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ECOLOGICAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT

**THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF TOWNSHIP KNOWN AS SEVILLE
EXT. 3 ON PORTION 1 AND 2 OF THE FARM SEVILLE 224KU IN THE
BUSHBUCKRIDGE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY OF THE ENHLAZENI DISTRICT
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1. INTRODUCTION

Naledzani Environmental Services has been appointed by Bushbuckridge Local Municipality to conduct a terrestrial ecological assessment for the proposed development of township known as Seville ext. 3 on portion 1 and 2 of the farm Seville 224KU in the Bushbuckridge Local Municipality of the Ehlanzeni District in the Mpumalanga Province to determine the sensitivity of the site.

1.1 Scope of study

The terms of reference for this investigation are limited to a terrestrial ecological assessment with the following objectives:

- To assess the proposed development in order to determine the general ecological state of the proposed project area;
- To survey and delineate environmentally sensitive areas;
- To assess the proposed development in terms of faunal and floral taxa including the potential for species to occur;
- To provide mapping of the environmentally sensitive and critical areas with respect to the proposed development;
- To assess and identify the potential impacts that may arise from the proposed project on the fauna and flora taxa;
- To provide mitigation measures to prevent and/or mitigate identified environmental impacts that may occur due to the proposed project; and
- The provision of an assessment report, indicate findings, recommendations and maps indicating sensitivities and/or no-go areas.

1.2 Assumptions and limitations

Ecological studies should be conducted during the growing season of all plant species that may potentially occur. This may require more than one season's survey with two visits undertaken preferably from November to February. However, due to the EIA timeframes in relation to this project, this assessment was conducted in August 2022 before the rainfall and as such many plant species including grasses were still not yet in their growing period.

The entire site was walked on foot and sampled by the specialist. All species included in the plant species list were observed and recorded in the study area and any comments or observations made in this regard are based on observations, literature review, the expert knowledge and relevant professional experience of the specialist.

2. LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

A summary of the relevant sections of the acts that govern the activities and potential impacts to the environment associated with the development are listed below. It should be noted that these acts are listed below only with specific reference to biodiversity studies.

Table 1: Acts and regulations relating to the project

Legislation/Policy	Description
<p>United Nations, 1992, The Convention on Biological Diversity.</p>	<p>The purpose of the Convention on Biological Diversity is to conserve the variability among living organisms, at all levels (including diversity between species, within species and of ecosystems). Primary objectives include (i) conserving biological diversity, (ii) using biological diversity in a sustainable manner and (iii) sharing the benefits of biological diversity fairly and equitably.</p>
<p>United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification</p>	<p>South Africa has responded to the UN Convention to Combat Desertification by developing a National Action Plan. The aim of the NAP is to implement at current and future policies that affect natural resource management and rural development, and establish partnerships between government departments, overseas development agencies, the private sector and NGOs</p>
<p>Mpumalanga Nature Conservation Act (10 of 1998)</p>	<p>To consolidate and amend the laws relating to nature conservation within the Province and to provide for matter connected therewith</p>
<p>The Constitution of the Republic of South Africa Act No. 108 of 1996</p>	<p>The environment and the health and well-being of people are safeguarded under the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996 by way of section 24. Section 24(a) guarantees a right to an environment that is not harmful to human health or well-being and to environmental protection for the benefit of present and future generations. Section 24(b) directs the state to take reasonable legislative and other measures to prevent pollution, promote conservation, and secure the ecologically sustainable development and use of natural resources (including water and mineral resources) while promoting justifiable economic and social development. Section 27 guarantees every person the right of access to sufficient water, and the state is obliged to take reasonable legislative and other measures within its available resources to achieve the progressive realisation of this right. Section 27 is defined as a socioeconomic right and not an environmental right. However, read with section 24 it requires of the state to ensure that water is conserved and protected and that sufficient access to the resource is provided.</p>
<p>Strategic Framework for Sustainable Development in South Africa</p>	<p>The development of a broad framework for sustainable development was initiated to provide an overarching and guiding National Sustainable Development Strategy. The Strategic Framework for Sustainable Development (SFSD) in South Africa (September 2006) is a goal orientated policy framework aimed at meeting the Millennium Development Goals. Biodiversity has been identified as one of the key crosscutting trends in the SFSD. The lack</p>

	<p>of sustainable practices in managing natural resources, climate change effects, loss of habitat and poor land management practices were raised as the main threats to biodiversity.</p>
<p>National Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998 and the associated Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations</p>	<p>The National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998) (NEMA) and the associated Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations (GN R326 as amended in 2017 and well as listing notices 1, 2 and 3 (GN R327, R325 and R324 of 2017), state that prior to any development taking place which triggers any activity as listed within the abovementioned regulations, an environmental authorisation process needs to be followed. This could follow either the Basic Assessment process or the Environmental Impact Assessment process depending on the nature of the activity and scale of the impact</p>
<p>National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act No 10 of 2004</p>	<p>The objectives of this act are (within the framework of NEMA) to provide for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The management and conservation of biological diversity within the Republic of South Africa and of the components of such diversity; • The use of indigenous biological resources in a sustainable manner; • The fair and equitable sharing among stakeholders of the benefits arising from bio prospecting involving indigenous biological resources; • To give effect to ratify international agreements relating to biodiversity which are binding to the Republic; • To provide for cooperative governance in biodiversity management and conservation; and • To provide for a South African National Biodiversity Institute to assist in achieving the objectives of this Act. <p>This act alludes to the fact that management of biodiversity must take place to ensure that the biodiversity of the surrounding areas is not negatively impacted upon, by any activity being undertaken, in order to ensure the fair and equitable sharing among stakeholders of the benefits arising from indigenous biological resources.</p> <p>Furthermore, a person may not carry out a restricted activity involving either:</p> <p>a) A specimen of a listed threatened or protected species;</p> <p>b) Specimens of an alien species; or</p> <p>c) A specimen of a listed invasive species without a permit.</p>
<p>Government Notice 864 Alien and Invasive Species Regulations as published in the</p>	<p>NEMBA is administered by the Department of Environmental Affairs and aims to provide for the management and conservation of South Africa's biodiversity within the framework of the</p>

<p>Government Gazette 40166 of 2016 as it relates to the National Environmental Management Biodiversity Act, 2004 (Act No 10 of 2004)</p>	<p>NEMA. In terms of alien and invasive species. This act in terms of alien and invasive species aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevent the unauthorized introduction and spread of alien and invasive species to ecosystems and habitats where they do not naturally occur, • Manage and control alien and invasive species, to prevent or minimize harm to the environment and biodiversity; and • Eradicate alien species and invasive species from ecosystems and habitats where they may harm such ecosystems or habitats. <p>Alien species are defined, in terms of the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act, 2004 (Act no 10 of 2004) as:</p> <p>(a) A species that is not an indigenous species; or</p> <p>(b) An indigenous species translocated or intended to be translocated to a place outside its natural distribution range in nature, but not an indigenous species that has extended its natural distribution range by natural means of migration or dispersal without human intervention.</p> <p>Categories according to NEMBA (Alien and Invasive Species Regulations, 2017):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Category 1a: Invasive species that require compulsory control; • Category 1b: Invasive species that require control by means of an invasive species management programme; • Category 2: Commercially used plants that may be grown in demarcated areas, provided that there is a permit and that steps are taken to prevent their spread; and • Category 3: Ornamentally used plants that may no longer be planted.
<p>National Forest Act 84 of 1998 (as amended in September 2011)</p>	<p>Principles to guide decisions affecting forestry resources applicable to land development management are contained in the following principle:</p> <p><u>Principle 3</u></p> <p>(3) The principles are that:</p> <p>(a) natural forests must not be destroyed save in exceptional circumstances where, in the opinion of the Minister, a proposed new land use is preferable in terms of its economic, social or environmental benefits;</p> <p>(b) a minimum area of each woodland type should be conserved, and forests must be developed and managed to</p>

	<p>i. conserve biological diversity, ecosystems and habitats;</p> <p>ii. sustain the potential yield of their economic, social and environmental benefits.</p> <p>This section of the Act alludes to the fact that the conservation status of all vegetation types needs to be considered when any development is taking place to ensure that the adequate conservation of all vegetation types is ensured.</p> <p><u>Principle 6</u></p> <p>(6) Criteria and indicators may include but are not limited to, those for determining the level of maintenance and development of:</p> <p>i. forest resources,</p> <p>ii. biological diversity in forests,</p> <p>iii. the health and vitality of forests,</p> <p>iv. the productive functions of forests,</p> <p>v. the protective and environmental functions of forests; and</p> <p>vi. the social functions of forests.</p>
<p>The Conservation of Agricultural Resources Act, 1983 (Act 43 of 1983)</p>	<p>Removal of the alien and weed species encountered in the application area must take place in order to comply with existing legislation (amendments to the regulations under the CARA, 1983 and Section 28 of the NEMA, 1998).</p>
<p>National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act 57 of 2003</p>	<p>This Act provides for the protection and conservation of ecologically viable areas representative of South Africa's biological diversity and its natural landscapes and seascapes. It also seeks to provide for the sustainable utilization of protected areas and to promote participation of local communities in the management of protected areas.</p>

3. DESCRIPTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT

3.1. Project Location

The proposed are is situated within ward 33 under portion 1 and 2 of the farm Seville 224KU in the Bushbuckridge Local Municipality of the Ehlanzeni District in the Mpumalanga Province. The centre coordinates for the area of interest is as follows:

- Southing - 24° 39' 41.16" and Easting - 31°24' 19.52"

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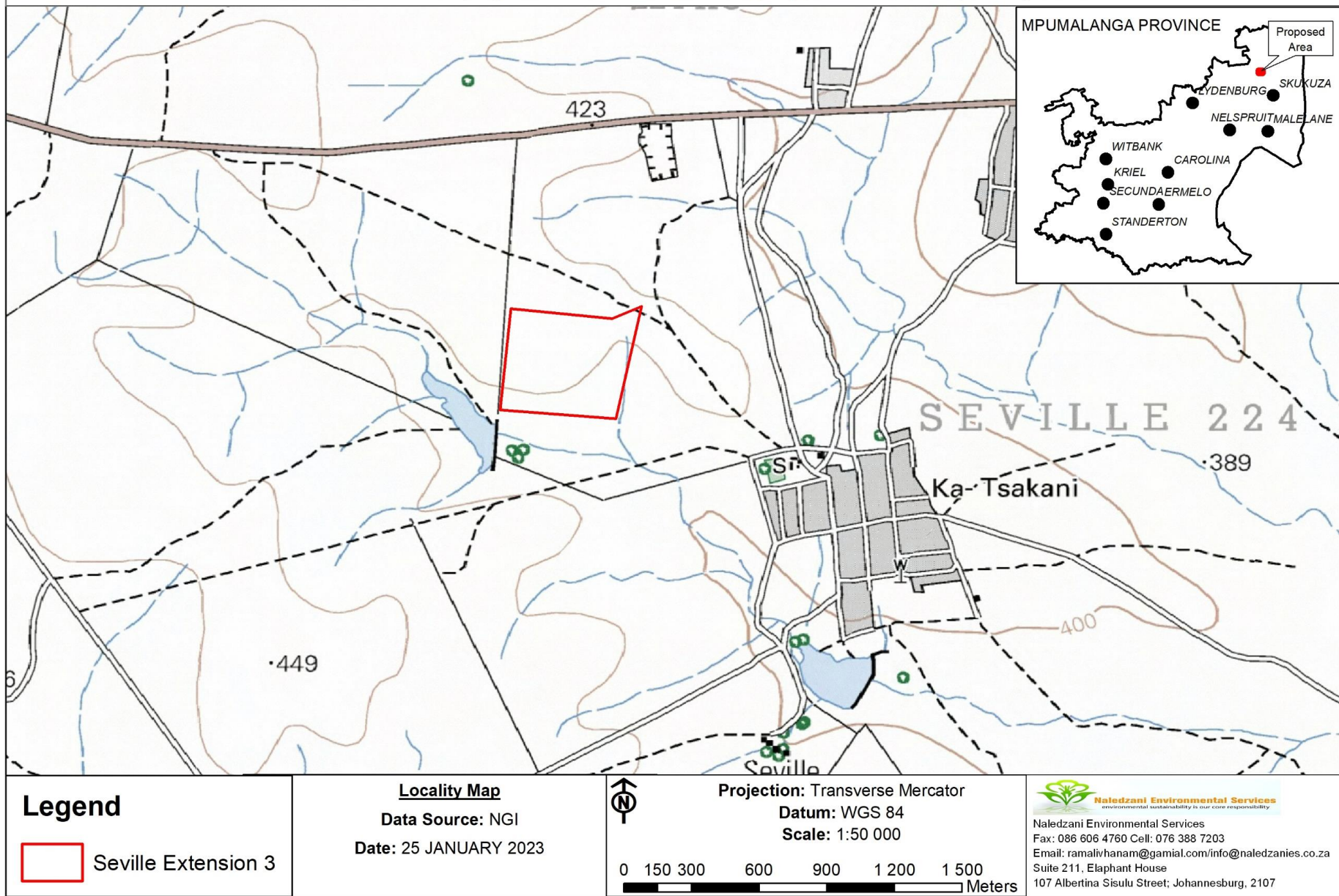


Figure 1: Site locality map

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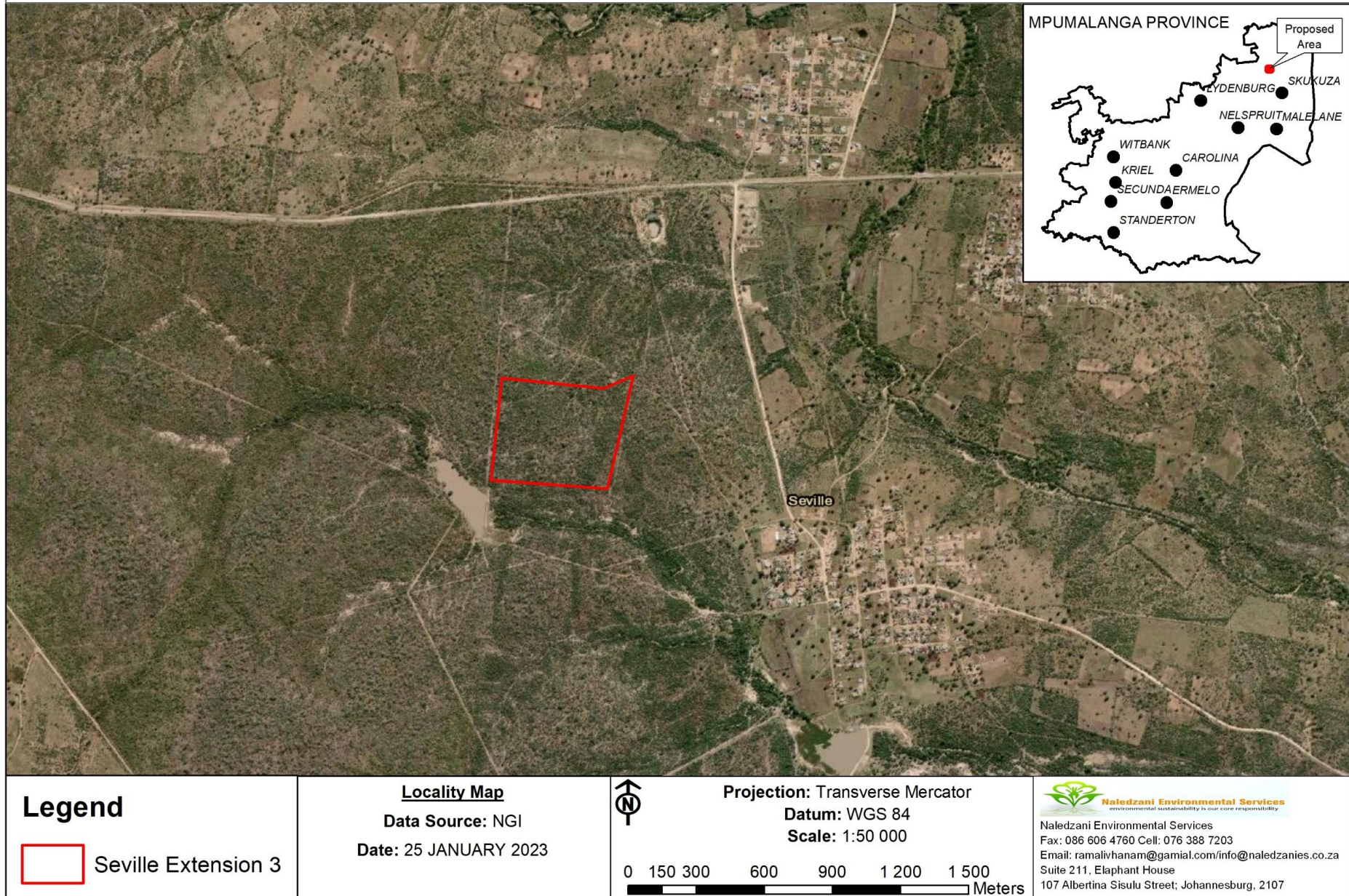


Figure 2: Goggle earth-view for the site

3.2. Biome type

Rutherford and Westfall (1994) described the project as falling within the Savanna Biome. The Savanna Biome is the largest Biome in southern Africa, occupying 46% of its area, and over one-third the area of South Africa. It is well developed over the lowveld and Kalahari region of South Africa and is also the dominant vegetation in neighbouring Botswana, Namibia and Zimbabwe. It is characterized by a grassy ground layer and a distinct upper layer of woody plants. Where this upper layer is near the ground vegetation may be referred to as Shrubveld, where it is dense as Woodland, and the intermediate stages are locally known as Bushveld.

