

## Appendix M1: Screening Report and Site Sensitivity Verification Report

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

**EIA Reference number:** TBD

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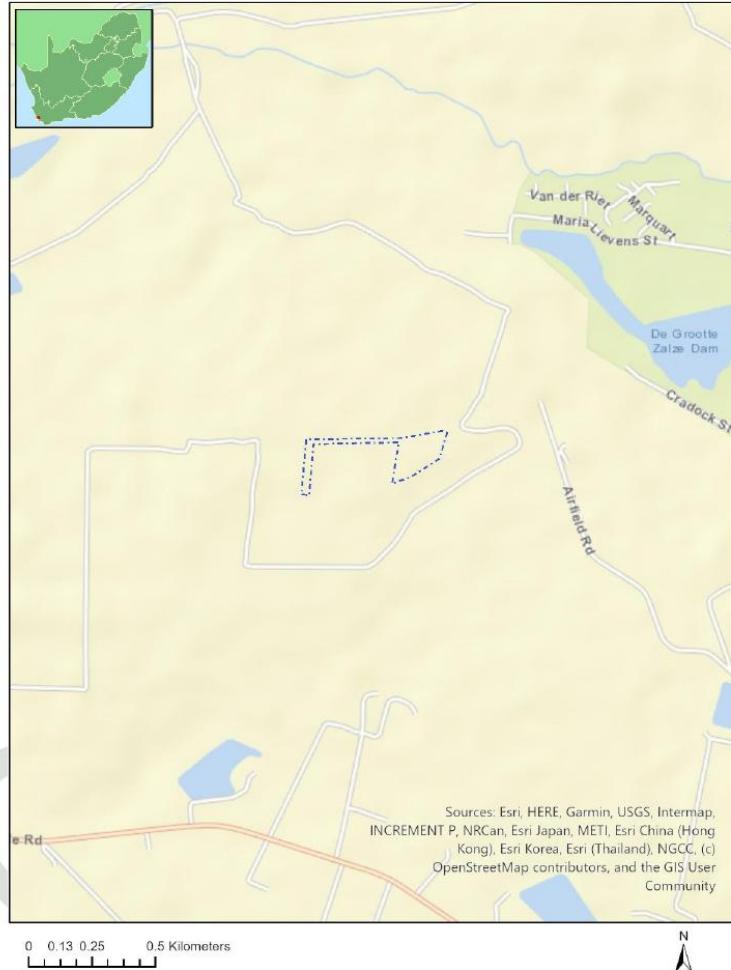
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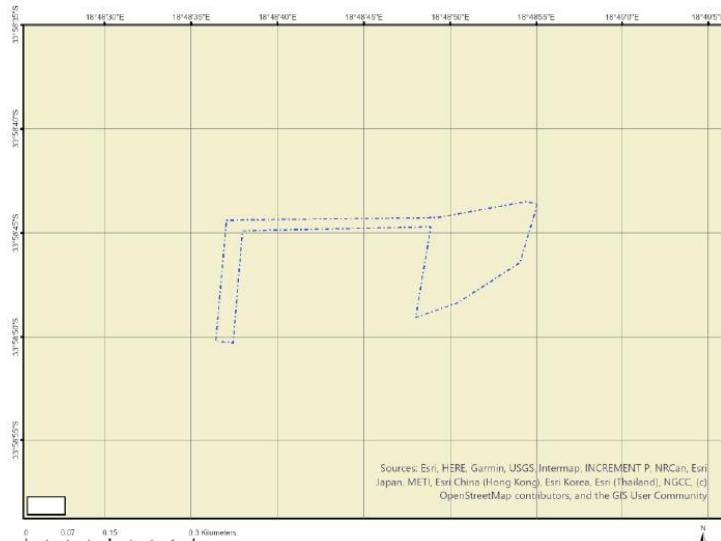
## Proposed Project Location

### Orientation map 1: General location

**General Orientation: Unlawfull clearance of vegetation, Portion 10 of Farm 502, Stellenbosch**



## 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		502	0	33°58'53.15S	18°48'32.54E	Farm
2		502	10	33°58'47.49S	18°47'59.55E	Farm Portion
3		502	10	33°58'48.7S	18°47'59.63E	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 nearby wind or solar developments found.

### Environmental Management Frameworks relevant to the application

No intersections with EMF areas found.

