Evaluation

#### 8.3.1. Impact on overall floral biodiversity due to development activities

#### Phase of development: operation

# Impact Invasive prospecting and associated activities will lead to destruction and damage of habitat and overall loss of floral and faunal species within the clearance and operational area. As a result of the activities degradation or compression may occur if heavy construction vehicles are not kept to the demarcated roads. No Mitigation With Mitigation Extent Footprint (1) Duration Short to medium term (2)

Duration	Short to medium term (2)	
Magnitude	Medium (3)	0.6 (Medium) ME
Probability	Definite (5)	
Weighting factor	Low to medium (2)	
Significance Rating (SR)	Low to Medium (22)	Low (13)



Recommended mitigation measures:

- All footprint areas should remain as small as possible.
- A control of access should be implemented for all remaining natural areas to prevent unnecessary destruction
  of habitats or disturbance of species. It is also vital that no additional fragmentation occurs and that all roads
  are clearly demarcated and kept to without any exceptions. No vehicles or personnel are permitted outside of
  these demarcated roads.
- The vegetation removal should be controlled and very specific.
- Continuous rehabilitation of the area should occur, where re-vegetation practices should be prioritised.

#### 8.3.2. Impact on floral biodiversity due to exotic and invasive plant species

#### Phase of development: operation

#### Impact

Vegetation clearance will likely destroy habitats and lead to possible invasive and/or exotic species establishing in the area and edge-effects occurring surrounding the prospecting activities. Bare areas may become vulnerable to Alien and Invasive Plant species and these may compete with indigenous species, likely leading to the migration of sensitive species from the site to a more favourable habitat.

	No Mitigation	With Mitigation	
Extent	Regional (3)	-	
Duration	Long term (4)		
Magnitude	Medium (3)	0.6 (Medium) ME	
Probability	Possible (3)		
Weighting factor	Medium (3)		
Significance Rating (SR)	Low to medium (39)	Low to medium (23)	

Recommended mitigation measures:

• Alien Invasive Plant (AIP) control measures should be implemented for the control of invasive and exotic plant species.

#### 8.3.3. Impact on floral species of conservation concern and sensitive habitats

#### Phase of development: operation

#### Impact

Invasive prospecting and associated activities may impact on areas designated as high sensitivity, including critical biodiversity areas, ecological support areas, koppies, ridges and watercourses situated in and around the Prospecting Right area. The EAP has indicated that drilling will not be undertaken in close proximity to rivers and streams.

The activity may lead to the loss of floral species of conservation concern. However, based on the desktop study findings, no flora SCC are considered to be likely to occur on the project area.

	No Mitigation	With Mitigation
Extent	Regional (3)	
Duration	Long term (4)	
Magnitude	Medium (3)	0.4 (Medium to high) ME
Probability	Possible (2)	
Weighting factor	Medium (3)	
Significance Rating (SR)	Low to Medium (36)	Low (14)



Recommended mitigation measures:

- All footprint areas should remain as small as possible.
  - If any SCC are encountered within the subject property in the future, the following should be ensured:
    - If any threatened species will be disturbed, ensure effective relocation of individuals to suitable offset areas or within designated open space on the subject property.
    - All rescue and relocation plans should be overseen by a suitably qualified specialist.
    - Obtain relevant permits/consent, if applicable, for each protected or endangered floral species identified within the proposed development area that will be destroyed.
- Placement of the infrastructure and activities should be planned to avoid sensitive areas such as koppies, ridges, rivers and streams.

#### 8.3.4. Impact on floral species due to Closure / Post-closure Phase

#### Phase of development: closure / post-closure

#### Impact

Rehabilitation could be ineffective if measures are not appropriately complied to or rehabilitation is not planned well in advance. Without the necessary mitigation measures, rehabilitation will be less successful and the ecology of the impacted areas may not recover to a pre-prospecting state.

Without mitigation the alien invasive species may increase and result in a degraded veld condition making the property less viable for post-closure land use activities such as wilderness, grazing and agriculture.

	No Mitigation	With Mitigation	
Extent	Site (2)		
Duration	Medium term (3)		
Magnitude Medium (3)		0.6 ME	
Probability	Likely (3)		
eighting factor Medium-High (4)		1	
Significance Rating (SR)	Medium (44)	Low to Medium (26)	

Recommended mitigation measures:

- Alien Invasive Plant (AIP) control measures should be implemented for the control of invasive and exotic plant species.
- Prior to finalisation of the activities and closure, an AIP survey must be undertaken to determine that AIP are present in and around the project footprint.
- Rehabilitation plans should be planned long before the closure phase is due. Continuous rehabilitation should also take place during the operational phase.
- Rehabilitation plan should be implemented. This includes the process of replanting the vegetation. Rehabilitation plans should be compiled with the use of a specialist and the correct seeding techniques and mixtures should be applied.



#### 8.4. Fauna Impact Assessment and Risk Evaluation

#### 8.4.1. Impact on faunal species due to the invasive prospecting activities

#### Phase of development: operation

#### Impact

The onset of activities might result in impacts to the natural environment and fauna due to increased movement, traffic and large machinery to the area.

	No Mitigation	With Mitigation	
Extent	Regional (3)		
Duration	Long term (4)		
Magnitude	Medium (3)	0.4 ME	
Probability Definite (5)			
Weighting factor	Medium-High (4)		
Significance Rating (SR) Medium to High (60)		Low to Medium (24)	

Recommended mitigation measures:

- Demarcate specific areas to be developed and remain clear of other areas where activities are not necessary.
- To minimize potential impacts to animal species, animals (wildlife and domestic animals) may under no circumstances be handled, removed, killed or interfered with by the Contractor, his employees, his Sub-Contractors or his Sub-Contractors' employees.
- Continuous rehabilitation of the area should occur, with concurrent rehabilitation of drilling areas as the project continues. This will entail the spreading of topsoil, revegetation and management of invasive species.
- Any nests encountered should be avoided.

#### Phase of development: operation

#### Impact

River and streams occurring on the Prospecting Right area may be impacted due to the invasive prospecting and related activities and may result in the destruction of riparian habitat for sensitive species. Impacts within these areas could lead to destruction and degradation of habitats and food associated with these drainage / riverine areas.

The EAP has indicated that drilling will not be undertaken in close proximity to rivers and streams.

	No Mitigation	With Mitigation	
Extent	Regional (3)		
Duration	Long term (4)		
Magnitude	Medium (3)	0.2 ME	
Probability Possible (2)			
Weighting factor	Medium (3)		
Significance Rating (SR) Low to Medium (36)		Low (7)	

Recommended mitigation measures:

- To minimize potential impacts to animal species, animals (wildlife and domestic animals) may under no circumstances be handled, removed, killed or interfered with by the Contractor, his employees, his Sub-Contractors or his Sub-Contractors' employees.
- Placement of the infrastructure and activities should be planned to avoid sensitive areas such as koppies, rivers and streams.



#### Phase of development: operation

Impact				
The operational activities	s might result in impacts to the na	tural environment and faunal species due to prolonged		
activity and movement to	and from the area.			
No Mitigation With Mitigation				
Extent	Regional (3)			
Duration	Medium term (3)			
Magnitude	Low (1) 0.8 ME			
Probability	ability Possible (2)			
Weighting factor	Medium (3)			
Significance Rating (SR)	Low to Medium (27)	Low to Medium (21)		

Recommended mitigation measures:

- All footprint areas should remain as small as possible.
- Demarcate specific areas to be developed and remain clear of other areas where activities are not necessary.
- Continuous rehabilitation of the area should occur to ensure all impacts identified during operational phase is speedily managed and restored. This includes erosion and the management of invasive plant species that may decrease the integrity of the vegetation types as a specialised habitat for animals.

#### 8.4.2. Closure/Post-Closure Phase for All Developments

#### Phase of development: Closure and Rehabilitation

#### Impact

Increased activity and traffic within a shorter timeframe (closure phase) may degrade the area. The possibility exists for rehabilitation to be ineffective if measures are not appropriately complied to or rehabilitation is not planned well in advance.

	No Mitigation	With Mitigation	
Extent	Regional (3)		
Duration Long term (4)			
Magnitude	Medium (3)	0.4 ME	
Probability	Definite (5)		
Weighting factor Medium-High (4)			
Significance Rating (SR)	Medium to High (60)	Low to Medium (24)	

Recommended mitigation measures:

- Active rehabilitation of degraded landscapes should commence as soon as practically possible.
- Rehabilitation plans should be planned long before the closure phase is due.
- To minimize potential impacts to animal species, animals (wildlife and domestic animals) may under no circumstances be handled, removed, killed or interfered with by the Contractor, his employees, his Sub-Contractors' employees.
- Ensure that an acceptable aesthetic scenario is created post closure. This will be reached through adequate rehabilitation practices by restoring damaged and degraded habitat areas.



## 9. ECOLOGICAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

#### 9.1. Pre-Construction Phase

• Sensitive ridge / koppie, riverine and riparian vegetation habitat constitute the most important features which make up the area identified as increased sensitivity. Suitable ecological buffers should be calculated for the river system and the infrastructure should keep clear of these sensitive areas.

