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

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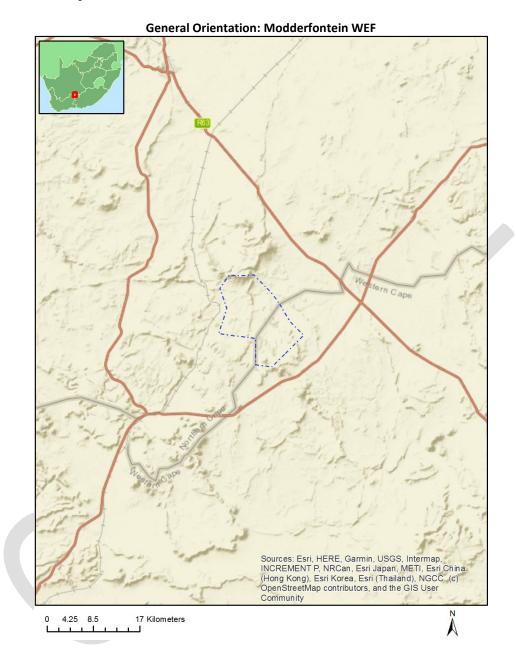
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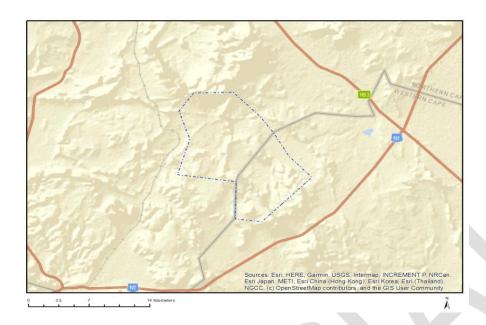
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# **Proposed Project Location**

# Orientation map 1: General location



# Map of proposed site and relevant area(s)



# Cadastral details of the proposed site

#### Property details:

No	Farm Name	Farm/ Erf	Portion	Latitude	Longitude	Property
		No				Туре
1	PHAISANT KRAAL	1	0	31°46'44.55S	23°17'45.74E	Farm
2	MODDERFONTEIN	228	0	31°45'45.75S	23°14'20.48E	Farm
3	PHAISANT KRAAL	1	0	31°46'44.55S	23°17'45.74E	Farm Portion
4	MODDERFONTEIN	228	0	31°43'58.44S	23°14'50.82E	Farm Portion

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

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

No	EIA Reference	Classification	Status of	Distance from proposed
	No		application	area (km)
1	12/12/20/2428	Solar PV	Approved	17.4
2	14/12/16/3/1/2	Solar PV	Approved	0

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> "development footprint", means the area within the site on which the development will take place and incudes all ancillary developments for example roads, power lines, boundary walls, paving etc. which require vegetation clearance or which will be disturbed and for which the application has been submitted.

# Environmental Management Frameworks relevant to the application

No intersections with EMF areas found.

# Environmental screening results and assessment outcomes

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

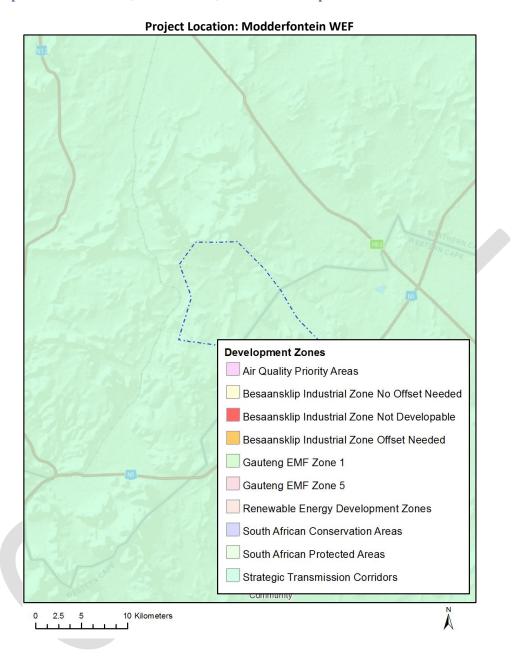
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# Relevant development incentives, restrictions, exclusions or prohibitions

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

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

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



#### Proposed Development Area Environmental Sensitivity

The following summary of the development site environmental sensitivities is identified. Only the highest environmental sensitivity is indicated. The footprint environmental sensitivities for the proposed development footprint as identified, are indicative only and must be verified on site by a suitably qualified person before the specialist assessments identified below can be confirmed.