<sup>1</sup> "development footprint", means the area within the site on which the development will take place and includes 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 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:  
**Transformation of land|Indigenous vegetation.**

### 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
Strategic Transmission Corridor-Central corridor	<a href="https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/DevelopmentZones/Combined_EGI.pdf">https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/DevelopmentZones/Combined_EGI.pdf</a>
Strategic Gas Pipeline Corridors-Phase 1a & 1b: Saldanha to Ankerlig and Saldanha to Mossel Bay	<a href="https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/DevelopmentZones/Combined_GAS.pdf">https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/DevelopmentZones/Combined_GAS.pdf</a>
Main Electricity Distribution Substation	<a href="https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/DevelopmentZones/Distribution_Transmission.pdf">https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/DevelopmentZones/Distribution_Transmission.pdf</a>

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

### 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

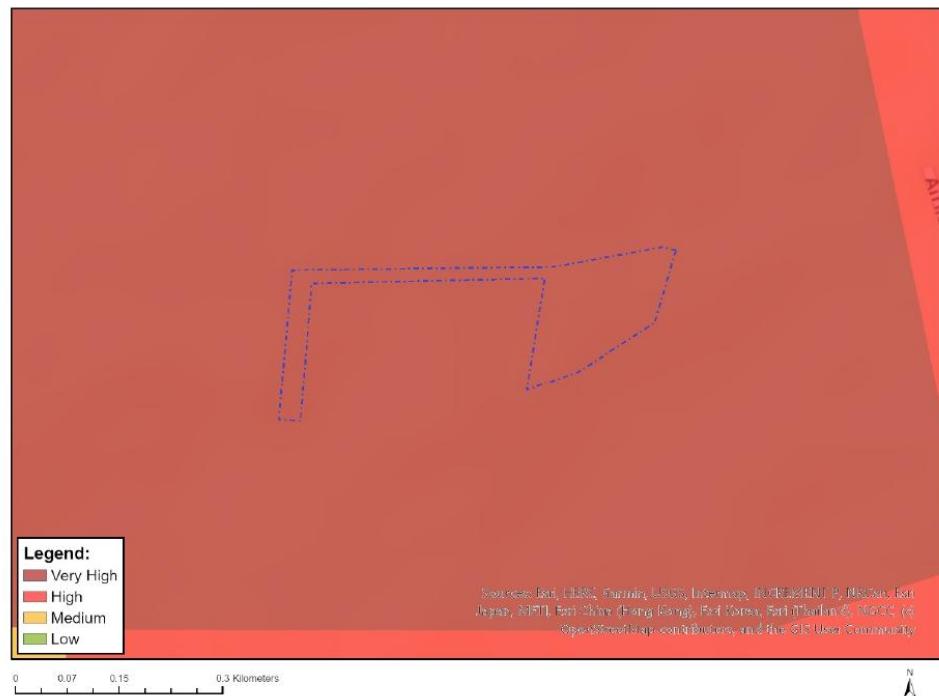
assessment report, the reason for not including any of the identified specialist study including the provision of photographic evidence of the site situation.

No	Specialist assessment	Assessment Protocol
1	Landscape/Visual Impact Assessment	<a href="https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted_General_Requirement_Assessment_Protocols.pdf">https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted_General_Requirement_Assessment_Protocols.pdf</a>
2	Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment	<a href="https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/GuidanceforHIA.pdf">https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/GuidanceforHIA.pdf</a>
3	Palaeontology Impact Assessment	<a href="https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/GuidanceforPIA.pdf">https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/GuidanceforPIA.pdf</a>
4	Terrestrial Biodiversity Impact Assessment	<a href="https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted_Terrestrial_Biodiversity_Assessment_Protocols.pdf">https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted_Terrestrial_Biodiversity_Assessment_Protocols.pdf</a>
5	Aquatic Biodiversity Impact Assessment	<a href="https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted_Aquatic_Biodiversity_Assessment_Protocols.pdf">https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted_Aquatic_Biodiversity_Assessment_Protocols.pdf</a>
6	Socio-Economic Assessment	<a href="https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted_General_Requirement_Assessment_Protocols.pdf">https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted_General_Requirement_Assessment_Protocols.pdf</a>
7	Plant Species Assessment	<a href="https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted_Plant_Species_Assessment_Protocols.pdf">https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted_Plant_Species_Assessment_Protocols.pdf</a>
8	Animal Species Assessment	<a href="https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted_Animal_Species_Assessment_Protocols.pdf">https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted_Animal_Species_Assessment_Protocols.pdf</a>