#### 9.2. Construction and Operational Phases

#### 9.2.1. Aim and Objectives

- Prevent the needless loss of or damage to fauna and flora, particularly with regard to SCC.
- Prevent the needless death, injury or hindrance to fauna, particularly with regard to protected species.
- Prevent or limit significant alteration to the ecosystems in the area.

#### 9.2.2. Mitigation and Management measures

- Adhere to mitigation measures as prescribed in this report as well as the EMPr to prevent and mitigate impacts associated with the proposed project.
- The river systems, koppies and ridges should be avoided by the proposed invasive prospecting and associated activities.
- Responsible persons from the staff members/workers should be identified to ensure that the necessary mitigation
  measures are implemented and established. These personnel should also enforce the collaboration of other staff
  members, contractors and visitors to comply with these mitigation measures.
- Alien Invasive Plant (AIP) control measures should be implemented for the control of invasive and exotic plant species.
- Adequate waste storage and disposal must be implemented at the development. Littering must be prevented and regularly cleaned up and form part of good housekeeping practices to be implemented around site.
- Ensure awareness amongst all staff, contractors and visitors to site to not needlessly harm or hinder animals or damage flora.
- No additional fragmentation should occur and all roads should be clearly demarcated and kept to without any exceptions and within the proposed footprints where possible.
- All footprint areas should remain as small as possible.
- The vegetation removal should be controlled and should be very specific.
- It is vital that if any endemic, rare or vulnerable species occurs on the proposed site that these species should be protected and/or left undisturbed as far as possible. Only as an exception can these species be relocated to favourable sites with the use of a specialist prior to vegetation and habitat removal. If at any point any SCC is encountered, a specialist should be consulted as to determine the best way forward and a permit should be obtained if any intervention is required.



#### 9.3. Decommissioning and Closure

- Prior to finalisation of the activities and closure, an AIP survey must be undertaken to determine that AIP are present in and around the project footprint.
- Rehabilitation plans should be planned long before the closure phase is due. Continuous rehabilitation should also take place during the operational phase.
- Rehabilitation plan should be implemented. This includes the process of replanting the vegetation. Rehabilitation plans should be compiled with the use of a specialist and the correct seeding techniques and mixtures should be applied.
- Ensure that an acceptable aesthetic scenario is created post closure.
- When closure is considered successful and rehabilitation complete, unnecessary fences/barriers should be lifted to restore larger foraging areas.
- Re-vegetation of all degraded areas and bare patches is advised to speed recovery to natural, self-sustaining state as soon as possible.

#### 9.4. Monitoring

An ECO or appropriately appointed person must ensure that all impacts remain within the approved footprint and remains in compliance with the approved EMPr.

Monitoring should start as soon as the operational phase of the development activities commences. The monitoring should include the following:

- Implement an Observe and Report approach which will enable employees/locals to report any disturbance of fauna or degradation that they encounter during the operational phase.
- Prior to finalisation of the activities and closure, an AIP survey must be undertaken to determine that AIP are present in and around the project footprint.





## **10. CONCLUSION**

No field survey was conducted for the assessment and all results given within this document are based on desktop findings and assessments. Therefore, the results, typical flora, herpetofauna, avifauna and mammalian communities found within the study should/can therefore only be used as a general guideline.

Information on plant species previously recorded for the project area was extracted from the POSA online database hosted by SANBI. The results indicate that 90 plant species have been recorded in the area queried:

- Two Species of Conservation Concern (SCC) in terms of their Red List status have been recorded on POSA for the area queried. One additional flora species was listed for the project area in the Environmental Screening Tool Report. All of these flora SCC are considered to have a low likelihood of occurrence on the project area.
- Two of the flora species recorded on POSA for the area are listed as protected in the NWBMA.
- Two protected tree species, in terms of the NFA, have been recorded on POSA for the area queried.
- Seven of the flora species recorded on POSA for the area are known to have medicinal uses.
- One exotic plant species were recorded to occur within the area queried.
- Five endemic plant species were recorded to occur within the area queried.

A desktop study was conducted to establish whether any potentially sensitive faunal species or species of conservation concern may possibly occur on site. The Virtual Museum and Animal Demography Unit (ADU) was used to compile species lists based on the sightings and data gathered from the South African Biodiversity Institute.

National SCC include mammalian and avifaunal species which are known to occur in the regional area where the project is proposed. Provincially protected species could also be expected to occur in the region. The following summary findings are provided:

- Mammals: 94 mammal species were found to possibly occur within the QDS, of which many are provincial SCC. Eighteen (18) of these species are SCC in a national context. The other species, largely game species, have a provincially protected status.
- Avifaunal: 274 bird species listed are listed for the area of which 11 are national SCC.
- Butterflies: 76 butterfly species were recorded for the area queried of which none are categorized as SCC nationally. However, all Charaxes butterflies are provincially protected.
- Other Invertebrates: Nine Lacewing species, 24 Dung beetles and four Odonata were listed for the QDS, none of which are listed in the IUCN Red list as SCC. However, all Dung beetle species are provincially protected.
- Reptiles: 36 reptile species were recorded for the QDS, none of which are considered national SCC. Several of these species are provincially protected.
- Amphibians: 20 amphibian species were listed within the QDS, but none of these species are considered SCC.

The project area is located on three vegetation types, namely Dwaalboom Thornveld (SVcb 1), Zeerust Thornveld (SVcb 3) and Dwarsberg-Swartruggens Mountain Bushveld (SVcb 4). All three vegetation types occurring on the project area are not listed in the "National List of Ecosystems that are Threatened and need of protection", and as Least Concern by the 2018 National Biodiversity Assessment.

The study area contains the following classes from the NWBSP:

- CBA2: A few smaller, isolated CBA2 areas are located on the Prospecting Right area. These CBA2 areas on the project area appear to be largely associated with ridges and koppies and potential wetland features.
- ESA1: Larger, continuous ESA1 areas occur on the project area. The majority of the ESA1 areas are located on the eastern sections of the Prospecting Right area. These areas were most likely identified as ESA 1 areas due to their appearance as natural areas and their function as ecological corridors providing connectivity.
- ESA2: A few small, isolated ESA2 areas are located on the project footprint. These areas appear to be associated with vegetation previously disturbed by agricultural activities that fall within the ESA1 areas.





According to the South African Protected Areas Database (SAPAD) a number of Protected Areas, in terms of NEMPAA, are located within 10 km of the Prospecting Right area:

- 1. Madikwe Nature Reserve 6 km north of PR area
- 2. Tweekoppiesfontein Private Nature Reserve adjacent to western border of northern-most PR portion
- 3. Nellie Private Nature Reserve 1 km west of PR area
- 4. Drie Annie Private Nature Reserve adjacent to western-most portion of PR area
- 5. Koos Swart Private Nature Reserve 4 km west of PR area
- 6. Thys Snyman Private Nature Reserve 6 km west of PR area
- 7. Hillendale Private Nature Reserve 8 km south of PR area

The NW/Gauteng Bushveld NPAES area is located on portions of the northern sections of the Prospecting Right area.

Various perennial and non-perennial rivers and streams flow across the Prospecting Right area. The most notable are:

- The Sehubyane River and its tributary, the Sandsloot River, flow through the southern section of the Prospecting Right area.
- The Madikwene River flows along the eastern border of the northern section of the Prospecting Right area.
- The Sehubyane River and Madikwe River confluence to form the Marico River, which flows in proximity to the eastern border of the northern section of the Prospecting Right area

Rivers and streams serve as ecological corridors, enable site and landscape level connectivity, and support ecological processes and are therefore considered to be of high ecological sensitivity.

The Prospecting Right area is located in a Freshwater Ecosystem Priority Area (FEPA), Phase 2 FEPA and Upstream FEPA.

From satellite imagery of the project area the following impacts are apparent:

- A number of formal and informal roads are located across the Prospecting Right area. Impacts from human and vehicle movement on these roads are expected.
- Mining activities have taken place or are currently taking place in the western-most portion of the Prospecting Right area.
- Current and historic agricultural activities, including crop farming and grazing.

Based on the desktop assessment findings, the specialist concurs with the sensitivity as presented on the National Webbased Environmental Screening Tool, with the inclusion of all rivers and stream as high sensitivity.

Sensitive ridge / koppie, riverine and riparian vegetation habitat constitute the most important features which make up the area identified as increased sensitivity. Suitable ecological buffers should be calculated for the river system and the infrastructure should keep clear of these sensitive areas.

It is the reasoned opinion of the specialist that the development may continue if all mitigation measures are implemented from the onset of the development.





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## **APPENDIX A: SPECIALISTS' CURRICULUM VITAE**





## **APPENDIX B: IUCN RED LIST DEFINITIONS**

Categories marked with <sup>N</sup> are non-IUCN, national Red List categories for species not in danger of extinction but considered of conservation concern. The IUCN equivalent of these categories is Least Concern (LC).