Theme	Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
Agriculture Theme	Χ			
Animal Species Theme		Х		

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

# Specialist assessments identified

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

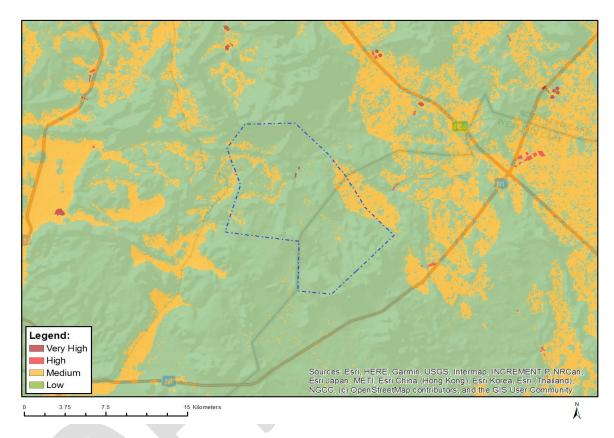
N	Special	Assessment Protocol
О	ist	
	assess	
	ment	
1	Agricult ural Impact Assessm ent	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted WindAndSolar Agriculture Assessment Protocols.pdf
2	Landsca pe/Visu al Impact Assessm ent	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted General Requirement Assessment Protocols.pdf
3	Archaeo logical and Cultural Heritage Impact Assessm ent	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted General Requirement Assessment Protocols.pdf
4	Palaeon tology Impact Assessm ent	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted General Requirement Assessment Protocols.pdf
5	Terrestri al Biodiver sity Impact Assessm ent	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted_Terrestrial_Biodiversity_Assessment_Protocols.pdf

6	Aquatic Biodiver sity Impact Assessm ent	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols /Gazetted_Aquatic_Biodiversity_Assessment_Protocols.pdf
7	Avian Impact Assessm ent	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted_Avifauna_Assessment_Protocols.pdf
8	Civil Aviation Assessm ent	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted Civil Aviation Installations Assessment Protocols.pdf
9	Defense Assessm ent	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/ /Gazetted_Defence_Installations_Assessment_Protocols.pdf
0	RFI Assessm ent	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted General Requirement Assessment Protocols.pdf
1 1	Noise Impact Assessm ent	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted Noise Impacts Assessment Protocol.pdf
1 2	Flicker Assessm ent	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/ /Gazetted_General_Requirement_Assessment_Protocols.pdf
3	Traffic Impact Assessm ent	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted General Requirement Assessment Protocols.pdf
1 4	Geotech nical Assessm ent	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted General Requirement Assessment Protocols.pdf
5	Socio- Economi c Assessm ent	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted General Requirement Assessment Protocols.pdf
1 6	Plant Species Assessm ent	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted Plant Species Assessment Protocols.pdf
7	Animal Species Assessm ent	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted Animal Species Assessment Protocols.pdf

# Results of the environmental sensitivity of the proposed area.

The following section represents the results of the screening for environmental sensitivity of the proposed site for relevant environmental themes associated with the project classification. It is the duty of the EAP to ensure that the environmental themes provided by the screening tool are comprehensive and complete for the project. Refer to the disclaimer.

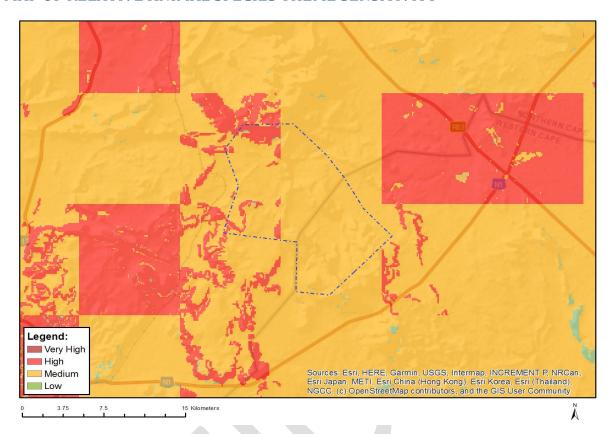
#### MAP OF RELATIVE AGRICULTURE THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
X			

