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

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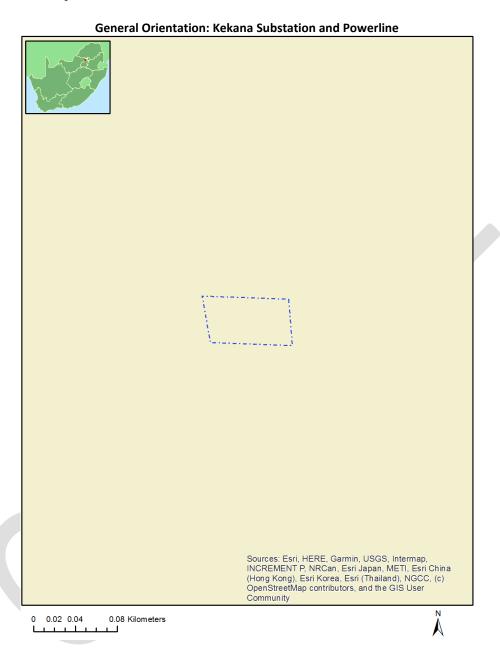
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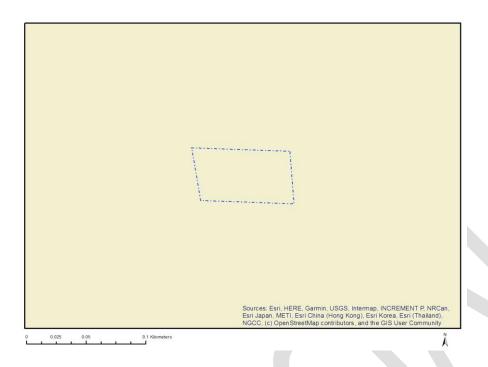
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# **Proposed Project Location**

# 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 No	Portion	Latitude	Longitude	Property Type
1	STERKWATER	106	0	25°27'10.38S	28°10'22.17E	Farm
2	STERKWATER	106	2	25°26'54.91S	28°11'29.57E	Farm Portion
3	STERKWATER	106	4	25°26'34.56S	28°12'9.67E	Farm Portion

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

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

No	EIA Reference No	Classification	Status of application	Distance from proposed area (km)
1	14/12/16/3/3/1/743	Solar PV	Approved	10.7
2	14/12/16/3/3/2/423/AM2	Solar PV	Approved	12.3
3	14/12/16/3/3/2/423/AM1	Solar PV	Approved	12.3
4	14/12/16/3/3/2/510/AM1	Solar PV	Approved	26.1
5	12/12/20/2543	Solar PV	Approved	10.7

<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.

6	14/12/16/3/3/1/491	Solar PV	Approved	26.1
7	14/12/16/3/3/1/492	Solar PV	Approved	26.1
8	14/12/16/3/3/2/423	Solar PV	Approved	12.3

# Environmental Management Frameworks relevant to the application



Environmental	LINK
Management	
Framework	
Gauteng EMF	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/EMF/GPEMF 2021 Gazette and summary.pdf

# Environmental screening results and assessment outcomes

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

#### 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 prohibition	Implication
South African Protected Areas	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/DevelopmentZones/SAPAD OR 2023 Q3 Metadata.pdf

# 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			X	
Animal Species Theme			X	
Aquatic Biodiversity Theme				Х
Archaeological and Cultural				Х
Heritage Theme				
Civil Aviation Theme		X		
Defence Theme				Х
Paleontology Theme		Х		
Plant Species Theme				Х
Terrestrial Biodiversity Theme	Х			

#### Specialist assessments identified

Based on the selected classification, and the known impacts associated with the proposed development, 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.

No	Specialist	Assessment Protocol
	assessment	
1	Agricultural Impact	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Asse
	Assessment	ssmentProtocols/Gazetted General Agriculture Assessment Pro
		tocols.pdf
2	Archaeological and	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Asse
	Cultural Heritage Impact	ssmentProtocols/Gazetted General Requirement Assessment P
	Assessment	<u>rotocols.pdf</u>
3	Palaeontology Impact Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Asse
		ssmentProtocols/Gazetted_General_Requirement_Assessment_P
		<u>rotocols.pdf</u>
4	Terrestrial Biodiversity	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Asse
	Impact Assessment	ssmentProtocols/Gazetted Terrestrial Biodiversity Assessment
		<u>Protocols.pdf</u>
5	Aquatic Biodiversity	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Asse
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6	Geotechnical Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Asse