Categories	Definition		
Extinct (EX)	A species is Extinct when there is no reasonable doubt that the last individual has		
	died. Species should be classified as Extinct only once exhaustive surveys throughout		
	the species' known range have failed to record an individual.		
Extinct in the Wild (EW)	A species is Extinct in the Wild when it is known to survive only in cultivation or as a		
	naturalized population (or populations) well outside the past range.		
Regionally Extinct (RE)	A species is Regionally Extinct when it is extinct within the region assessed (in this		
	case South Africa), but wild populations can still be found in areas outside the region.		
Critically Endangered,	Possibly Extinct is a special tag associated with the category Critically Endangered,		
Possibly Extinct (CR PE)	indicating species that are highly likely to be extinct, but the exhaustive surveys		
	required for classifying the species as Extinct has not yet been completed. A small		
	chance remains that such species may still be rediscovered.		
Critically Endangered (CR)	A species is Critically Endangered when the best available evidence indicates that it		
	meets at least one of the five IUCN criteria for Critically Endangered, indicating that		
	the species is facing an extremely high risk of extinction.		
Endangered (EN)	A species is Endangered when the best available evidence indicates that it meets at		
	least one of the five IUCN criteria for Endangered, indicating that the species is facing		
	a very high risk of extinction.		
Vulnerable (VU)	A species is Vulnerable when the best available evidence indicates that it meets at		
	least one of the five IUCN criteria for Vulnerable, indicating that the species is facing		
	a high risk of extinction.		
Near Threatened (NT)	A species is Near Threatened when available evidence indicates that it nearly meets		
	any of the IUCN criteria for Vulnerable and is therefore likely to become at risk of		
	extinction in the near future.		
<sup>N</sup> Critically Rare	A species is Critically Rare when it is known to occur at a single site but is not exposed		
	to any direct or plausible potential threat and does not otherwise qualify for a		
	category of threat according to one of the five IUCN criteria.		
<sup>N</sup> Rare	A species is Rare when it meets at least one of four South African criteria for rarity		
	but is not exposed to any direct or plausible potential threat and does not qualify for		
	a category of threat according to one of the five IUCN criteria. The four criteria are		
	as follows:		
	• Restricted range: Extent of Occurrence <500 km <sup>2</sup> , OR		
	Habitat specialist: Species is restricted to a specialized microhabitat so that		
	it has a very small Area of Occupancy, typically smaller than 20 km <sup>2</sup> , OR		
	• Low densities of individuals: Species always occurs as single individuals or		
	very small subpopulations (typically fewer than 50 mature individuals) scattered		
	over a wide area, OR		
	<ul> <li>Small global population: Less than 10 000 mature individuals.</li> </ul>		
<sup>N</sup> Declining	A species is Declining when it does not meet or nearly meet any of the five IUCN		
	criteria and does not qualify for Critically Endangered, Endangered, Vulnerable or		
	Near Threatened, but there are threatening processes causing a continuing decline		
	of the species.		
Least Concern (LC)	A species is Least Concern when it has been evaluated against the IUCN criteria and		
	does not qualify for any of the above categories. Species classified as Least Concern		





Categories	Definition
	are considered at low risk of extinction. Widespread and abundant species are
	typically classified in this category.
Data Deficient - Insufficient	A species is DDD when there is inadequate information to make an assessment of its
Information (DDD)	risk of extinction, but the species is well defined. Listing of species in this category
	indicates that more information is required, and that future research could show that
	a threatened classification is appropriate.
Data Deficient -	A species is DDT when taxonomic problems hinder the distribution range and habitat
Taxonomically Problematic	from being well defined, so that an assessment of risk of extinction is not possible.
(DDT)	
Not Evaluated (NE)	A species is Not Evaluated when it has not been evaluated against the criteria. The
	national Red List of South African plants is a comprehensive assessment of all South
	African indigenous plants, and therefore all species are assessed and given a national
	Red List status. However, some species included in Plants of southern Africa: an
	online checklist are species that do not qualify for national listing because they are
	naturalized exotics, hybrids (natural or cultivated), or synonyms. These species are
	given the status Not Evaluated and the reasons why they have not been assessed are
	included in the assessment justification.





## **APPENDIX C: POSA FLORA SPECIES LIST**

## Species of Conservation Concern (SCC) or that a have a conservation status are highlighted green Exotic species are highlighted orange

Family	Species	Red List	Ecology	Conservation Status
Amaranthaceae	Amaranthus thunharaii		Indigonous	
Amarantinaceae	Aristida bipartita		Indigenous	
Poaceae	Aristida canoscons		Indigenous	
Poaceae	Aristida congosta		Indigenous	
Acharagacoao	Anstidu congestu		Indigenous	
Asparagaceae	Aspurugus functitus		Not indigonous: Naturalised	
Asteraceae	Blacharis innosua	10	Indigenous: Endomic	Endomic
Acanthaceae	Blepharis integrifelia			Endernic
Capparaceae	Biephuris Integrijoliu Bossia albitrupsa		Indigenous	NEA: Drotoctod
Deaceae	Boscia albititutica		Indigenous	NFA. Protecteu
Acabadalacaaa	Bruchland Pracipina		Indigenous	
Asphouelaceae	Coronogia insignis			Pod List Status: EN:
Аросупасеае		EIN	indigenous; Endemic	NWBMA: Protected
Fabaceae	Chamaecrista biensis	LC	Indigenous	
Verbenaceae	Chascanum adenostachyum	LC	Indigenous	
Asteraceae	Cineraria alchemilloides		Indigenous	
Cleomaceae	Cleome maculata	LC	Indigenous	
Combretaceae	Combretum hereroense		Indigenous	
Nyctaginaceae	Commicarpus pentandrus	LC	Indigenous	
Nyctaginaceae	Commicarpus plumbagineus	LC	Indigenous	
Convolvulaceae	Convolvulus sagittatus	LC	Indigenous	Medicinal
Malvaceae	Corchorus asplenifolius	LC	Indigenous	
Acanthaceae	Crabbea hirsuta	LC	Indigenous	
Amaryllidaceae	Crinum paludosum	LC	Indigenous	
Fabaceae	Crotalaria eremicola	LC	Indigenous	
Cucurbitaceae	Cucumis myriocarpus	LC	Indigenous	
Poaceae	Cymbopogon pospischilii	NE	Indigenous	
Pedaliaceae	Dicerocaryum senecioides	LC	Indigenous	
Asteraceae	Dicoma anomala	LC	Indigenous	
Asteraceae	Dicoma macrocephala	LC	Indigenous	
Poaceae	Digitaria eriantha	LC	Indigenous	
Ebenaceae	Diospyros lycioides	LC	Indigenous	Medicinal
Malvaceae	Dombeya rotundifolia	LC	Indigenous	Medicinal
Poaceae	Eragrostis curvula	LC	Indigenous	
Ebenaceae	Euclea undulata	LC	Indigenous	Medicinal
Euphorbiaceae	Euphorbia inaequilatera	LC	Indigenous	NWBMA: Protected
Iridaceae	Gladiolus sericeovillosus	LC	Indigenous	
Boraginaceae	Heliotropium nelsonii	LC	Indigenous	
Boraginaceae	Heliotropium strigosum	LC	Indigenous	
Amaranthaceae	Hermbstaedtia odorata	NE	Indigenous	
Poaceae	Heteropogon contortus	LC	Indigenous	
Malvaceae	Hibiscus pusillus	LC	Indigenous	
Asteraceae	Hilliardiella elaeagnoides		Indigenous	
Asteraceae	Hirpicium bechuanense	LC	Indigenous	
Fabaceae	Indigofera glaucescens	LC	Indigenous; Endemic	Endemic
Fabaceae	Indigofera heterotricha	LC	Indigenous	
Fabaceae	Indigofera leendertziae	DD	Indigenous; Endemic	Endemic
Convolvulaceae	Ipomoea bolusiana	LC	Indigenous	