Sensitivity	Feature(s)	
Low Land capability;01. Very low/02. Very low/03. Low-Very low/04. Low-Very low/05. Low		
Medium	Medium Land capability;06. Low-Moderate/07. Low-Moderate/08. Moderate	
Very High	Very High Horticulture / Viticulture; Land capability; 01. Very low/02. Very low/03. Low-Very low/04. Low-Very	
	low/05. Low	

#### MAP OF RELATIVE ANIMAL SPECIES THEME SENSITIVITY

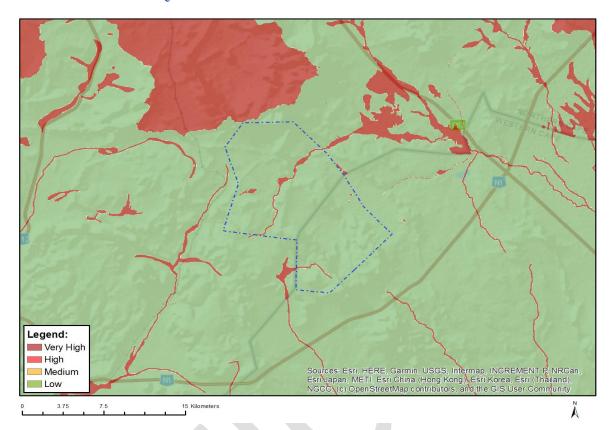


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Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
	X		

Sensitivity	ty Feature(s)	
High	Aves-Aquila verreauxii	
Low	Low sensitivity	
Medium	Mammalia-Bunolagus monticularis	
Medium	Aves-Aquila verreauxii	
Medium	Aves-Neotis ludwigii	

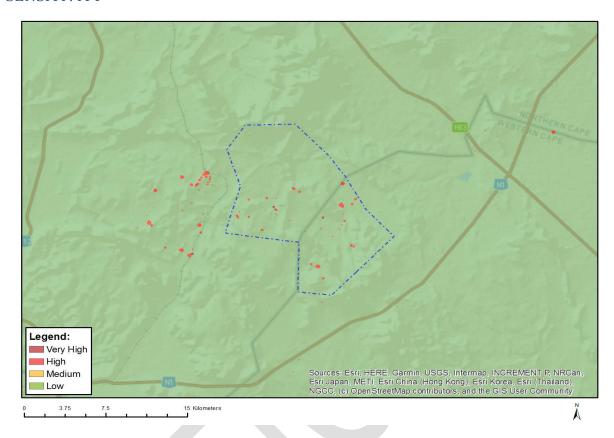
# MAP OF RELATIVE AQUATIC BIODIVERSITY THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
X			

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

# MAP OF RELATIVE ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL HERITAGE THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
X			

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
High	Within 150m of a Grade IIIa Heritage site
High	Within 100m of a Grade IIIb Heritage site
High	Within 50m of a Grade IIIc Heritage site
Low	Low sensitivity
Very High	Within 100m of an Ungraded Heritage site

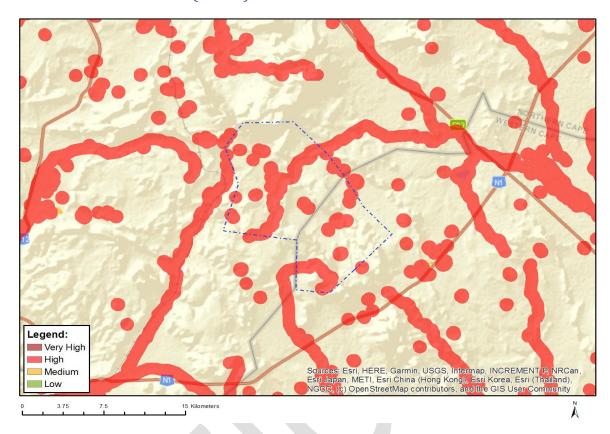
# MAP OF RELATIVE AVIAN (WIND) THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
			X

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Low	Area Outside Sensitivities