The environmental factors delimiting the biome are complex: altitude ranges from sea level to 2000 m; rainfall varies from 235 to 1000 mm per year; frost may occur from 0 to 120 days per year; and almost every major geological and soil type occurs within the biome. A major factor delimiting the biome is the lack of sufficient rainfall which prevents the upper tree layer from dominating, coupled with fires and grazing, which keep the grass layer dominant. Summer rainfall is essential for grass dominance, which, with its fine material, fuels near-annual fires. In fact, almost all species are adapted to survive fires, usually with less than 10% of plants, both in the grass and tree layer, killed by fire. Even with severe burning, most species can re-sprout from the stem bases.

The grass layer is dominated by C 4-type grasses, which are at an advantage where the growing season is hot. But where rainfall has a stronger winter component, C 3-type grasses dominate. The shrub-tree layer may vary from 1 to 20 m in height, but in Bushveld typically varies from 3 to 7 m. The shrub-tree element may come to dominate the vegetation in areas which are being overgrazed.

Most of the Savanna vegetation types are used for grazing, mainly by cattle or game. In the southernmost Savanna types, goats are a major stock. In some areas crops and subtropical fruit are cultivated. These mainly include the Clay Thorn Bushveld, parts of Mixed Bushveld, and Sweet Lowveld Bushveld. Conservation status of Savanna is comparatively good, mainly due to the presence of the Kruger and Kalahari Gemsbok National Parks within the biome. However, the high area conserved in South Africa, belies the fact that half of Savanna vegetation types are inadequately conserved, in having less than 5% of their area in reserves and, much of the area is used for game-farming and can thus be considered effectively preserved, provided that sustainable stocking levels are maintained. The importance of tourism and big game hunting in the conservation of the area must not be underestimated.

3.3. Broad-Scale vegetation patterns

The study area falls within the within the **Granite Lowveld vegetation**. The vegetation is found mainly in Limpopo and Mpumalanga Provinces and Swaziland. It forms a north-south belt on the plains east of the escarpment from Thohoyandou in the north, interrupted in the Bolobedu area, continued in the Bitavi area, with an eastward extension

on the plains around the Murchison Range and southwards to Abel Erasmus Pass, Mica and Hoedspruit areas to the area east of Bushbuckridge. Substantial parts are found in the Kruger National Park spanning areas east of Orpen Camp southwards through Skukuza and Mkhulu. It is found at altitudes of 250 – 700 m.

Granite Lowveld comprises tall shrubland with few trees to moderately dense low woodland dominated by *Terminalia sericea*, *Combretum zeyheri* and *C. apiculatum* (small trees) and a ground layer consisting of *Pogonarthria squarrosa*, *Tricholaena monache* and *Eragrostis rigidior* (grasses). In the lowland areas dense thicket to open savanna with *Acacia nigrescens* (tall tree) and *Dichrostachys cinerea* and *Grewia bicolor* (tall shrubs) dominate theory layer. The dense herbaceous layer is mainly comprised of *Digitaria eriantha*, *Panicum maximum* and *Aristida congesta* (grasses) on fine-textured soils, while brackish bottomland soils support *Sporobolus nitens* (grass). A dense fringe of *T. sericea* and *Eragrostis gummiflua* occurs in areas where the topography changes from convex to concave.

This vegetation unit is considered **vulnerable** with the conservation target of 19%. Some 175 is currently conserved statutorily in the Kruger National Park. About the same amount conserved in private game reserves mainly the Selati, Klaseri, Timbavati, Mala, Sabi Sand and Manyeleti. More than 20% is already transformed, mainly by cultivation and by settlement development. Erosion is very low to moderate.

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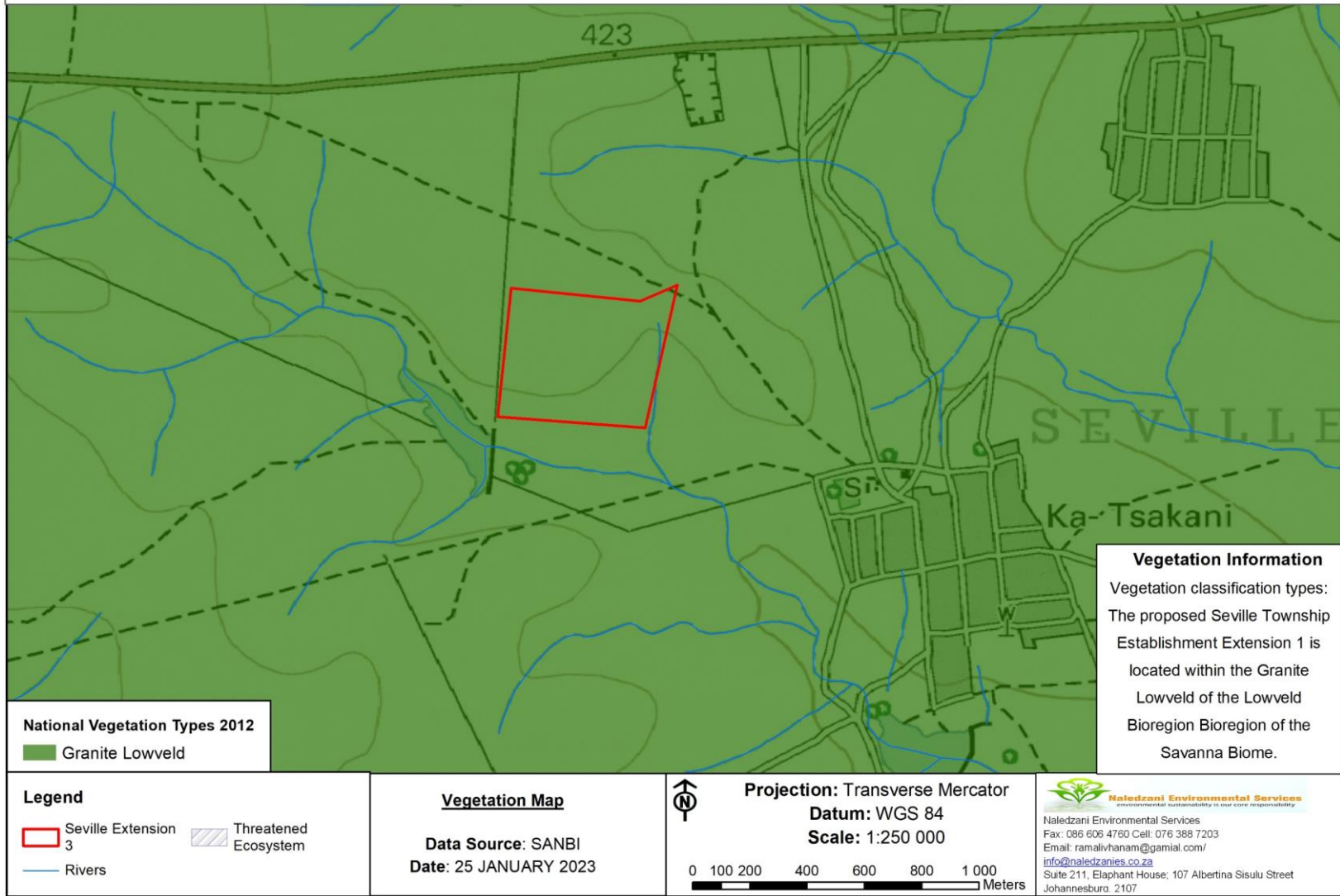


Figure 3: Broad vegetation map for the site

3.4. Climate

The project is situated in the lowveld region of Mpumalanga which has a subtropical climate strongly influenced by proximity to the Indian Ocean. It is in a summer rainfall region with rains season normally lasting from October to March. The average mean annual precipitation for the Ehlanzeni district varies between 750 and 860 mm (DWAf 2000) with winter rainfall considered rare (Robin, 2017). In terms of temperature, historically there has been a strong seasonality between the winter and summer months. The cooler winter season ranges between May and August with the warmer summer months occurring between December and February. The coolest and hottest months have historically been June and February respectively with records showing a very moderate temperature variation between winter and summer months (Robin, 2017).

3.5. Land use and existing impacts

The main land use in the study area is Woodland, Thicket & Bushland. Adjacent land cover is farming (subsistence) as well as settlements.