Family	Species	Red List Status	Ecology	Conservation Status
Convolvulaceae	Ipomoea papilio	LC	Indigenous	
Convolvulaceae	Ipomoea sinensis	LC	Indigenous	
Scrophulariaceae	Jamesbrittenia atropurpurea	LC	Indigenous	
Acanthaceae	Justicia betonica	LC	Indigenous	
Rubiaceae	Kohautia caespitosa	LC	Indigenous	
Verbenaceae	Lantana rugosa	LC	Indigenous	
Lamiaceae	Leonotis pentadentata	LC	Indigenous	
Fabaceae	Lotononis burchellii	LC	Indigenous; Endemic	Endemic
Poaceae	Melinis repens	LC	Indigenous	
Oleaceae	Menodora heterophylla	LC	Indigenous	
Convolvulaceae	Merremia verecunda	LC	Indigenous	
Fabaceae	Mundulea sericea	LC	Indigenous	
Lamiaceae	Orthosiphon suffrutescens	LC	Indigenous	
Polygonaceae	Oxygonum dregeanum	NE	Indigenous	
Rubiaceae	Pavetta zeyheri	LC	Indigenous	
Fabaceae	Peltophorum africanum	LC	Indigenous	
Phyllanthaceae	Phyllanthus maderaspatensis	LC	Indigenous	
Caryophyllaceae	Pollichia campestris	LC	Indigenous	
Polygalaceae	Polygala leptophylla	LC	Indigenous	
Portulacaceae	Portulaca kermesina	LC	Indigenous	
Fabaceae	Rhynchosia minima	NE	Indigenous	
Anacardiaceae	Sclerocarya birrea	LC	Indigenous	NFA: Protected;
				medicinal
Anacardiaceae	Searsia dregeana	LC	Indigenous	
Anacardiaceae	Searsia maricoana	VU	Indigenous; Endemic	Red List Status: VU
Anacardiaceae	Searsia pyroides	LC	Indigenous	
Fabaceae	Senegalia caffra	LC	Indigenous	Medicinal
Amaranthaceae	Sericorema remotiflora	LC	Indigenous	
Poaceae	Setaria incrassata	LC	Indigenous	
Solanaceae	Solanum campylacanthum		Indigenous	
Talinaceae	Talinum arnotii	LC	Indigenous	
Fabaceae	Tephrosia semiglabra	LC	Indigenous	
Fabaceae	Teramnus labialis	LC	Indigenous	
Poaceae	Themeda triandra	LC	Indigenous	
Santalaceae	Thesium resedoides	LC	Indigenous	
Malvaceae	Triumfetta sonderi	LC	Indigenous; Endemic	Endemic
Poaceae	Urochloa panicoides	LC	Indigenous	
Fabaceae	Vachellia karroo	LC	Indigenous	Medicinal
Fabaceae	Vachellia tenuispina	LC	Indigenous	
Fabaceae	Vachellia tortilis	LC	Indigenous	
Lamiaceae	Vitex zeyheri	LC	Indigenous	
Convolvulaceae	Xenostegia tridentata	LC	Indigenous	
Rhamnaceae	Ziziphus mucronata	LC	Indigenous	Medicinal





## **APPENDIX D: FAUNA SPECIES LIST FOR QDS**

#### Mammal species found in QDS 2436CD, 2526AA, 2526AB, 2526AC and 2526AD (MammalMAP)

Family	Scientific name	Common name	Red list category
Bathyergidae	Cryptomys hottentotus	Southern African Mole-	Least Concern (2016)
Bathvergidae	Cryptomys hottentotus	100	
ButtyerBlade	pretoriae		
Bovidae	Aepvceros melampus	Impala	Least Concern, NWBA Schedule 5
Bovidae	Alcelaphus buselaphus	Hartebeest	LC, NWBA Schedule 2
Bovidae	Alcelaphus buselaphus	Red Hartebeest	Least Concern (2008), NWBA Schedule 2
	caama		& 5
Bovidae	Antidorcas marsupialis	Springbok	Least Concern (2016), NWBA Schedule 5
Bovidae	Connochaetes gnou	Black Wildebeest	Least Concern (2016), TOPS
Bovidae	Connochaetes taurinus	Blue Wildebeest	Least Concern (ver 3.1, 2017), NWBA
			Schedule 2 & 5
Bovidae	Connochaetes taurinus		Least Concern (2016)
	taurinus		
Bovidae	Damaliscus lunatus	(Southern African)	Vulnerable (2016), TOPS
	lunatus	Tsessebe	
Bovidae	Damaliscus pygargus	Blesbok	Least Concern (2016), NWBA Schedule 2
	phillipsi		
Bovidae	Hippotragus equinus	Roan Antelope	Endangered (2016), TOPS
Bovidae	Hippotragus niger niger	Sable	Vulnerable (2016), NWBA Schedule 2
Bovidae	Kobus ellipsiprymnus	waterbuck	Least Concern (Ver 3.1, 2016), NWBA
Povidao	Kohus allinsinnumnus		Least Concern (vor 2.1. 2016) NIMPA
DUVIUAE	ellinsinrymnus		Schedule 2
Bovidae	Kohus leche	Lechwe	Near Threatened (2017)
Bovidae	Oreotragus oreotragus	Klinspringer	Least Concern (2016) NW/BA Schedule 2
Bovidae	Orvx gazella	Gemshok	Least Concern (2016), NWBA Schedule 2
bovidae	oryx guzenu	Genisbok	& 5
Bovidae	Pelea capreolus	Vaal Rhebok	Near Threatened (2016), NWBA Schedule 2 & 5
Bovidae	Raphicerus campestris	Steenbok	Least Concern (2016), NWBA Schedule 5
Bovidae	Redunca arundinum	Southern Reedbuck	Least Concern (2016)
Bovidae	Redunca fulvorufula	Mountain Reedbuck	Least Concern, NWBA Schedule 2 & 5
Bovidae	Sylvicapra grimmia	Bush Duiker	Least Concern (2016), NWBA Schedule 5
Bovidae	Syncerus caffer	African Buffalo	Least Concern (2008), NWBA Schedule 2
Bovidae	Taurotragus oryx	Common Eland	Least Concern (2016), NWBA Schedule 2 & 5
Bovidae	Tragelaphus angasii	Nyala	Least Concern (2016)
Bovidae	Tragelaphus scriptus	Bushbuck	Least Concern, NWBA Schedule 2
Bovidae	Tragelaphus	Greater Kudu	Least Concern (2016), NWBA Schedule 5
	strepsiceros		
Canidae	Canis mesomelas	Black-backed Jackal	Least Concern (2016), NWBA Schedule 4
Canidae	Lycaon pictus	African wild dog	Endangered (2016) – Listed large
			predator (NWBA), TOPS, Flagged by
			Screening Tool Report
Cercopithecidae	Chlorocebus	Vervet Monkey	Least Concern (2016)
	pygerythrus		
Cercopithecidae	Papio ursinus	Chacma Baboon	Least Concern (2016)
Elephantidae	Loxodonta africana	African Bush Elephant	Vulnerable A2a (2008), TOPS
Equidae	Equus quagga	Plains Zebra	Least Concern (2016), NWBA Schedule 2
1			& 5





Family	Scientific name	Common name	Red list category
Felidae		Cheetab	$V_{\rm ulperable}$ (2016) – Listed large
Tendde		chectan	nredator TOPS Flagged by Screening
			Tool Report
Felidae	Caracal caracal	Caracal	Least Concern (2016)
Felidae	Felis silvestris	Wildcat	Least Concern (2016)
Felidae	Leptailurus serval	Serval	Near Threatened (2016), TOPS
Felidae	Panthera leo	Lion	Least Concern (2016) – Listed large
			predator, TOPS
Felidae	Panthera pardus	Leopard	Vulnerable (2016) – Listed large
			predator, TOPS
Galagidae	Galago moholi	Mohol Bushbaby	Least Concern (2016), NWBA Schedule 2
Galagidae	Galago senegalensis	Senegal Bushbaby	
Giraffidae	Giraffa giraffa giraffa	South African Giraffe	Least Concern (2016), NWBA Schedule 2
Herpestidae	Atilax paludinosus	Marsh Mongoose	Least Concern (2016)
Herpestidae	Cynictis penicillata	Yellow Mongoose	Least Concern (2016)
Herpestidae	Helogale parvula	Common Dwarf	Least Concern (2016), NWBA Schedule 2
		Mongoose	
Herpestidae	Herpestes sanguineus	Slender Mongoose	Least Concern (2016)
Herpestidae	Mungos mungo	Banded Mongoose	Least Concern (2016)
Hippopotamidae	Hippopotamus	Common Hippopotamus	Least Concern (2016), NWBA Schedule 2
	amphibius		& 5, Flagged by Screening Tool Report
Hyaenidae	Crocuta crocuta	Spotted Hyaena	Near Threatened (2016) – Listed large
			predator, TOPS
Hyaenidae	Hyaena brunnea	Brown Hyena	Near Threatened (2015), TOPS
Hyaenidae	Proteles cristata	Aardwolf	Least Concern (2016), NWBA Schedule 2
Hystricidae	Hystrix africaeaustralis	Cape Porcupine	Least Concern, NWBA Schedule 4
Leporidae	Lepus saxatilis	Scrub Hare	Least Concern, NWBA Schedule 4
Leporidae	Pronolagus sp.	Rock-hares	NWBA Schedule 4
Leporidae	Pronolagus randensis	Jameson's Red Rock Hare	Least Concern (2016), NWBA Schedule 4
Macroscelididae	Elephantulus myurus	Eastern Rock Elephant Shrew	Least Concern (2016), NWBA Schedule 2
Manidae	Smutsia temminckii	Ground Pangolin	Vulnerable (2016), TOPS
Molossidae	Tadarida aegyptiaca	Egyptian Free-tailed Bat	Least Concern (2016), NWBA Schedule 2
Muridae	Acomys sp.	Spiny Mice	
Muridae	Aethomys chrysophilus	Red Veld Aethomys	Least Concern (2016)
Muridae	Aethomys ineptus	Tete Veld Aethomys	Least Concern (2016)
Muridae	Aethomys namaquensis	Namaqua Rock Mouse	Least Concern
Muridae	Gerbilliscus brantsii	Highveld Gerbil	Least Concern (2016)
Muridae	Gerbilliscus leucogaster	Bushveld Gerbil	Least Concern (2016)
Muridae	Lemniscomys rosalia	Single-Striped	Least Concern (2016)
		Lemniscomys	
Muridae	Mastomys sp.	Multimammate Mice	
Muridae	Mastomys coucha	Southern African	Least Concern (2016)
		Mastomys	
Muridae	Mastomys natalensis	Natal Mastomys	Least Concern (2016)
Muridae	Mus (Nannomys)	Southern African Pygmy	Least Concern
	minutoides	Mouse	(2216)
Muridae	Otomys angoniensis	Angoni Viei Rat	Least Concern (2016)
wuridae	Otomys auratus	(Grassland type)	Near Inreatened (2016)
Mustelidae	Aonyx capensis	African Clawless Otter	Near Threatened (2016). NWBA Schedule
			2 & 5
Mustelidae	Mellivora capensis	Honey Badger	Least Concern (2016), TOPS
Nesomyidae	Saccostomus	Southern African	Least Concern (2016)
	campestris	Pouched Mouse	
Nycteridae	Nycteris thebaica	Egyptian Slit-faced Bat	Least Concern (2016), NWBA Schedule 2