# MAP OF RELATIVE BATS (WIND) THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
	X		

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

# MAP OF RELATIVE CIVIL AVIATION (WIND) THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
			Χ

Sensitivity	Feature(s)	
Low	Low sensitivity	

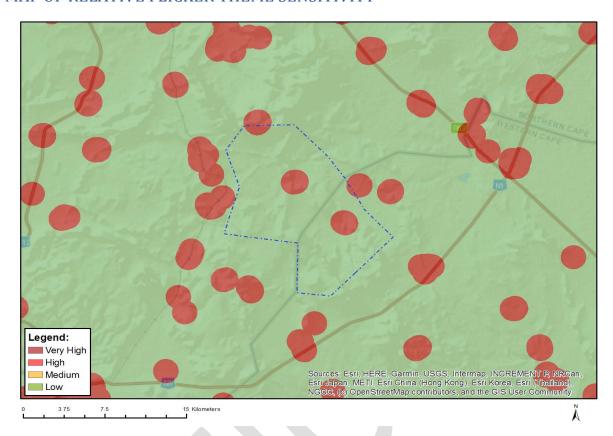
# MAP OF RELATIVE DEFENCE (WIND) THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
			Χ

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Low	Low sensitivity

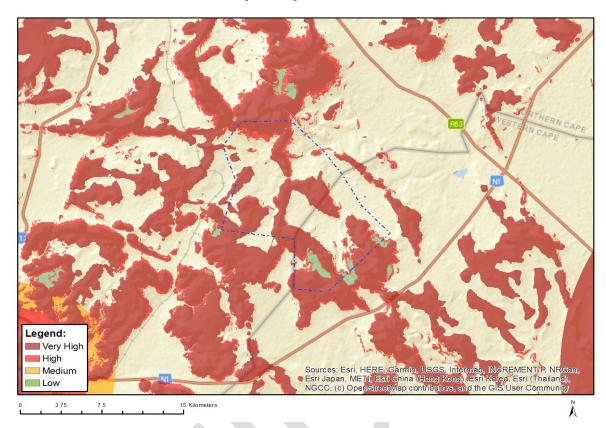
# MAP OF RELATIVE FLICKER THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
X			

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

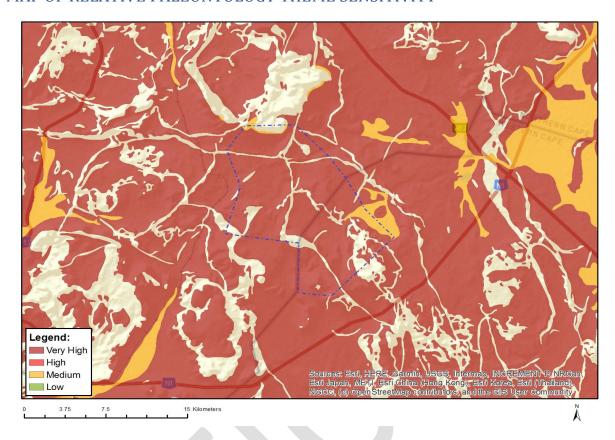
# MAP OF RELATIVE LANDSCAPE (WIND) THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High ser	nsitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
Χ				

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

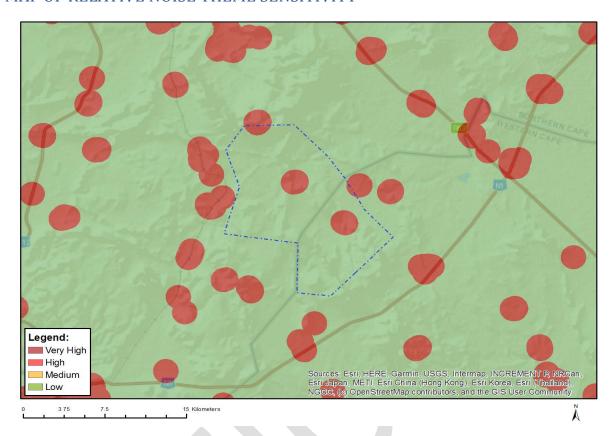
# MAP OF RELATIVE PALEONTOLOGY THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
X			