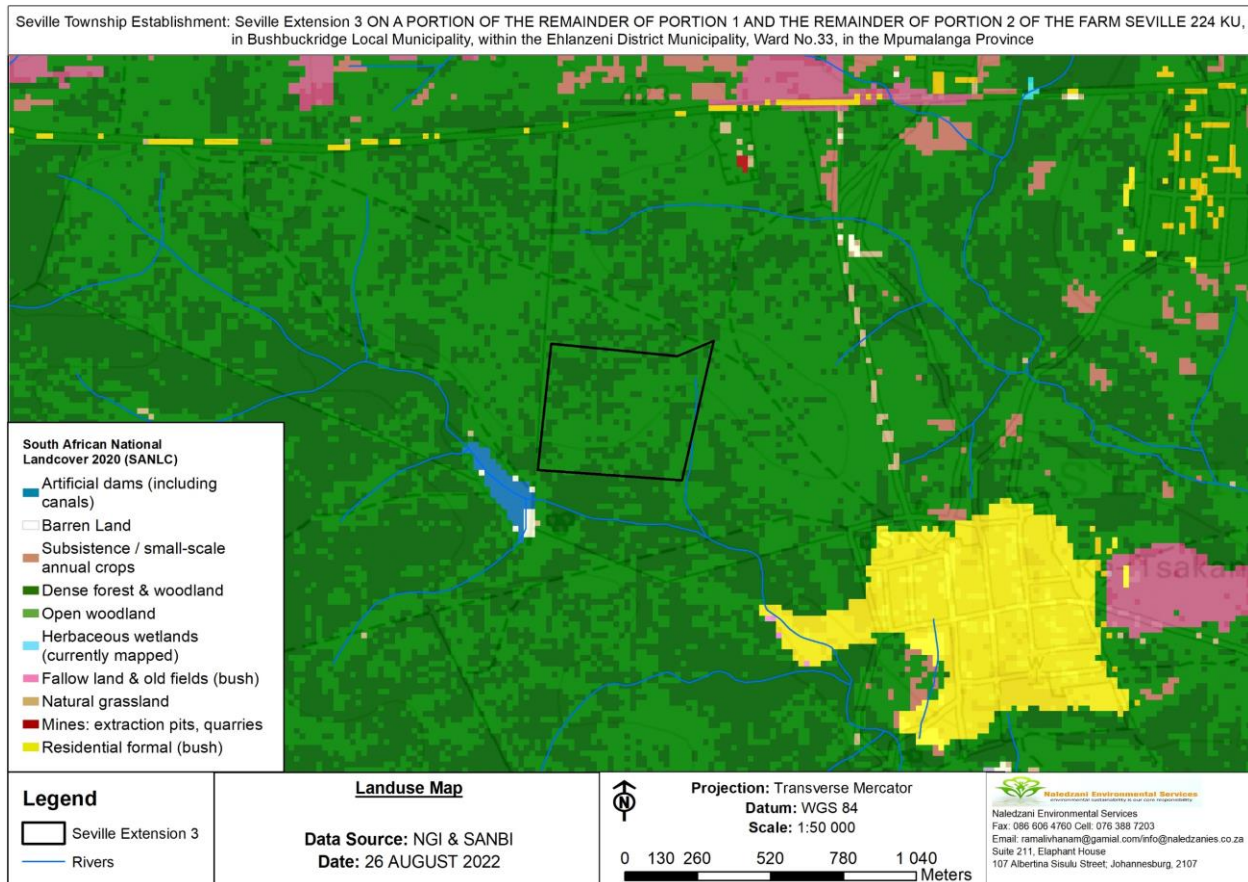


Figure 4:land-use map for the site

3.6. Terrestrial threatened ecosystem

The South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI), in conjunction with the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA), released a draft report in 2009 entitled “Threatened Ecosystems in South Africa: Descriptions and Maps”, to provide background information on the List of Threatened Ecosystems (SANBI, 2009). The purpose of this report was to present a detailed description of each of South Africa’s ecosystems and to determine their status using a credible and practical set of criteria. The following criteria were used in determining the status of threatened ecosystems:

- Irreversible loss of natural habitat;
- Ecosystem degradation and loss of integrity;
- Limited extent and imminent threat;
- Threatened plant species associations;
- Threatened animal species associations; and

- Priority areas for meeting explicit biodiversity targets as defined in a systematic conservation plan.

In terms of section 52 (1) (a), of the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act, 2004 (Act No. 10 of 2004), a new national list of ecosystems that are threatened and in need of protection was gazetted on 9 December 2012 (Government Notice 1002 (Driver *et al.*, 2004). The list classified all threatened or protected ecosystems in South Africa in terms of four categories; *Critically Endangered* (CR), *Endangered* (EN), *Vulnerable* (VU), or *Protected*. The purpose of categorizing these ecosystems is to prioritize conservation areas in order to reduce the rates of ecosystem and species extinction, as well as preventing further degradation and loss of structure, function, and composition of these ecosystems. It is estimated that threatened ecosystems make up 9.5% of South Africa, with critically endangered and endangered ecosystems accounting for 2.7%, and vulnerable ecosystems 6.8% of the land area. It is therefore vital that Threatened Terrestrial Ecosystems inform proactive and reactive conservation and planning tools, such as Biodiversity Sector Plans, municipal Strategic Environmental Assessments (SEAs) and Environmental Management Frameworks (EMFs), Environmental Impact Assessments (EIAs) and other environmental applications (Mucina *et al.*, 2006). According to data sourced from South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI), the site is located within the vulnerable Ecosystem (**Granite Lowveld**).

4. METHODOLOGY AND REPORTING

The information provided in this terrestrial biodiversity report is based mainly on the observations that were made during the field survey and a review of the available reports that contain known and predicted biodiversity and ecological information regarding the site. A wide range of spatial data sets were interrogated and relevant information was extracted for the study site. A basic ecological sensitivity analysis was performed to identify areas of special interest or concern. The various approaches used and aspects taken into account are detailed below:

4.1. General

A desktop survey utilising aerial images and photography was undertaken to assemble background information regarding the different features and vegetation communities present within the proposed project footprint. The site was fully surveyed on the 24th August 2022 to ensure that the true floristic reflection of the site is recorded.

4.2. Vegetation

The PRECIS list of plants recorded in the 2431CB quarter degree grid square was obtained from SANBI. This list was consulted to verify the record of occurrence of the plant species seen on the site. A desk-top study of the habitats of the red-listed and orange-listed species known to occur in the area was done before the site visits. The rapid visual

assessment was used to assess the abundance of floral species. The vegetation units of Mucina & Rutherford (2006) were also used as reference but where necessary communities are named according to the recommendations for a standardized South African syntaxonomic nomenclature system. By combining the available literature with the survey results, stratification of vegetation communities was possible.

4.3. Fauna

The faunal assessment is based on desktop analysis and observations that were made during the site visit. During the time on site, no mammals were noticed and it was deemed necessary that a desktop analysis be done to explore all different kinds of animals to habit the area. The occurrence of some key bird species was verified according to the distribution record obtained during the Southern African Bird Atlas period from 1981 to 1993 (Harrison et al., 1997) as well as records from 1974 to 1987 according to Tarboton et al (1987).

4.4. Sensitivity Map

Following the site visit, an ecological sensitivity map of the site has been generated by integrating the information collected on-site with the available biodiversity information available in the literature and various spatial databases as described above. The ecological sensitivity of the different units identified in the mapping procedure was rated according to the following scale:

- **Low** - Units with a low sensitivity where there is likely to be a negligible impact on ecological processes and terrestrial biodiversity. This category is reserved specifically for areas where the natural vegetation has already been transformed, usually for intensive agricultural purposes such as cropping. Most types of development can proceed within these areas with little ecological impact.
- **Medium** - Areas of natural or previously transformed land where the impacts are likely to be largely local and the risk of secondary impact such as erosion low. Development within these areas can proceed with relatively little ecological impact provided that appropriate mitigation measures are taken.
- **High** - Areas of natural or transformed land where a high impact is anticipated due to the high biodiversity value, sensitivity or important ecological role of the area. Development within these areas is highly undesirable and should only proceed with caution as it may not be possible to mitigate all impacts appropriately.

- **Very High** - Critical and unique habitats that serve as habitat for rare/endangered species or perform critical ecological roles. These areas are essentially no-go areas from a developmental perspective and should be avoided at all costs.

4.5. Methodology Adapted in Assessing the Impacts

The significance of the impacts will be assessed considering the following descriptors:

Table 2: Impact assessment table

Nature of the impact		
Positive	+	Impact will be beneficial to the environment (a benefit).
Negative	-	Impact will not be beneficial to the environment (a cost).
Neutral	0	Where a negative impact is offset by a positive impact, or mitigation measures, to have no overall effect.
Magnitude		
Minor	2	Negligible effects on biophysical or social functions / processes. Includes areas / environmental aspects which have already been altered significantly, and have little to no conservation importance (negligible sensitivity*).
Low	4	Minimal effects on biophysical or social functions / processes. Includes areas / environmental aspects which have been largely modified, and / or have a low conservation importance (low sensitivity*).