## 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

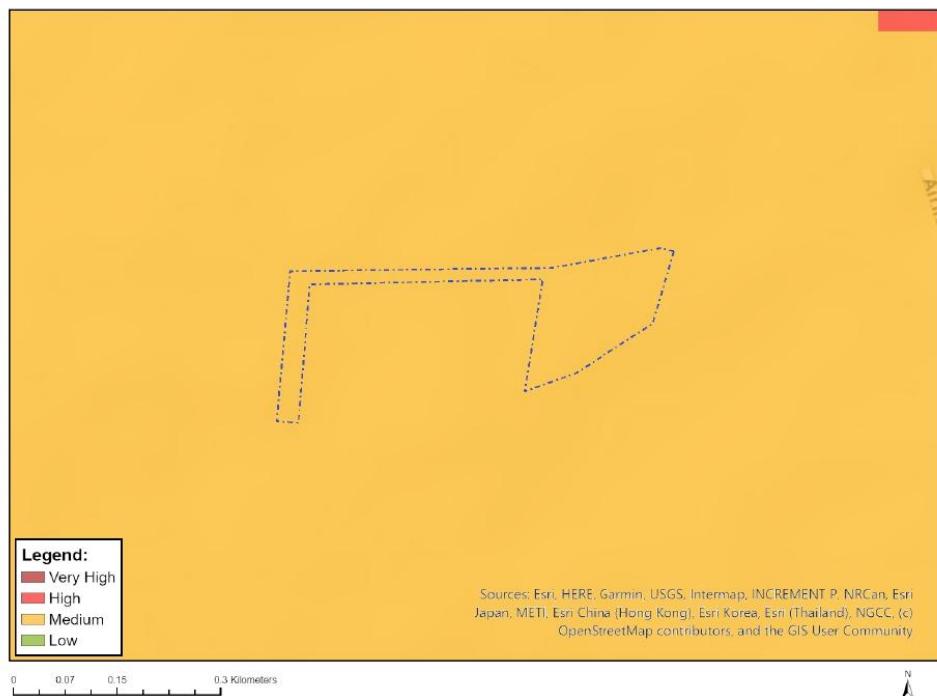


Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
X			

#### Sensitivity Features:

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
High	08. Moderate
Medium	07. Low-Moderate
Very High	Stellenbosch PAA

## MAP OF RELATIVE ANIMAL SPECIES THEME SENSITIVITY



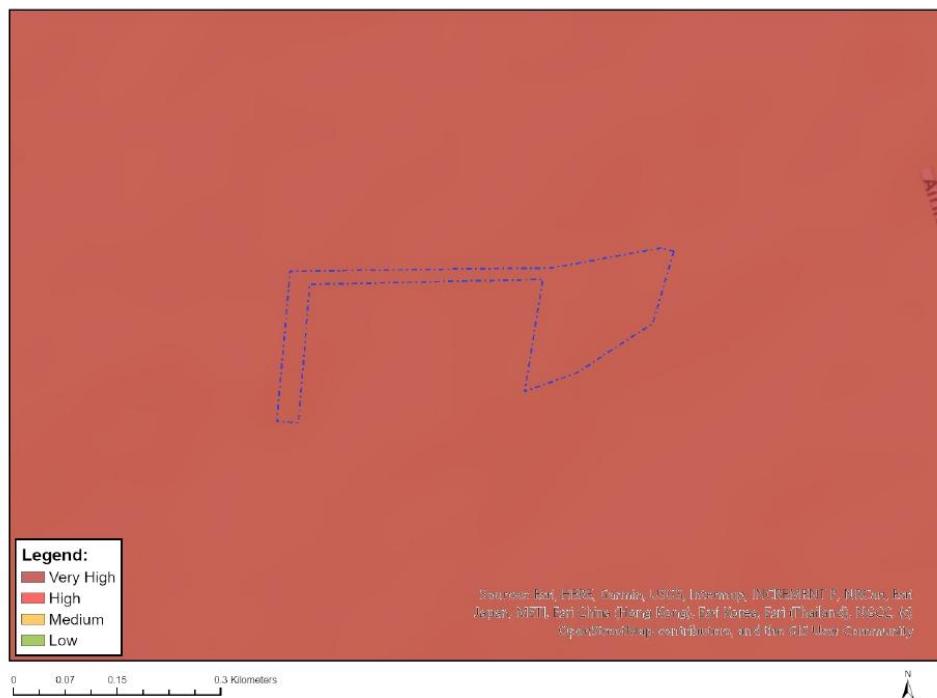
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Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
		X	

### Sensitivity Features:

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Medium	Invertebrate-Frankenbergerius opacus
Medium	Invertebrate-Pachysoma aesculapius
Medium	Invertebrate-Conocephalus peringueyi
Medium	Invertebrate-Bullacris obliqua
Medium	Invertebrate-Aneuryphymus montanus