Family	Scientific name	Common name	Red list category
Pedetidae	Pedetes capensis	South African Spring Hare	Least Concern (2016), NWBA Schedule 4
Procaviidae	Procavia capensis	Cape Rock Hyrax	Least Concern (2016)
Rhinolophidae	Rhinolophus clivosus	Geoffroy's Horseshoe Bat	Least Concern (2016), NWBA Schedule 2
Rhinolophidae	Rhinolophus darlingi	Darling's Horseshoe Bat	Least Concern (2016), NWBA Schedule 2
Rhinolophidae	Rhinolophus simulator	Bushveld Horseshoe Bat	Least Concern (2016), NWBA Schedule 2
Sciuridae	Paraxerus cepapi	Smith's Bush Squirrel	Least Concern (2016), NWBA Schedule 4
Sciuridae	Xerus inauris	South African Ground Squirrel	Least Concern, , NWBA Schedule 4
Soricidae	Crocidura mariquensis	Swamp Musk Shrew	Near Threatened (2016), NWBA Schedule 2
Suidae	Phacochoerus africanus	Common Warthog	Least Concern (2016), NWBA Schedule 4
Suidae	Potamochoerus	Bush-pig (subspecies	Least Concern (2016), NWBA Schedule 4
	larvatus koiropotamus	koiropotamus)	
Suidae	Potamochoerus porcus	Red River Hog	
Vespertilionidae	Neoromicia capensis	Cape Serotine	Least Concern (2016)
Vespertilionidae	Pipistrellus (Pipistrellus) rusticus	Rusty Pipistrelle	Near Threatened
Vespertilionidae	Pipistrellus zuluensis	Zulu Serotine	Least Concern
Vespertilionidae	Scotophilus dinganii	Yellow-bellied House Bat	Least Concern (2016), NWBA Schedule 2
Viveridae	Genetta maculata	Common Large-spotted Genet	Least Concern
Viverridae	Civettictis civetta	African Civet	Least Concern (2016), NWBA Schedule 2
Viverridae	Genetta tigrina	Cape Genet (Cape Large- spotted Genet)	Least Concern (2016)

Avifaunal species found in pentad 2450\_2615, 2450\_2620, 2455\_2615, 2455\_2620, 2500\_2610, 2500\_2615, 2500\_2620, 2505\_2610, 2505\_2615, 2505\_2620, 2510\_2610, 2510\_2615, 2510\_2620, 2515\_2605, 2515\_2610, 2515\_2615, 2515\_2620, 2520\_2615

Common Name	Scientific Name	Regional	Global
Brubru	Nilaus afer		
Hamerkop	Scopus umbretta		
Neddicky	Cisticola fulvicapilla		
Quailfinch	Ortygospiza atricollis		
Apalis, Bar-throated	Apalis thoracica		
Avocet, Pied	Recurvirostra avosetta		
Babbler, Arrow-marked	Turdoides jardineii		
Babbler, Southern Pied	Turdoides bicolor		
Barbet, Acacia Pied	Tricholaema leucomelas		
Barbet, Black-collared	Lybius torquatus		
Barbet, Crested	Trachyphonus vaillantii		
Batis, Chinspot	Batis molitor		
Bee-eater, Blue-cheeked	Merops persicus		
Bee-eater, European	Merops apiaster		
Bee-eater, Little	Merops pusillus		
Bee-eater, Southern Carmine	Merops nubicoides		
Bee-eater, White-fronted	Merops bullockoides		
Bishop, Southern Red	Euplectes orix		
Bishop, Yellow-crowned	Euplectes afer		
Boubou, Southern	Laniarius ferrugineus		
Bulbul, African Red-eyed	Pycnonotus nigricans		
Bulbul, Dark-capped	Pycnonotus tricolor		
Bunting, Cape	Emberiza capensis		
Bunting, Cinnamon-breasted	Emberiza tahapisi		
Bunting, Golden-breasted	Emberiza flaviventris		





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Bunting, Lark-like	Emberiza impetuani		
Bushshrike. Grev-headed	Malaconotus blanchoti		
Bushshrike, Orange-breasted	Chlorophoneus sulfureopectus		
Buttonguail. Common	Turnix sylvaticus		
Buzzard Common	Buteo buteo		
Camaroptera, Grev-backed	Camaroptera brevicaudata		
Canary, Black-throated	Crithaara atroaularis		
Canary, Yellow	Crithaara flaviventris		
Canary, Yellow-fronted	Crithaara mozambica		
Chat. Ant-eating	Myrmecocichla formiciyora		
Chat, Familiar	Oenanthe familiaris		
Cisticola, Desert	Cisticola aridulus		
Cisticola, Lazy	Cisticola aberrans		
Cisticola, Levaillant's	Cisticola tinniens		
Cisticola, Battling	Cisticola chiniana		
Cisticola, Zitting	Cisticola iuncidis		
Cormorant, Reed	Microcarbo africanus		
Cormorant, White-breasted	Phalacrocorax lucidus		
Coucal Burchell's	Centropus burchellii		
Courser Bronze-winged	Rhinontilus chalconterus		
Courser Temminck's	Cursorius temminckii		
Crombec Long-billed	Sylvietta rufescens		
Crow Cape	Corvus capensis		
Crow Pied	Corvus albus		
Cuckoo African	Cuculus aularis		
Cuckoo, Black	Cuculus clamosus		
Cuckoo, Diederik	Chrysococcyx caprius		
Cuckoo Great Spotted	Clamator alandarius		
	Clamator incohinus		
Cuckoo, Klaas's	Chrysococcyx klags		
Cuckoo Levaillant's	Clamator levaillantii		
Cuckoo, Bed-chested	Cuculus solitarius		
Cuckooshrike Black	Campenhaga flava		
Darter African	Anhinga rufa		
Dove Cape Turtle	Strentonelia canicola		
Dove, Emerald-spotted Wood	Turtur chalcospilos		
Dove Laughing	Spilopelia seperalensis		
Dove Namagua	Oena canensis		
Dove Red-eved	Strentonelia semitorauata		
Drongo Fork-tailed	Dicrurus adsimilis		
Duck Knob-billed	Sarkidiornis melanotos		
Duck, White-faced Whistling	Dendrocyana viduata		
Duck Yellow-billed	Anas undulata		
Fagle African Fish	Haliapetus vocifer		
Fagle Black-chested Snake	Circaetus pectoralis		
Eagle, Black chested Shake	Circaetus cinereus		
Fagle Martial	Polemaetus bellicosus	EN NWBA Schedule 2 TOPS	VII (FN
			2021)
Eagle, Wahlberg's	Hieraaetus wahlbergi		
Eagle-Owl, Spotted	Bubo africanus		
Eagle-Owl, Verreaux's	Bubo lacteus		
Egret, Great	Ardea alba		
Egret, Little	Egretta garzetta		
Egret, Western Cattle	Bubulcus ibis		
Eremomela, Burnt-necked	Eremomela usticollis		