Moderate	6	Notable effects on biophysical or social functions / processes. Includes areas / environmental aspects which have already been moderately modified, and have a medium conservation importance (medium sensitivity*).
High	8	Considerable effects on biophysical or social functions / processes. Includes areas / environmental aspects which have been slightly modified and have a high conservation importance (high sensitivity*).
Very high	10	Severe effects on biophysical or social functions / processes. Includes areas / environmental aspects which have not previously been impacted upon and are pristine, thus of very high conservation importance (very high sensitivity*).
Extent		
Site only	1	Effect limited to the site and its immediate surroundings.
Local	2	Effect limited to within 3-5 km of the site.
Regional	3	Activity will have an impact on a regional scale.
National	4	Activity will have an impact on a national scale.
International	5	Activity will have an impact on an international scale.
Duration		
Immediate	1	Effect occurs periodically throughout the life of the activity.
Short term	2	Effect lasts for a period 0 to 5 years.

Medium term	3	Effect continues for a period between 5 and 15 years.
Long term	4	Effect will cease after the operational life of the activity either because of natural process or by human intervention.
Permanent	5	Where mitigation either by natural process or by human intervention will not occur in such a way or in such a time span that the impact can be considered transient.
Probability of occurrence		
Improbable	1	Less than 30% chance of occurrence.
Low	2	Between 30 and 50% chance of occurrence.
Medium	3	Between 50 and 70% chance of occurrence.
High	4	Greater than 70% chance of occurrence.
Definite	5	Will occur, or where applicable has occurred, regardless or in spite of any mitigation measures.

Once the impact criteria have been ranked for each impact, the significance of the impacts will be calculated using the following formula:

$$\text{Significance Points (SP)} = (\text{Magnitude} + \text{Duration} + \text{Extent}) \times \text{Probability}$$

The significance of the heritage impact is therefore calculated by multiplying the severity rating with the probability rating. The maximum value that can be reached through this impact evaluation process is 100 SP (points). The

significance for each impact is rated as High (SP \geq 60), Medium (SP = 31-60) and Low (SP<30) significance as shown in the Table 3 below.

Table 3: Definition of significance rating

Significance of predicted NEGATIVE impacts		
Low	0-30	Where the impact will have a relatively small effect on the environment and will require minimum or no mitigation and as such have a limited influence on the decision
Medium	31-60	Where the impact can have an influence on the environment and should be mitigated and as such could have an influence on the decision unless it is mitigated.
High	61-100	Where the impact will definitely have an influence on the environment and must be mitigated, where possible. This impact will influence the decision regardless of any possible mitigation.
Significance of predicted POSITIVE impacts		
Low	0-30	Where the impact will have a relatively small positive effect on the environment.
Medium	31-60	Where the positive impact will counteract an existing negative impact and result in an overall neutral effect on the environment.
High	61-100	Where the positive impact will improve the environment relative to baseline conditions.

5. RESULTS OF THE ASSESSMENT

5.1. Vegetation Survey

The grass layer on site was found to be dry making it difficult to identify some of the grasses to species level. The graminoids recorded and known to occur within the project site include *Eragrostis curvula*, *Brachiaria serrata*, *Digitaria eriantha*, *Eragrostis rigidior*, *Melinis repens*, *Hyperthysa hirta*, *Panicum maximum*, *Pogonarthria squarrosa*, *Brachiaria nigropedata*, *Perotis patens* and *Tricholaena monachne*



Figure 5: Dry *Hyperthysa hirta*

The shrub and tree layer consists mainly of *Senegalia nigrescens*, *Peltoporum africanum*, *Terminalia sericea*, *Dichrostachys cinerea*, *Ziziphus mucronata*, *Combretum imberbe*, *Combretum apiculatum*, *Combretum zeyheri*, *Terminalia sericea*, *Ficus Stuhlmannii*, *Pterocarpus rotundifolius*, *Schotia brachypetala*, *Diospyros lycioides*, *Gymnosporia buxifolia*, *Englerophytum magalismsontanum*, *Acacia sieberiana*, *Ximenia caffra*, *Strychnos madagascariensis*, *Vachellia nilotica*, *Sclerocarya birrea*,



Figure 6: *Terminalia sericea* and *Dichrostachys cinerea* on site



Figure 7: *Peltophorum africanum*

5.2. Nationally Protected Trees

The National Forest Act, 1998 (Act No. 84 of 1998) enforces the protection of several indigenous trees. This national list of protected trees was developed through the application of objective scientific criteria which was supported by a computerised scoring system.

Criteria for listing the trees as protected included:

- The rarity of the species;
- Importance of the species in the maintenance of an ecosystem, also known as keystone species;
- The utilization pressure on a species;
- Cultural or spiritual value (including landscaping) of the species; and
- The degree to which a species is already protected under provincial legislation.

The recorded nationally protected trees area is *Sclerocarya birrea*.



Figure 8: One of the *marula* recorded as a national protected tree

5.3. Alien invasive plants

Declared weeds and invaders have the tendency to dominate or replace the herbaceous layer of natural ecosystems, thereby transforming the structure, composition and function of natural ecosystems. Therefore, it is important that all these transformers be eradicated and controlled by means of an eradication and monitoring programme. Some invader plants may also degrade ecosystems through superior competitive capabilities to exclude native plant species (Henderson, 2001).

According to the published Alien and Invasive Species regulations in terms of section 97(1) of the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act, 2004 (Act No. 10 of 2004) four categories of problem plants are identified as:

- **Category 1a** plants are high-priority emerging species requiring compulsory control. All breeding, growing, moving and selling are banned.
- **Category 1b** plants are widespread invasive species controlled by a management programme.
- **Category 2** plants are invasive species controlled by area. Can be grown under permit conditions in demarcated areas. All breeding, growing, moving, and selling are banned without a permit.
- **Category 3** plants are ornamental and other species that are permitted on a property but may no longer be planted or sold.

Table 4 lists the alien species as well as the various NEMBA categories for the alien species recorded during the survey.

Table 4: Alien species recorded in the study area.

Scientific name	Common name	NEMBA Category
<i>Solanum maritimum</i>	Bug weed	1b
<i>Lantana camara</i>	Bird's brandy; cherry pie; tick-berry	1b
<i>Argemone Mexicana</i>	Mexican prickly poppy	1b

5.4. Description of the CBAs

Critical Biodiversity Areas (CBA's) are terrestrial and aquatic features in the landscape that are critical for retaining biodiversity and supporting continued ecosystem functioning and services (SANBI, 2007). These form the key output of a systematic conservation assessment and are the biodiversity sectors inputs into multi-sectoral planning and decision making tools.

The primary purpose of CBA's is to inform land-use planning and the land-use guidelines attached to CBA's aim to promote sustainable development by avoiding loss or degradation of important natural habitat and landscapes in these areas and the landscape as a whole. CBA's can also be used to inform protected area expansion and development plans. The use of CBA's here follows the definition laid out in the guideline for publishing bioregional plans (Anon, 2008):

- **“Critical biodiversity areas (CBAs)** are areas of the landscape that need to be maintained in a natural or near-natural state in order to ensure the continued existence and functioning of species and ecosystems and

the delivery of ecosystem services. In other words, if these areas are not maintained in a natural or near-natural state then biodiversity conservation targets cannot be met. Maintaining an area in a natural state can include a variety of biodiversity-compatible land uses and resource uses”.

- **“Ecological support areas (ESA’s)** are areas that are not essential for meeting biodiversity representation targets/thresholds but which nevertheless play an important role in supporting the ecological functioning of critical biodiversity areas and/or in delivering ecosystem services that support socio-economic development, such as water provision, flood mitigation or carbon sequestration. The degree of restriction on land use and resource use in these areas may be lower than that recommended for critical biodiversity areas.”

The guideline for bioregional plans defines three basic CBA categories based on three high-level land management objectives.

Table 5: A framework for linking spatial planning categories (CBAs) to land-use planning and decision-making guidelines based on a set of high-level land biodiversity management objectives.