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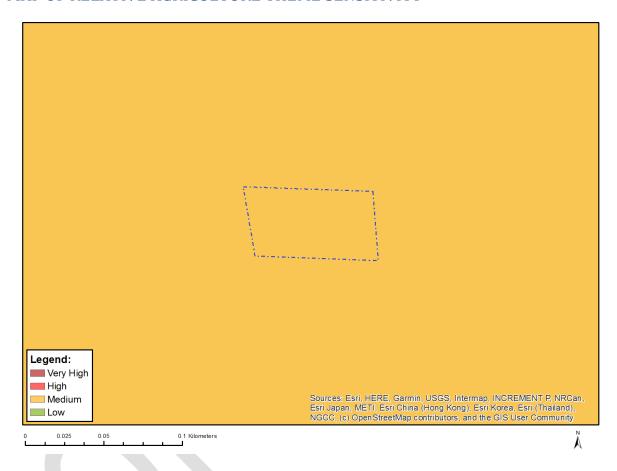
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7	Plant Species Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted_Plant_Species_Assessment_Protocols.pdf
8	Animal Species Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted_Animal_Species_Assessment_Protocols.pdf



# Results of the environmental sensitivity of the proposed area.

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

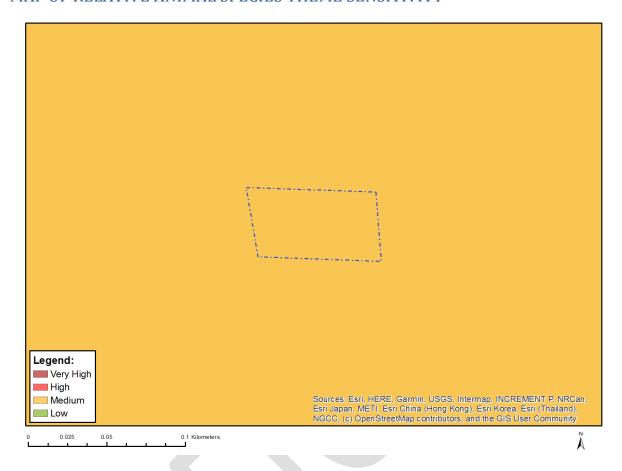
#### MAP OF RELATIVE AGRICULTURE THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
		Χ	

	Sensitivity	Feature(s)	
ſ	Medium	Land capability;06. Low-Moderate/07. Low-Moderate/08. Moderate	

#### MAP OF RELATIVE ANIMAL SPECIES THEME SENSITIVITY

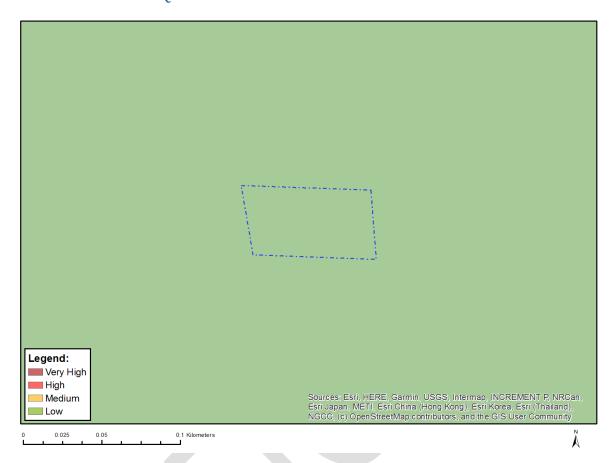


Where only a sensitive plant unique number or sensitive animal unique number is provided in the screening report and an assessment is required, the environmental assessment practitioner (EAP) or specialist is required to email SANBI at <a href="mailto:eiadatarequests@sanbi.org.za">eiadatarequests@sanbi.org.za</a> listing all sensitive species with their unique identifiers for which information is required. The name has been withheld as the species may be prone to illegal harvesting and must be protected. SANBI will release the actual species name after the details of the EAP or specialist have been documented.

Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
		Х	

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Medium	Aves-Eupodotis senegalensis
Medium	Sensitive species 5
Medium	Reptilia-Kinixys lobatsiana

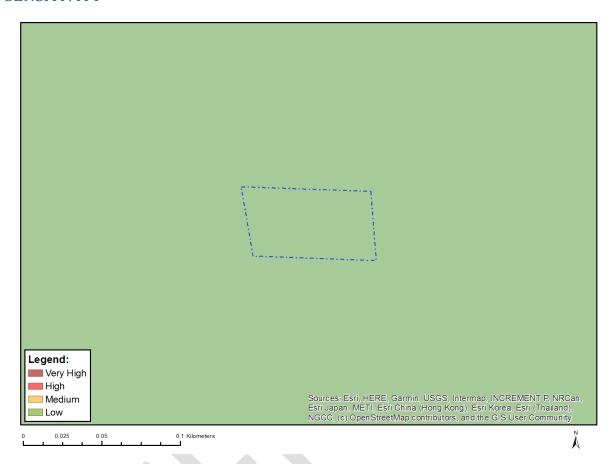
# MAP OF RELATIVE AQUATIC BIODIVERSITY THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
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Sensitivity	Feature(s)	
Low	Low sensitivity	

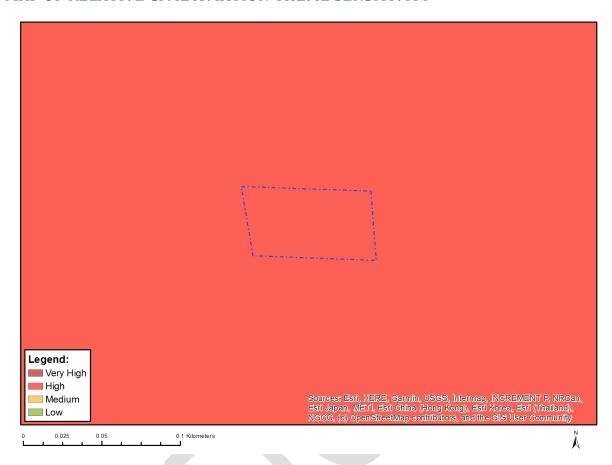
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Sensitivity	Feature(s)	
Low	Low sensitivity	

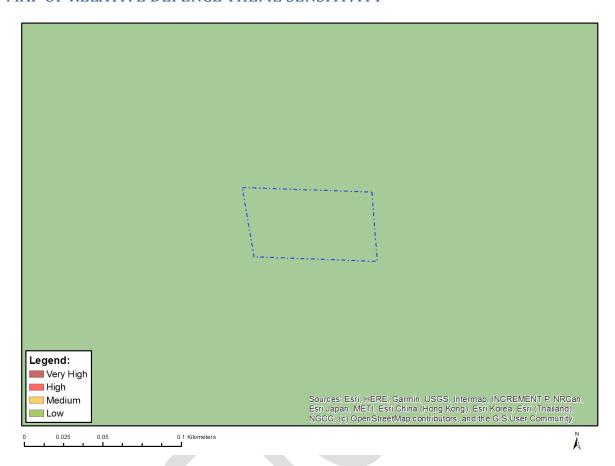
# MAP OF RELATIVE CIVIL AVIATION THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
	X		

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
High	Dangerous and restricted airspace as demarcated
Medium	Between 8 and 15 km of other civil aviation aerodrome

# MAP OF RELATIVE DEFENCE THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
			Χ

Sensitivity	Feature(s)	
Low	Low Sensitivity	

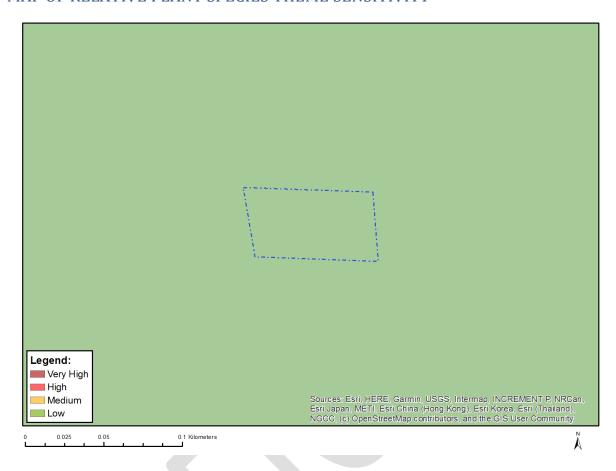
# MAP OF RELATIVE PALEONTOLOGY THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
	X		

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

#### MAP OF RELATIVE PLANT SPECIES THEME SENSITIVITY



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			Х

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Low	Low Sensitivity

# MAP OF RELATIVE TERRESTRIAL BIODIVERSITY THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
X			

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Very High	Sterkwater Private Nature Reserve