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Eremomela, Yellow-bellied	Eremomela icteropygialis		
Falcon, Amur	Falco amurensis		
Falcon, Lanner	Falco biarmicus	VU, NWBA Schedule 2	LC
Firefinch, Jameson's	Lagonosticta rhodopareia		
Firefinch, Red-billed	Lagonosticta senegala		
Fiscal, Southern	Lanius collaris		
Flamingo, Greater	Phoenicopterus roseus	NT, NWBA Schedule 2	LC
Flycatcher, African Paradise	Terpsiphone viridis		
Flycatcher, Fiscal	Melaenornis silens		
Flycatcher, Marico	Melaenornis mariquensis		
Flycatcher, Pale	Melaenornis pallidus		
Flycatcher, Southern Black	Melaenornis pammelaina		
Flycatcher, Spotted	Muscicapa striata		
Francolin, Coqui	Peliperdix coqui		
Francolin, Crested	Dendroperdix sephaena		-
Go-away-bird, Grey	Crinifer concolor		
Goose, Egyptian	Alopochen aeavptiaca		
Goose, Spur-winged	Plectropterus gambensis		
Goshawk Gabar	Micronisus gabar		-
Goshawk, Pale Chanting	Melierax canorus		1
Grebe Little	Tachybantus ruficollis		
Groophul Vollow bollied	Chlorosishla flavivantris		
Greenbul, Tellow-bellied			
Greensnank, Common			
Guinearowi, Heimeteu			
Harrier, Montagu's	Circus pygargus		
Harrier-Hawk, African	Polyboroides typus		
Hawk-eagle, African	Aquila spilogaster		-
Helmetshrike, White-crested	Prionops plumatus		
Heron, Black-crowned Night	Nycticorax nycticorax		
Heron, Black-headed	Ardea melanocephala		
Heron, Goliath	Ardea goliath		
Heron, Grey	Ardea cinerea		
Heron, Purple	Ardea purpurea		
Heron, Striated	Butorides striata		
Honeyguide, Greater	Indicator indicator		
Honeyguide, Lesser	Indicator minor		
Hoopoe, African	Upupa africana		
Hornbill, African Grey	Lophoceros nasutus		
Hornbill, Southern Red-billed	Tockus rufirostris		
Hornbill, Southern Yellow-billed	Tockus leucomelas		
Ibis, Hadada	Bostrychia hagedash		
Indigobird, Dusky	Vidua funerea		
Indigobird, Purple	Vidua purpurascens		-
Indigobird. Village	Vidua chalvbeata		
Kestrel, Greater	Falco rupicoloides		
Kestrel Lesser	Falco naumanni		
Kestrel Bock	Falco runicolus		
Kingfisher, African Pygmy	Ispidina picta		+
Kingfisher Brown-booded	Halcvon albiventris		+
Kingfisher Giant	Megaceryle maxima		+
Kinglisher Died	Conto rudis		
Kinglisher, Moodland	Halevon conogelongie		+
Kite Black winged			+
Kite, Velley, billed			+
Kite, Yellow-Dillea	ivilivus aegyptius		+
Kornaan, Northern Black	Ajrotis afraoides		





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Korhaan, Red-crested	Lophotis ruficrista		
Lapwing, African Wattled	Vanellus senegallus		
Lapwing, Blacksmith	Vanellus armatus		
Lapwing, Crowned	Vanellus coronatus		
Lark, Eastern Clapper	Mirafra fasciolata		
Lark, Monotonous	Mirafra passerina		
Lark, Red-capped	Calandrella cinerea		
Lark, Rufous-naped	Mirafra africana		
Lark, Sabota	Calendulauda sabota		
Lark, Short-clawed	Certhilauda chuana	NT, NWBA Schedule 2	LC
Longclaw, Cape	Macronyx capensis		
Martin, Common House	Delichon urbicum		
Martin, Rock	Ptyonoprogne fuligula		
Masked-weaver, Lesser	Ploceus intermedius		
Mousebird, Red-faced	Urocolius indicus		
Mousebird, Speckled	Colius striatus		
Mousebird. White-backed	Colius colius		
Myna, Common	Acridotheres tristis		
Nightiar, Fiery-necked	Caprimulaus pectoralis		
Nightiar, Freckled	Caprimulaus tristiama		
Nightiar, Rufous-cheeked	Caprimulaus rufigena		
Oriole Black-headed	Oriolus larvatus		
Ostrich Common	Struthio camelus		
Owl African Scops	Otus senegalensis		
Owl Southern White-faced Scops	Ptilonsis aranti		
Owl Western Barn	Tyto alba		
Owlet, Pearl-spotted	Glaucidium perlatum		
Oxpecker, Red-billed	Buphaaus erythrorynchus		
Peafowl Indian	Pavo cristatus		
Pigeon, African Green	Treron calvus		
Pigeon, African Olive	Columba arauatrix		
Pigeon, Speckled	Columba quinea		
Pipit, African	Anthus cinnamomeus		
Pipit, Buffy	Anthus vaalensis		
Pipit, Plain-backed	Anthus leucophrys		
Plover, Common Ringed	Charadrius hiaticula		
Plover, Kittlitz's	Charadrius pecuarius		
Plover, Three-banded	Charadrius tricollaris		
Prinia. Black-chested	Prinia flavicans		
Prinia, Tawny-flanked	Prinia subflava		
Puffback, Black-backed	Drvoscopus cubla		
Pytilia. Green-winged	Pytilia melba		
Quail. Common	Coturnix coturnix		
Quelea, Red-billed	Quelea auelea		
Robin-Chat, White-throated	Cossypha humeralis		
Roller, European	Coracias aarrulus	NT. NWBA Schedule 2	LC
Roller, Lilac-breasted	Coracias caudatus		
Roller, Purple	Coracias naevius		
Sandgrouse, Yellow-throated	Pterocles gutturalis	NT, NWBA Schedule 2	LC
Sandpiper, Common	Actitis hypoleucos	,	
Sandpiper, Marsh	Tringa staanatilis		
Sandpiper, Wood	Tringa glareola		
Scimitarbill, Common	Rhinopomastus cvanomelas		
Scrub Robin, Kalahari	Cercotrichas paena		
Scrub Robin White-browed	Cercotrichas leuconhrys		





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Shrike, Crimson-breasted	Laniarius atrococcineus		
Shrike, Lesser Grey	Lanius minor		
Shrike, Magpie	Urolestes melanoleucus		
Shrike, Red-backed	Lanius collurio		
Shrike, Southern White-crowned	Eurocephalus anguitimens		
Sparrow, Cape	Passer melanurus		
Sparrow, Great	Passer motitensis		
Sparrow, House	Passer domesticus		
Sparrow, Southern Grey-headed	Passer diffusus		
Sparrow, Yellow-throated Bush	Gymnoris superciliaris		
Sparrow-Lark, Chestnut-backed	Eremopterix leucotis		
Sparrow-Weaver, White-browed	Plocepasser mahali		
Sparrowhawk, Black	Accipiter melanoleucus		
Sparrowhawk, Little	Accipiter minullus		
Sparrowhawk, Ovambo	Accipiter ovampensis		_
Spoonbill, African	Platalea alba		
Spurfowl, Natal	Pternistis natalensis		
Spurfowl, Swainson's	Pternistis swainsonii		
Starling, Burchell's	Lamprotornis australis		
Starling Cane	Lamprotornis nitens		
Starling Red-winged	Onychognathus morio		1
Starling, Violet-backed	Cinpyricinclus leucogaster		
Starling, Wattled	Craatophora cinerea		
Starling, Wattled	Limantonus himantonus		-
Still, Black-Winged	Cagittarius compantarius	VIL NIMEA Schodula 2	
Secretarybird	Sagittarius serpentarius	VU, NVVBA Schedule 2 –	VU
		Flagged by Screening Tool	
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Stonechat, African	Saxicola torquatus		
Stork, Abdim's		NT, NWBA Schedule 2	
Stork, White			
Stork, Yellow-billed	Mycteria ibis	EN, NWBA Schedule 2	LC
Sunbird, Amethyst	Chalcomitra amethystina		
Sunbird, Marico	Cinnyris mariquensis		
Sunbird, White-bellied	Cinnyris talatala		
Swallow, Barn	Hirundo rustica		
Swallow, Greater Striped	Cecropis cucullata		
Swallow, Lesser Striped	Cecropis abyssinica		
Swallow, Pearl-breasted	Hirundo dimidiata		
Swallow, Red-breasted	Cecropis semirufa		
Swallow, White-throated	Hirundo albigularis		
Swift, African Black	Apus barbatus		
Swift, African Palm	Cypsiurus parvus		
Swift, Alpine	Tachymarptis melba		
Swift, Common	Apus apus		
Swift, Little	Apus affinis		
Swift, White-rumped	Apus caffer		
Tchagra, Black-crowned	Tchagra senegalus		-
Tchagra, Brown-crowned	Tchaara australis		
Teal. Red-billed	Anas ervthrorhvncha		
Tern, Whiskered	Chlidonias hybrida		1
Thick-knee. Spotted	Burhinus canensis		1
Thrush Groundscraper	Turdus litsitsiruna		†
Thrush Karoo	Turdus smithi		+
Thrush Kurrichane	Turdus libonyana		+
Tinkerbird Vallow fronted	Pogoniulus chrysoconus		1
Tit Ashy	Melaningrus cinerascens		+





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Tit, Southern Black	Melaniparus niger		
Tit-Flycatcher, Grey	Myioparus plumbeus		
Vulture, Lappet-faced	Torgos tracheliotos	EN, NWBA Schedule 2, TOPS	EN
Vulture, White-backed	Gyps africanus	CR, NWBA Schedule 2, TOPS	CR
Wagtail, African Pied	Motacilla aguimp		
Wagtail, Cape	Motacilla capensis		
Warbler, Chestnut-vented	Curruca subcoerulea		
Warbler, Icterine	Hippolais icterina		
Warbler, Olive-tree	Hippolais olivetorum		
Warbler, Willow	Phylloscopus trochilus		
Waxbill, Black-faced	Brunhilda erythronotos		
Waxbill, Blue	Uraeginthus angolensis		
Waxbill, Common	Estrilda astrild		
Waxbill, Violet-eared	Granatina granatina		
Weaver, Red-billed Buffalo	Bubalornis niger		
Weaver, Red-headed	Anaplectes rubriceps		
Weaver, Scaly-feathered	Sporopipes squamifrons		
Weaver, Southern Masked	Ploceus velatus		
Weaver, Village	Ploceus cucullatus		
White-eye, Cape	Zosterops virens		
Whitethroat, Common	Curruca communis		
Whydah, Long-tailed Paradise	Vidua paradisaea		
Whydah, Pin-tailed	Vidua macroura		
Whydah, Shaft-tailed	Vidua regia		
Widowbird, Long-tailed	Euplectes progne		
Widowbird, White-winged	Euplectes albonotatus		
Wood Hoopoe, Green	Phoeniculus purpureus		
Woodpecker, Bearded	Chloropicus namaquus		
Woodpecker, Bennett's	Campethera bennettii		
Woodpecker, Cardinal	Dendropicos fuscescens		
Woodpecker, Golden-tailed	Campethera abingoni		
Wren-Warbler, Barred	Calamonastes fasciolatus		