CBA category	Land Management Objective
PA & CBA 1	<p>Natural landscapes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ecosystems and species fully intact and undisturbed • These are areas with high irreplaceability or low flexibility in terms of meeting biodiversity pattern targets. If the biodiversity features targeted in these areas are lost, then targets will not be met. • These are landscapes that are at or past their limits of acceptable change.
CBA 2	<p>Near-natural landscapes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ecosystems and species largely intact and undisturbed. • Areas with intermediate irreplaceability or some flexibility in terms of area required to meet biodiversity targets. There are options for loss of some components of biodiversity in these landscapes without compromising our ability to achieve targets. • These are landscapes that are approaching but have not passed their limits of acceptable change.
Ecological Support Areas (ESA)	<p>Functional landscapes:</p>

CBA category	Land Management Objective
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ecosystems moderately to significantly disturbed but still able to maintain basic functionality. • Individual species or other biodiversity indicators may be severely disturbed or reduced. • These are areas with low irreplaceability with respect to biodiversity pattern targets only.
Other Natural Areas (ONA) and Transformed	Production landscapes: manage land to optimize sustainable utilization of natural resources.

According to the Mpumalanga Conservation plan, the entire site is situated outside an Ecological Support Area but within an area regarded as Other natural area. Although the bigger part of the site is within other natural area, it must be noted that are two protected plans (both of them marula trees) recorded on site.

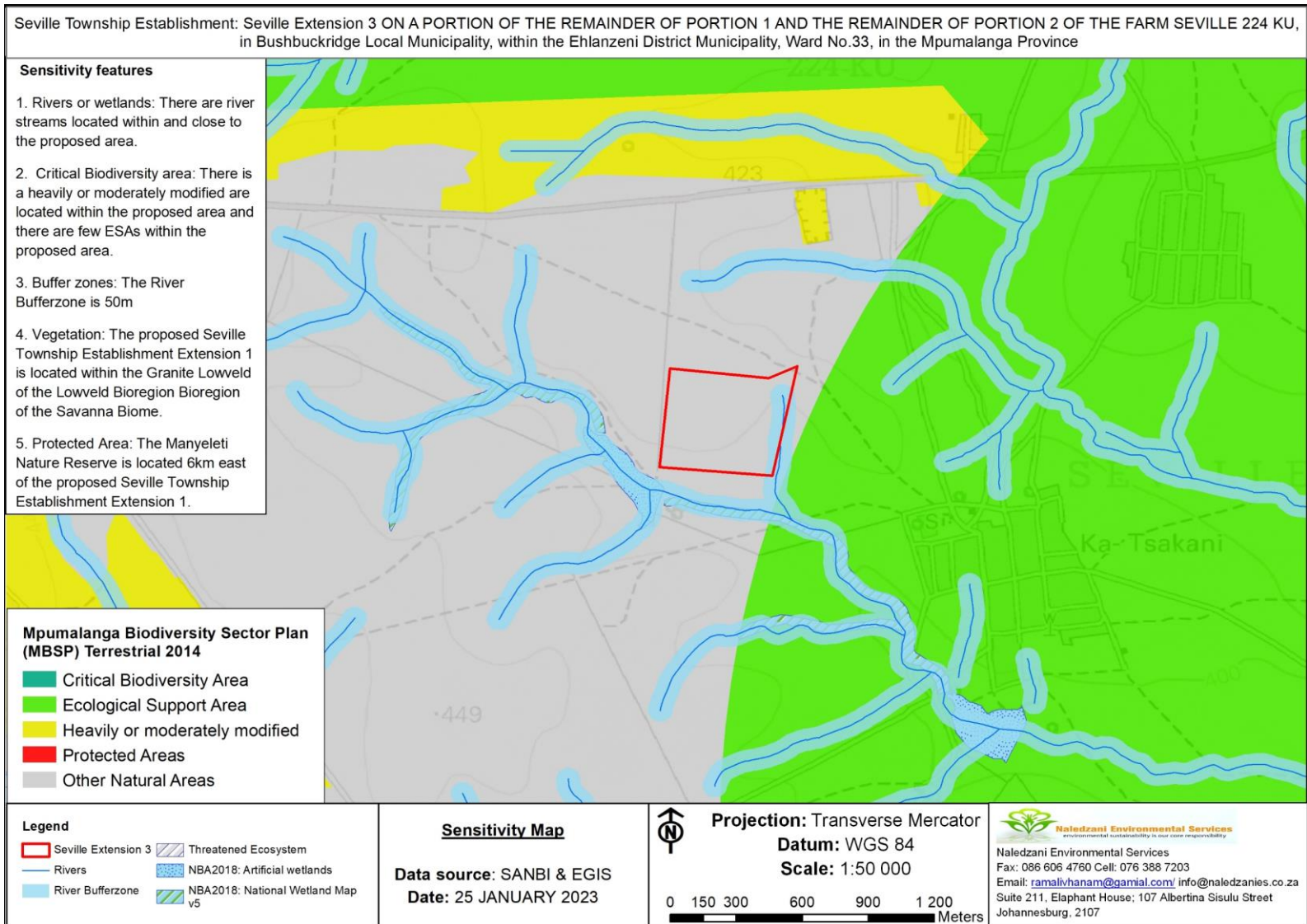


Figure 9: CBA map of the site

5.5. Fauna

According to MammalMap (Animal Demographic Unit) a total of 13 species have been recorded within the 2431CB quarter degree square (QDS). However, it must be noted that approximately 85% of these species are largely restricted to nature reserves/privately owned conservation areas. The remaining species diversity is low and is likely attributed to a lack of sampling effort coupled with anthropogenic habitat modification and associated pressures within the QDS.

Terrestrial and arboreal habitats were the dominant niches from a spatial perspective associated with the project area. The project area represents a relatively large tract of remaining habitat within the Ladysmith urban landscape. Therefore, although not pristine, the area provides refuge as well as some degree of connectivity to surrounding micro-habitats characterised by unique ecological features including unique floral assemblages and specific micro-climate conditions. As such these habitats provide elevated niche heterogeneity and subsequently higher species richness than adjacent anthropogenically modified areas. During the August 2022 site investigation *Bos Taurus*, *Pronolagus crassicaudatus* and *Capra aegagrus hircus* were identified within the project area based on direct and indirect signs.

6. ASSESSMENT OF IMPACTS

6.1. Introduction

The Regulations in terms of Chapter 5 of the National Environmental Management, Act No. 107 of 1998 requires that a description must be given of the potential impacts the proposed development will have on the environment. The details indicated the identified impacts for the area and their proposed mitigation measures.

6.2. Methodology

Potential impacts were evaluated against the data captured during the fieldwork to identify relevance to the project area, specifically the proposed development footprint. The relevant impacts were then subjected to a prescribed impact assessment methodology. Impacts were assessed in terms of the construction, operational and rehabilitation. The operational phase refers to that phase of the project where the bridge is fully functioning.

It should be noted that the impacts described are not exhaustive, and more impacts may be identified at a later stage as more project specific information becomes available. Mitigation measures were only applied to impacts deemed relevant based on the impact analysis.

6.3. Purpose and Scope

The standard impact assessment methodology may be used in the capture of generic anticipated impacts and potential mitigation measures for scoping Reports and Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The methodology described herein complies with the requirements of the EIA Regulations as amended (07 April 2017), promulgated in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998).

6.4. Current Impacts

During the field survey, the current impacts that are having a negative impact on the area were identified.

- Presence of invasive plant species particularly *Dichrostachys cinerea*
- Livestock (predominantly free ranging cattle and goats).

6.5. Identification of Additional Impacts

The proposed development is associated with the construction activities, namely the construction of houses, road and services (electricity and water). The proposed construction may result in loss and disturbance of habitats and displacement of fauna and flora.

The removal of natural vegetation to accommodate the construction of houses will reduce the habitat available for fauna species and may reduce animal populations and species compositions within the area. Due to high vegetation revitalisation there was no evidence of erosion in the surrounding areas.

The project area provides possible habitat and shelter to several and listed floral species. Although it is assumed that the majority of floral species has potential to occur in the nearby, hence many protected and endemic floral species have very specific habitat requirements, and the destruction will result in displacement to less optimal occurrence, or ultimately lead to their complete end. This will result in a decline in species numbers which may ultimately affect the conservation status of specific species on global, national and provincial scales. The potential impacts associated with the various project stages are discussed below.

6.5.1. Construction Phase

The following potential impacts were considered on terrestrial vegetation communities:

- Further loss and fragmentation of the vegetation community (including portions of a vulnerable vegetation type). Possibility of extensive erosion - due to the sensitivity of soil layers to movement of vehicles and machines.

Potential impacts on faunal communities include:

- Displacement of faunal community (including threatened) due to habitat loss, disturbance or direct mortalities.

6.5.2. Operational Phase

The following potential impacts were considered on terrestrial vegetation communities:

- Continued encroachment and displacement of an indigenous and vulnerable vegetation community by alien invasive plant species and on-going erosion.

6.6. Mitigation Measures

6.6.1. Destruction of natural vegetation and destruction of protected plants

The construction would inevitably require the removal of vegetation. Areas where structures are stored would flatten vegetation that could be detrimental to the persistence of the vegetation. In addition, the illegal disposal of construction material such as oil, cement etc. could destroy natural vegetation.