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

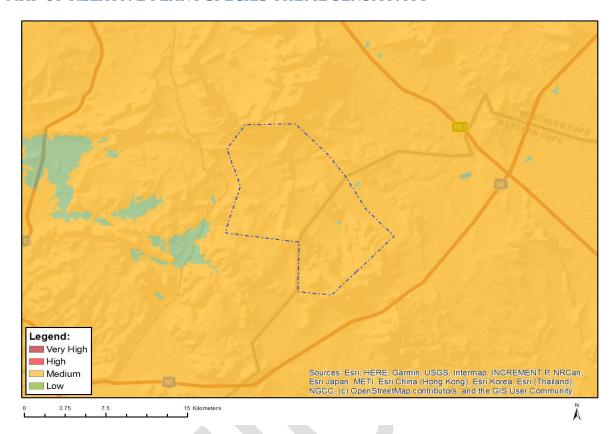
# MAP OF RELATIVE NOISE THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
X			

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

#### MAP OF RELATIVE PLANT SPECIES THEME SENSITIVITY

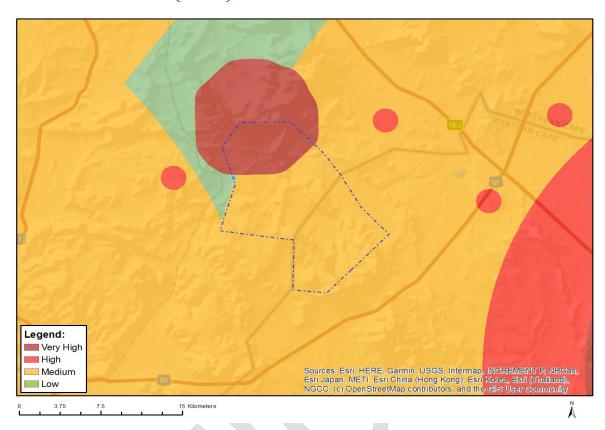


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Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
		X	

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Low	Low Sensitivity
Medium	Isolepis expallescens
Medium	Hereroa concava
Medium	Sensitive species 945

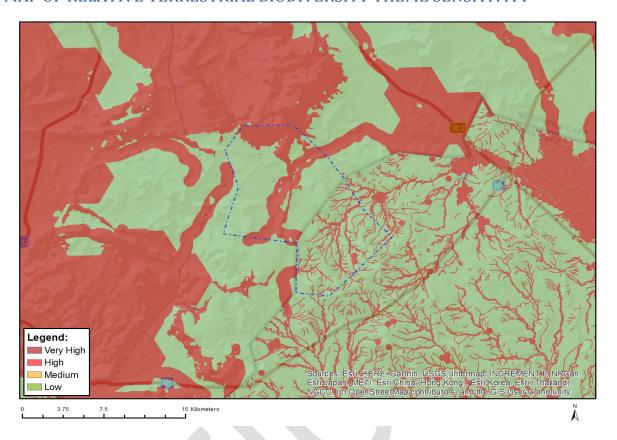
# MAP OF RELATIVE RFI (WIND) THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
X			

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Low	Low sensitivity for telecommunications; None; More than 60 km from a Weather Radar installation
Medium	Low sensitivity for telecommunications;Between 26 and 48 km of a SKA receptor;More than 60 km
	from a Weather Radar installation
Very High	Within 5 km of a Sentech High Power Terrestrial Broadcasting Facility;None;More than 60 km from a
	Weather Radar installation
Very High	Within 5 km of a Sentech High Power Terrestrial Broadcasting Facility; Between 26 and 48 km of a SKA
	receptor;More than 60 km from a Weather Radar installation
Very High	Within 5 km of a Sentech High Power Terrestrial Broadcasting Facility; Within 1 km of a
	telecommunication facility;None;More than 60 km from a Weather Radar installation
Very High	Within 5 km of a Sentech High Power Terrestrial Broadcasting Facility; Within 1 km of a
	telecommunication facility;Between 26 and 48 km of a SKA receptor;More than 60 km from a Weather
	Radar installation

# MAP OF RELATIVE TERRESTRIAL BIODIVERSITY THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
X			

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Low	Low Sensitivity
Very High	Ecological Support Area 2
Very High	Ecological Support Area 1
Very High	Critical Biodiversity Area 1
Very High	Ecological Support Area