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Erebidae	Dysgonia torrida		Not listed
Erebidae	Sphingomorpha chlorea		Not listed
Erebidae	Utetheisa pulchella		Not listed
Geometridae	Rhodometra sacraria		Not Threatened (NT) [not an
			IUCN category]
Hesperiidae	FAMILY HESPERIIDAE	Unidentified HESPERIIDAE	
Hesperiidae	Coeliades pisistratus	Two-pip policeman	Least Concern (SABCA 2013)
Hesperiidae	Gegenes pumilio gambica	Dark dodger	Least Concern (SABCA 2013)
Hesperiidae	Leucochitonea levubu	White-cloaked skipper	Least Concern (SABCA 2013)
Hesperiidae	Spialia spio	Mountain sandman	Least Concern (SABCA 2013)
Lycaenidae	Aloeides henningi	Hillside russet	Least Concern (SABCA 2013)
Lycaenidae	Aloeides taikosama	Dusky russet	Least Concern (SABCA 2013)
Lycaenidae	Anthene amarah amarah	Black-striped ciliate blue	Least Concern (SABCA 2013)
Lycaenidae	Anthene talboti	Savanna ciliate blue	Least Concern (SABCA 2013)
Lycaenidae	Axiocerses amanga amanga	Bush scarlet	Least Concern (SABCA 2013)
Lycaenidae	Axiocerses tjoane tjoane	Eastern scarlet	Least Concern (SABCA 2013)
Lycaenidae	Azanus jesous	Topaz babul blue	Least Concern (SABCA 2013)
Lycaenidae	Azanus moriqua	Black-bordered babul blue	Least Concern (SABCA 2013)
Lycaenidae	Azanus ubaldus	Velvet-spotted babul blue	Least Concern (SABCA 2013)
Lycaenidae	Chilades trochylus	Grass jewel blue	Least Concern (SABCA 2013)
Lycaenidae	Cigaritis ella	Ella's silverline	Least Concern (SABCA 2013)





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Lycaenidae		Meadow blue	Least Concern (SABCA 2012)
Lycaenidae	Cupidopsis cissus cissus		Least Concern (SABCA 2013)
Lycaenidae	Eisechrysons mossanus		Least Concern (SABCA 2013)
Lycaemuae	mahallakoaena	Cupreous asir blue	Least Concern (SABCA 2015)
Lvcaenidae	Eicochrysops messapus messapus	Cupreous ash blue	Least Concern (SABCA 2013)
Lycaenidae	Lampides boeticus	Pea blue	Least Concern (SABCA 2013)
Lycaenidae	Leptomyring henningi henningi	Plain black-eve	Least Concern (SABCA 2013)
Lycaenidae	leptotes sp.		
Lycaenidae	Leptotes pirithous pirithous	Common zebra blue	Least Concern (SABCA 2013)
Lycaenidae	Myrina silenus ficedula	Common fig tree blue	Least Concern (SABCA 2013)
Lvcaenidae	Pseudonacaduba sichela sichela	Dusky line blue	Least Concern (SABCA 2013)
Lycaenidae	Tarucus sybaris sybaris	Dotted pierrot	Least Concern (SABCA 2013)
Lycaenidae	Tuxentius calice	White pie	Least Concern (SABCA 2013)
Lycaenidae	Tuxentius melaena melaena	Black pie	Least Concern (SABCA 2013)
Lycaenidae	Zintha hintza hintza	Hintza pierrot	Least Concern (SABCA 2013)
Lycaenidae	Zizeeria knysna knysna	African grass blue	Least Concern (SABCA 2013)
Lycaenidae	Zizula hvlax	Tiny grass blue	Least Concern (SABCA 2013)
Nymphalidae	Acraea anemosa	Broad-bordered acraea	Least Concern (SABCA 2013)
Nymphalidae	Acraea caldarena caldarena	Black-tinned acraea	Least Concern (SABCA 2013)
Nymphalidae	Acraea natalica	Black-based acraea	Least Concern (SABCA 2013)
Nymphalidae	Acraea neobule neobule	Wandering donkey acraea	Least Concern (SABCA 2013)
Nymphalidae	Acraea stenobea	Suffused acraea	Least Concern (SABCA 2013)
Nymphalidae	Byblia sp		
Nymphalidae	Byblia anvatara acheloia	African joker	Least Concern (SABCA 2013)
Nymphalidae	Byblia ilithyia	Spotted joker	Least Concern (SABCA 2013)
Nymphalidae	Charaves achaemenes achaemenes	Bushveld charaxes	Least Concern (SABCA
Nymphanaac	endraxes dendements dendements	Bushvelu endraxes	2013), NWBA Schedule 2
Nymphalidae	Charaxes jahlusa rex	Pearl-spotted charaxes	Least Concern (SABCA
			2013), NWBA Schedule 2
Nymphalidae	Charaxes saturnus saturnus	Foxy charaxes	Least Concern (SABCA
Nymphalidae	Charaxes vansoni	Van Son's charaxes	Least Concern (SABCA
Nymphandae		van son s charaxes	2013) NWBA Schedule 2
Nymphalidae	Danaus chrysinnus orientis	African plain tiger	Least Concern (SABCA 2013)
Nymphalidae	Hamanumida daedalus	Guineafowl	Least Concern (SABCA 2013)
Nymphalidae	lunonia hierta cebrene	Yellow pansy	Least Concern (SABCA 2013)
Nymphalidae	Phalanta phalantha aethionica	African leonard	Least Concern (SABCA 2013)
Nymphalidae	Telchinia rahira rahira	Marsh telchinia	Least Concern (SABCA 2013)
Nymphalidae	Telchinia serena	Dancing telchinia	Least Concern (SABCA 2013)
Nymphalidae	Vanessa cardui	Painted lady	Least Concern (SABCA 2013)
Panilionidae	Panilio demodocus demodocus	Citrus swallowtail	Least Concern (SABCA 2013)
Pieridae	Relenois aurota	Pioneer caper white	Least Concern (SABCA 2013)
Pieridae	Belenois aidica abyssinica	African veined white	Least Concern (SABCA 2013)
Pieridae	Catonsilia florella	African migrant	Least Concern (SABCA 2013)
Pieridae	Colotis annae annae	Scarlet tin	Least Concern (SABCA 2013)
Pieridae	Colotis antavinno aguisa	Bod tip	Least Concern (SABCA 2013)
Pieridae	Colotis celimene amina	Lilactin	Least Concern (SABCA 2013)
Pieridae	Colotis euinne omnhale	Southern round-winged	Least Concern (LC)
TIETIUde		orange tin	
Pieridae	Colotis evagore antigone	Small orange tin	Least Concern (SABCA 2012)
Pieridae	Colotis evening evening	African orange tip	Least Concern (SABCA 2013)
Dieridae	Colotis lais	Kalahari orange tin	Least Concern (SABCA 2013)
Pieridao	Colotis nallene	Rushveld orange tip	Least Concern (SABCA 2013)
Digridage	Colotis paliene	Oueen nurnle tin	Least Concern (SABCA 2013)
Pieridae	Colotis vesta araillaceus	Southern veined arab	Least Concern (SABCA 2013)





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Pieridae	Eurema brigitta brigitta	Broad-bordered grass yellow	Least Concern (SABCA 2013)
Pieridae	Mylothris agathina agathina	Eastern dotted border	Least Concern (SABCA 2013)
Pieridae	Pinacopteryx eriphia eriphia	Zebra white	Least Concern (SABCA 2013)
Pieridae	Pontia helice helice	Southern meadow white	Least Concern (SABCA 2013)
Pieridae	Teracolus agoye agoye	Speckled sulphur tip	Least Concern (SABCA 2013)
Pieridae	Teracolus eris eris	Banded gold tip	Least Concern (SABCA 2013)
Pieridae	Teracolus subfasciatus	Lemon traveller	Least Concern (SABCA 2013)