Mitigation Measures

- An independent Ecological Control Officer (ECO) should be appointed to oversee construction.
- Areas designated for vegetation clearing should be identified and visibly marked off.
- Vegetation clearing in natural areas should be kept to a minimum and restricted to the proposed development footprint only.
- A temporary fence or demarcation must be erected around the construction area (include the servitude, construction camps, areas where material is stored and the actual footprint of the development) to prevent access to sensitive environs.
- No open fires are permitted within naturally vegetated areas.
- A vegetation rehabilitation plan should be implemented. Grass can be removed as sods and stored within transformed vegetation – remove alien invasive vegetation prior to storing grasslands sods in transformed areas. Smaller shrubs and bulbs should also be removed and used for rehabilitation. The plants must preferably be removed during the winter months and be replanted by latest springtime. The grass sods should not be stacked on top of each other. Once construction is completed, these sods should be used to rehabilitate the disturbed areas from where they have been removed. In the absence of timely rainfall, the sods should be watered well after planting and at least twice more over the next 2 weeks.
- Construction workers may not remove flora and neither may anyone collect seed from the plants without permission from the local authority.

6.6.2. Exposure to erosion

The removal of surface vegetation will expose the soils, which in rainy events would wash down into moist grasslands, causing sedimentation. In addition, indigenous vegetation communities are unlikely to colonise eroded soils successfully and seeds from proximate alien invasive plants can spread easily into these eroded soil.

Mitigation Measures

- Obtain a permit to cut or disturb protected plants.
- Do not allow erosion to develop on a large scale before taking action.
- Retain vegetation and soil in position for as long as possible, removing it immediately ahead of construction / earthworks in that area.

- Runoff from roads must be managed to avoid erosion and pollution problems.
- Remove only the vegetation where essential for construction and do not allow any disturbance to the adjoining natural vegetation cover. The grassland can be removed as sods and re-established after construction is completed.
- Colonisation of the disturbed areas by plants species from the surrounding natural vegetation must be monitored to ensure that vegetation cover is sufficient within one growing season. If not, then the areas need to be rehabilitated with a grass seed mix containing species that naturally occur within the study area.
- Protect all areas susceptible to erosion and ensure that there is no undue soil erosion resultant from activities within and adjacent to the construction camp and work areas.

6.6.3. Establishment and spread of declared weeds

The seed of alien invasive plant species that occur on and in the vicinity of the construction areas could spread into the disturbed and stockpiled soil. Also, the construction vehicles and equipment were likely used on various other sites and could introduce alien invasive plant seeds or indigenous plants not belonging to this vegetation unit to the construction site.

Mitigation Measures

- Alien invasive species that were identified within the study area should be removed prior to construction-related soil disturbances. By removing these species, the spread of seeds will be prevented into disturbed soils which could thus have a positive impact on the surrounding natural vegetation.
- All alien seedlings and saplings must be removed as they become evident for the duration of construction.
- Manual / mechanical removal is preferred to chemical control.
- All construction vehicles and equipment, as well as construction material should be free of plant material. Therefore, all equipment and vehicles should be thoroughly cleaned prior to access on to the construction areas. This should be verified by the ECO.

6.6.4. Positive impact by removing alien invasive plants

Alien invasive plants could spread into the soils disturbed by the construction. In addition, the invasive species could out-compete natural vegetation, displace natural grassland and lead to a species poor transformed landscape. By removing alien vegetation, the numbers of alien species, as well as the potential for these plants to spread into disturbed soil are reduced, provided that rehabilitation was successful.

Mitigation measures

- Compile and implement an alien invasive monitoring plan to remove alien invasive plant species prior to construction.
- Rehabilitate all areas cleared of invasive plants as soon as practically possible, utilising specified methods and species.

- Monitor all sites disturbed by construction activities for colonisation by exotics or invasive plants and control these as they emerge. Monitoring should continue for at least two years after construction is complete.
- Follow manufacturer's instruction when using chemical methods, especially in terms of quantities, time of application etc.
- Ensure that only properly trained people handle and make use of chemicals.
- Dispose of the eradicated plant material at an approved solid waste disposal site.
- Only indigenous plant species naturally occurring in the area should be used during the rehabilitation of the areas affected by the construction activities

6.7. Cumulative impacts

Section 2 of the NEMA requires the consideration of cumulative impacts as part of any environmental assessment process. EIAs have traditionally, however, failed to come to terms with such impacts, largely as a result of the following considerations:

- Cumulative effects may be local, regional or global in scale and dealing with such impacts requires coordinated institutional arrangements; and
- EIA's or floral assessments are typically carried out on specific development area, whereas cumulative impacts result from broader biophysical, social and economic considerations, which typically cannot be addressed at the project level.

. In terms of this study, cumulative impacts that may arise are:

- The removal of vegetation within the area as there is Seville ext 1 and 3 proposed close to the Seville ext 2 site.
- However, cumulative impacts on the vegetation can be prevented if mitigation measures as set out in this report are adhered to as a minimum.

7. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Drawing conclusion based on the desktop study, supported by field survey assessment and environmental screening tool, it appears that the plants and animals' communities or Terrestrial combined biodiversity on the site were partially disturbed, and the screening report classified the entire site as medium to low sensitivity area. Therefore, the proposed area is regarded as having a conservation value of high to medium. Important mitigation recommendations associated with the proposed development would include ensuring that the disturbed footprint is kept to a minimum, and ensuring compliance to the recommended mitigation measures by any contractors (project proponent) used on the project. It is recommended that the management measures stipulated in this report be included into the proposed projects official EMP and that these are assessed for efficacy during all phases of the project and adapted accordingly to ensure minimal disturbance of the study areas' ecology.

It is then advised that construction may continue provided that the mitigation measures as suggested can be implemented, then the overall impact of the development components would be of low overall significance and it is unlikely that the development would result in an overall net loss of biodiversity or long-term degradation of the receiving environment. Provided that the mitigation

measures as suggested can be implemented, Naledzani Environmental Services including the author of the report **does support** the proposed development as the overall impact of the development components would be of low overall significance

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APPENDIX A: SPECIES RECORDED ON SITE

Acacia caffra

Acacia sieberiana

Amaranthus hybridus

Aspilia mossambicensis

Brachiaria nigropedata

Brachiaria serrata

Combretum apiculatum

Combretum imberbe

Combretum zeyheri

Commelina africana

Dichrostachys cinerea

Digitaria eriantha

Diospyros lycioides

Englerophytum magalismontanum

Eragrostis curvula

Eragrostis rigidior

Eragrostis rigidior

Ficus Stuhlmannii

Gerbera viridifolia

Gymnosporia buxifolia

Hibiscus praeteritus

Hypoxis rigidula

Indigofera filipes

Lantana camara

Melinis repens

Panicum maximum

Peltophorum africanum

Perotis patens

Pogonarthria squarrosa

Pterocarpus rotundifolius

Ricinus communis

Schotia brachypetala

Sclerocarya birrea

Senagalia Nigrescens

Solanum mariantanum

Strychnos madagascariensis.

Terminalia sericea

Terminalia sericea

Tricholaena monachne

Vachellia nilotica

Vahlia capensis

Waltheria indica

Xerophyta retinervis

Ximenia caffra

Ziziphus mucronata

APPENDIX B: BIRD SPECIES LIKELY TO INHABIT THE SITE

Common species	Genus	Species
Bateleur	<i>Terathopius</i>	<i>ecaudatus</i>
Brubru	<i>Nilaus</i>	<i>afer</i>
Neddicky	<i>Cisticola</i>	<i>fulvicapilla</i>
Shikra	<i>Accipiter</i>	<i>badius</i>
Yellow-breasted	<i>Apalis</i>	<i>flavida</i>
Arrow-marked	<i>Turdoides</i>	<i>jardineii</i>
Acacia Pied	<i>Tricholaema</i>	<i>leucomelas</i>
Black-collared	<i>Lybius</i>	<i>torquatus</i>
Crested	<i>Trachyphonus</i>	<i>vaillantii</i>
Chinspot	<i>Batis</i>	<i>molitor</i>
European	<i>Merops</i>	<i>apiaster</i>
Little	<i>Merops</i>	<i>pusillus</i>
White-fronted	<i>Merops</i>	<i>bullockoides</i>
Southern	<i>Laniarius</i>	<i>ferrugineus</i>
Terrestrial	<i>Phyllastrephus</i>	<i>terrestris</i>
Dark-capped	<i>Pycnonotus</i>	<i>tricolor</i>
Cinnamon-breasted	<i>Emberiza</i>	<i>tahapisi</i>
Golden-breasted	<i>Emberiza</i>	<i>flaviventris</i>
Grey-headed	<i>Malaconotus</i>	<i>blanchoti</i>
Orange-breasted	<i>Chlorophoneus</i>	<i>sulfureopectus</i>
Lizard	<i>Kaupifalco</i>	<i>monogrammicus</i>
Green-backed	<i>Camaroptera</i>	<i>brachyura</i>
Yellow-fronted	<i>Crithagra</i>	<i>mozambica</i>
Rattling	<i>Cisticola</i>	<i>chiniana</i>
Red-faced	<i>Cisticola</i>	<i>erythropis</i>
Burchell's	<i>Centropus</i>	<i>burchellii</i>
Long-billed	<i>Sylvietta</i>	<i>rufescens</i>