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	Sensitive Species 12		Least Concern (SARCA 2014)
			, NWBA Schedule 2 –
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Agamidae	Acanthocercus atricollis	Southern Tree Agama	Least Concern (SARCA 2014)
Chamaeleonidae	Chamaeleo dilepis	Common Flap-neck	Least Concern (SARCA
		Chameleon	2014), NWBA Schedule 2
Colubridae	Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia	Red-lipped Snake	Least Concern (SARCA 2014)
Colubridae	Dasypeltis scabra	Rhombic Egg-eater	Least Concern (SARCA 2014)
Colubridae	Philothamnus semivariegatus	Spotted Bush Snake	Least Concern (SARCA 2014)
Colubridae	Telescopus semiannulatus	Eastern Tiger Snake	Least Concern (SARCA
	semiannulatus		2014), NWBA Schedule 2
Cordylidae	Cordylus jonesii	Jones' Girdled Lizard	Least Concern (SARCA
			2014), NWBA Schedule 2
Cordylidae	Cordylus vittifer	Common Girdled Lizard	Least Concern (SARCA
			2014), NWBA Schedule 2
Elapidae	Elapsoidea sundevallii media	Highveld Garter Snake	
Elapidae	Naja annulifera	Snouted Cobra	Least Concern (SARCA 2014)
Elapidae	Naja mossambica	Mozambique Spitting	Least Concern (SARCA 2014)
		Cobra	
Gekkonidae	Chondrodactylus turneri	Turner's Gecko	Least Concern (SARCA 2014)
Gekkonidae	Hemidactylus mabouia	Common Tropical House	Least Concern (SARCA 2014)
		Gecko	
Gekkonidae	Homopholis arnoldi	Arnold's Velvet Gecko	Not evaluated
Gekkonidae	Lygodactylus capensis	Common Dwarf Gecko	Least Concern (SARCA 2014)
Gekkonidae	Pachydactylus affinis	Transvaal Gecko	Least Concern (SARCA 2014)
Gekkonidae	Pachydactylus capensis	Cape Gecko	Least Concern (SARCA 2014)
Gerrhosauridae	Gerrhosaurus flavigularis	Yellow-throated Plated	Least Concern (SARCA
		Lizard	2014), NWBA Schedule 2
Lacertidae	Meroles squamulosus	Common Rough-scaled	Least Concern (SARCA 2014)
		Lizard	
Lamprophiidae	Aparallactus capensis	Black-headed Centipede-	Least Concern (SARCA 2014)
		eater	
Lamprophiidae	Gracililima nyassae	Black File Snake	Least Concern (SARCA 2014)
Lamprophiidae	Lycophidion capense capense	Cape Wolf Snake	Least Concern (SARCA 2014)
Lamprophiidae	Psammophis brevirostris	Short-snouted Grass Snake	Least Concern (SARCA 2014)
Lamprophiidae	Psammophis subtaeniatus	Western Yellow-bellied	Least Concern (SARCA 2014)
		Sand Snake	
Lamprophiidae	Psammophylax tritaeniatus	Striped Grass Snake	Least Concern (SARCA 2014)
Leptotyphlopidae	Leptotyphlops scutifrons	Peters' Thread Snake	
	scutifrons		
Scincidae	Mochlus sundevallii	Sundevall's Writhing Skink	Least Concern (SARCA 2014)
Scincidae	Panaspis wahlbergii	Wahlberg's Snake-eyed	Least Concern (SARCA 2014)
		Skink	
Scincidae	Trachylepis punctatissima	Speckled Rock Skink	Least Concern (SARCA 2014)





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Scincidae	Trachylepis punctulata	Speckled Sand Skink	Least Concern (SARCA 2014)
Scincidae	Trachylepis sp. (Transvaal varia)	Skink sp. 1	
Scincidae	Trachylepis varia sensu lato	Common Variable Skink Complex	Least Concern (SARCA 2014)
Testudinidae	Stigmochelys pardalis	Leopard Tortoise	Least Concern (SARCA 2014)
Varanidae	Varanus albigularis albigularis	Rock Monitor	Least Concern (SARCA
			2014), NWBA Schedule 2
Varanidae	Varanus niloticus	Water Monitor	Least Concern (SARCA
			2014), NWBA Schedule 2
Viperidae	Bitis arietans arietans	Puff Adder	Least Concern (SARCA 2014)

#### Amphibian species found in2436CD, 2526AA, 2526AB, 2526AC and 2526AD (FrogMAP)

Family	Scientific name	Common name	Red list category
Brevicepitidae	Breviceps adspersus	Bushveld Rain Frog	Least Concern
Bufonidae	Poyntonophrynus vertebralis	Southern Pygmy Toad	Least Concern
Bufonidae	Schismaderma carens	Red Toad	Least Concern
Bufonidae	Sclerophrys sp.		
Bufonidae	Sclerophrys capensis	Raucous Toad	Least Concern
Bufonidae	Sclerophrys garmani	Olive Toad	Least Concern (IUCN, 2016)
Bufonidae	Sclerophrys gutturalis	Guttural Toad	Least Concern (IUCN, 2016)
Bufonidae	Sclerophrys poweri	Power's Toad	Least Concern
Hyperoliidae	Kassina senegalensis	Bubbling Kassina	Least Concern
Microhylidae	Phrynomantis bifasciatus	Banded Rubber Frog	Least Concern
Phrynobatrachidae	Phrynobatrachus natalensis	Snoring Puddle Frog	Least Concern (IUCN, 2013)
Pipidae	Xenopus laevis	Common Platanna	Least Concern
Ptychadenidae	Ptychadena anchietae	Plain Grass Frog	Least Concern
Ptychadenidae	Ptychadena mossambica	Broadbanded Grass Frog	Least Concern
Pyxicephalidae	Amietia delalandii	Delalande's River Frog	Least Concern (2017)
Pyxicephalidae	Cacosternum boettgeri	Common Caco	Least Concern (2013)
Pyxicephalidae	Pyxicephalus edulis	African Bull Frog	Least Concern
Pyxicephalidae	Tomopterna cryptotis	Tremelo Sand Frog	Least Concern
Pyxicephalidae	Tomopterna natalensis	Natal Sand Frog	Least Concern
Rhacophoridae	Chiromantis xerampelina	Southern Foam Nest Frog	Least Concern (2013)

#### Other invertebrate species occurring in QDS

Family	Scientific name	Common name	Red list category		
Dungbeetles					
Scarabaeidae	Caccobius ferrugineus		NWBA Schedule 2		
Scarabaeidae	Catharsius ulysses		NWBA Schedule 2		
Scarabaeidae	Chalconotus convexus		NWBA Schedule 2		
Scarabaeidae	Copris amyntor		NWBA Schedule 2		
Scarabaeidae	Copris denticulatus		NWBA Schedule 2		
Scarabaeidae	Copris elphenor		NWBA Schedule 2		
Scarabaeidae	Copris evanidus		NWBA Schedule 2		
Scarabaeidae	Copris obesus		NWBA Schedule 2		
Scarabaeidae	Digitonthophagus gazella		NWBA Schedule 2		
Scarabaeidae	Garreta nitens		NWBA Schedule 2		
Scarabaeidae	Gymnopleurus humeralis		NWBA Schedule 2		
Scarabaeidae	Heliocopris japetus		NWBA Schedule 2		
Scarabaeidae	Heliocopris neptunus		NWBA Schedule 2		
Scarabaeidae	Liatongus militaris		NWBA Schedule 2		
Scarabaeidae	Metacatharsius troglodytes		NWBA Schedule 2		
Scarabaeidae	Onitis uncinatus		NWBA Schedule 2		
Scarabaeidae	Onitis viridulus		NWBA Schedule 2		
Scarabaeidae	Onthophagus apiciosus		NWBA Schedule 2		
Scarabaeidae	Onthophagus bicavifrons		NWBA Schedule 2		





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Scarabaeidae	Onthophagus bovinus		NWBA Schedule 2		
Scarabaeidae	Onthophagus ebenus		NWBA Schedule 2		
Scarabaeidae	Onthophagus vinctus		NWBA Schedule 2		
Scarabaeidae	Scarabaeus sp.		NWBA Schedule 2		
Scarabaeidae	Scarabaeus subaeneus		NWBA Schedule 2		
Odonata					
Libellulidae	Brachythemis leucosticta	Southern Banded Groundling	LC		
Libellulidae	Diplacodes luminans	Barbet Percher	LC		
Libellulidae	Trithemis arteriosa	Red-veined Dropwing	LC		
Libellulidae	Trithemis kirbyi	Orange-winged Dropwing	LC		
Lacewing					
Ascalaphidae	Tmesibasis laceratus	Owlfly			
Myrmeleontidae	Banyutus lethalis				
Myrmeleontidae	Centroclisis sp.				
Myrmeleontidae	Creoleon diana				
Myrmeleontidae	Cymothales poultoni				
Myrmeleontidae	Hagenomyia tristis				
Myrmeleontidae	Myrmeleon doralice				
Myrmeleontidae	Myrmeleon lanceolatus				
Myrmeleontidae	Palpares sobrinus				
Scorpions					
Buthidae	Parabuthus transvaalicus				
Buthidae	Uroplectes carinatus				
Buthidae	Uroplectes triangulifer				
Buthidae	Uroplectes vittatus				
Hormuridae	Hadogenes gracilis				
Hormuridae	Hadogenes troglodytes				
Scorpionidae	Opistophthalmus glabrifrons		NWBA Schedule 2, TOPS		
Scorpionidae	Opistophthalmus pugnax		NWBA Schedule 2, TOPS		