Common species	Genus	Species
Pied	<i>Corvus</i>	<i>albus</i>
African	<i>Cuculus</i>	<i>gularis</i>
Diederik	<i>Chrysococcyx</i>	<i>caprius</i>
Klaas's	<i>Chrysococcyx</i>	<i>klaas</i>
Levaillant's	<i>Clamator</i>	<i>levaillantii</i>
Red-chested	<i>Cuculus</i>	<i>solitarius</i>
Black	<i>Campephaga</i>	<i>flava</i>
Cape Turtle	<i>Streptopelia</i>	<i>capicola</i>
Emerald-spotted Wood	<i>Turtur</i>	<i>chalcospilos</i>
Laughing	<i>Spilopelia</i>	<i>senegalensis</i>
Namaqua	<i>Oena</i>	<i>capensis</i>
Red-eyed	<i>Streptopelia</i>	<i>semitorquata</i>
Rock	<i>Columba</i>	<i>livia</i>
Fork-tailed	<i>Dicrurus</i>	<i>adsimilis</i>
White-faced Whistling	<i>Dendrocygna</i>	<i>viduata</i>
Black-chested Snake	<i>Circaetus</i>	<i>pectoralis</i>
Brown Snake	<i>Circaetus</i>	<i>cinereus</i>
Western Cattle	<i>Bubulcus</i>	<i>ibis</i>
Yellow-bellied	<i>Eremomela</i>	<i>icteropygialis</i>
African	<i>Lagonosticta</i>	<i>rubricata</i>
Red-billed	<i>Lagonosticta</i>	<i>senegala</i>
Southern	<i>Lanius</i>	<i>collaris</i>
Ashy	<i>Muscicapa</i>	<i>caerulescens</i>
Pale	<i>Melaenornis</i>	<i>pallidus</i>
Southern Black	<i>Melaenornis</i>	<i>pammelaina</i>
Crested	<i>Dendroperdix</i>	<i>sephaena</i>
Grey	<i>Crinifer</i>	<i>concolor</i>
Egyptian	<i>Alopochen</i>	<i>aegyptiaca</i>

Common species	Genus	Species
Dark Chanting	<i>Melierax</i>	<i>metabates</i>
Little	<i>Tachybaptus</i>	<i>ruficollis</i>
Sombre	<i>Andropadus</i>	<i>importunus</i>
Helmeted	<i>Numida</i>	<i>meleagris</i>
White-crested	<i>Prionops</i>	<i>plumatus</i>
Grey	<i>Ardea</i>	<i>cinerea</i>
Lesser	<i>Indicator</i>	<i>minor</i>
African	<i>Upupa</i>	<i>africana</i>
African Grey	<i>Lophoceros</i>	<i>nasutus</i>
Southern Ground	<i>Bucorvus</i>	<i>leadbeateri</i>
Southern Red-billed	<i>Tockus</i>	<i>rufirostris</i>
Southern Yellow-billed	<i>Tockus</i>	<i>leucomelas</i>
Hadada	<i>Bostrychia</i>	<i>hagedash</i>
African	<i>Actophilornis</i>	<i>africanus</i>
Brown-hooded	<i>Halcyon</i>	<i>albiventris</i>
Malachite	<i>Corythornis</i>	<i>cristatus</i>
Striped	<i>Halcyon</i>	<i>chelicuti</i>
Red-crested	<i>Lophotis</i>	<i>ruficrista</i>
Blacksmith	<i>Vanellus</i>	<i>armatus</i>
Crowned	<i>Vanellus</i>	<i>coronatus</i>
Rufous-naped	<i>Mirafr</i>	<i>africana</i>
Sabota	<i>Calendulauda</i>	<i>sabota</i>
Lesser	<i>Ploceus</i>	<i>intermedius</i>
Lesser	<i>Paragallinula</i>	<i>angulata</i>
Red-faced	<i>Urocolius</i>	<i>indicus</i>
Speckled	<i>Colius</i>	<i>striatus</i>
Common	<i>Acridotheres</i>	<i>tristis</i>
Black-headed	<i>Oriolus</i>	<i>larvatus</i>

Common species	Genus	Species
Western Barn	<i>Tyto</i>	<i>alba</i>
African Barred	<i>Glaucidium</i>	<i>capense</i>
Pearl-spotted	<i>Glaucidium</i>	<i>perlatum</i>
Red-billed	<i>Buphagus</i>	<i>erythrorhynchus</i>
Yellow-billed	<i>Buphagus</i>	<i>africanus</i>
Brown-headed	<i>Poicephalus</i>	<i>cryptoxanthus</i>
African Green	<i>Treron</i>	<i>calvus</i>
African	<i>Anthus</i>	<i>cinnamomeus</i>
Three-banded	<i>Charadrius</i>	<i>tricoloris</i>
Tawny-flanked	<i>Prinia</i>	<i>subflava</i>
Black-backed	<i>Dryoscopus</i>	<i>cubla</i>
Red-billed	<i>Quelea</i>	<i>quelea</i>
White-throated	<i>Cossypha</i>	<i>humeralis</i>
Lilac-breasted	<i>Coracias</i>	<i>caudatus</i>
Purple	<i>Coracias</i>	<i>naevius</i>
White-browed	<i>Cercotrichas</i>	<i>leucophrys</i>
Magpie	<i>Urolestes</i>	<i>melanoleucus</i>
Cape	<i>Passer</i>	<i>melanurus</i>
House	<i>Passer</i>	<i>domesticus</i>
Southern Grey-headed	<i>Passer</i>	<i>diffusus</i>
Yellow-throated Bush	<i>Gymnoris</i>	<i>superciliaris</i>
Natal	<i>Pternistis</i>	<i>natalensis</i>
Burchell's	<i>Lamprotornis</i>	<i>australis</i>
Cape	<i>Lamprotornis</i>	<i>nitens</i>
Violet-backed	<i>Cinnyricinclus</i>	<i>leucogaster</i>
Wattled	<i>Creatophora</i>	<i>cinerea</i>
African	<i>Saxicola</i>	<i>torquatus</i>
Woolly-necked	<i>Ciconia</i>	<i>episcopus</i>

Common species	Genus	Species
Collared	<i>Hedydipna</i>	<i>collaris</i>
Marico	<i>Cinnyris</i>	<i>mariquensis</i>
Scarlet-chested	<i>Chalcomitra</i>	<i>senegalensis</i>
White-bellied	<i>Cinnyris</i>	<i>talatala</i>
Barn	<i>Hirundo</i>	<i>rustica</i>
Lesser Striped	<i>Cecropis</i>	<i>abyssinica</i>
Red-breasted	<i>Cecropis</i>	<i>semirufa</i>
Wire-tailed	<i>Hirundo</i>	<i>smithii</i>
Black-crowned	<i>Tchagra</i>	<i>senegalus</i>
Brown-crowned	<i>Tchagra</i>	<i>australis</i>
Groundscraper	<i>Turdus</i>	<i>litsitsirupa</i>
Kurrichane	<i>Turdus</i>	<i>libonyana</i>
Yellow-fronted	<i>Pogoniulus</i>	<i>chrysoconus</i>
Grey Penduline	<i>Anthoscopus</i>	<i>caroli</i>
Southern Black	<i>Melaniparus</i>	<i>niger</i>
Hooded	<i>Necrosyrtes</i>	<i>monachus</i>
White-backed	<i>Gyps</i>	<i>africanus</i>
Willow	<i>Phylloscopus</i>	<i>trochilus</i>
Blue	<i>Uraeginthus</i>	<i>angolensis</i>
Common	<i>Estrilda</i>	<i>astrild</i>
Southern Masked	<i>Ploceus</i>	<i>velatus</i>
Spectacled	<i>Ploceus</i>	<i>ocularis</i>
Pin-tailed	<i>Vidua</i>	<i>macroura</i>
Green	<i>Phoeniculus</i>	<i>purpureus</i>
Bearded	<i>Chloropicus</i>	<i>namaquus</i>
Bennett's	<i>Campethera</i>	<i>bennettii</i>
Cardinal	<i>Dendropicos</i>	<i>fuscescens</i>
Stierling's	<i>Calamonastes</i>	<i>stierlingi</i>