## MAP OF RELATIVE AQUATIC BIODIVERSITY THEME SENSITIVITY

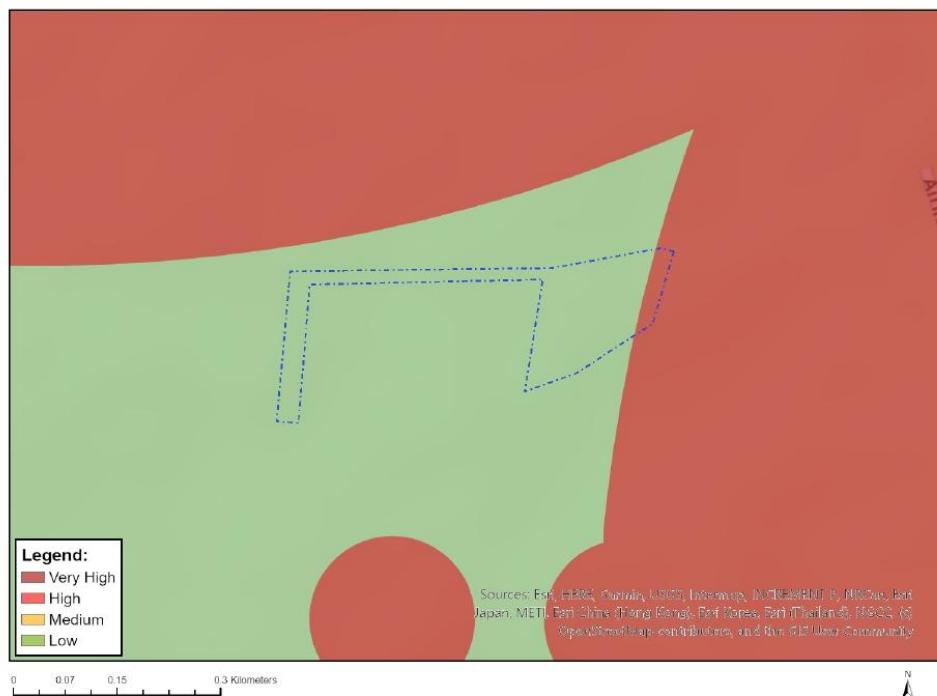


Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
X			

### Sensitivity Features:

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Very High	SWSA (SW) _Boland

MAP OF RELATIVE ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL HERITAGE THEME  
SENSITIVITY

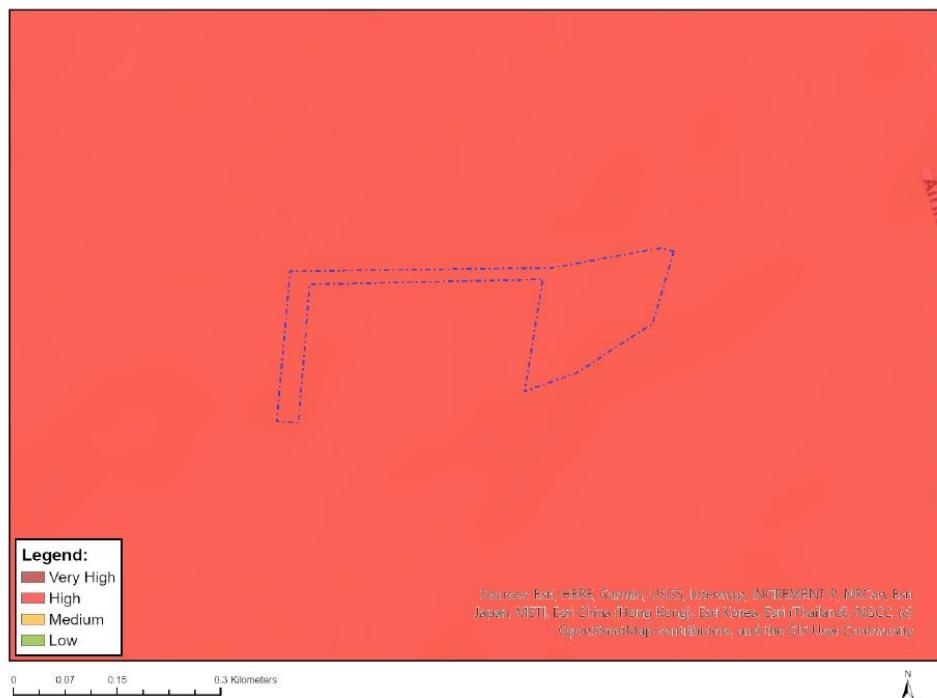


Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
X			

**Sensitivity Features:**

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Low	Low Sensitivity
Very High	Within 2km of a Grade II Heritage site

## MAP OF RELATIVE CIVIL AVIATION THEME SENSITIVITY

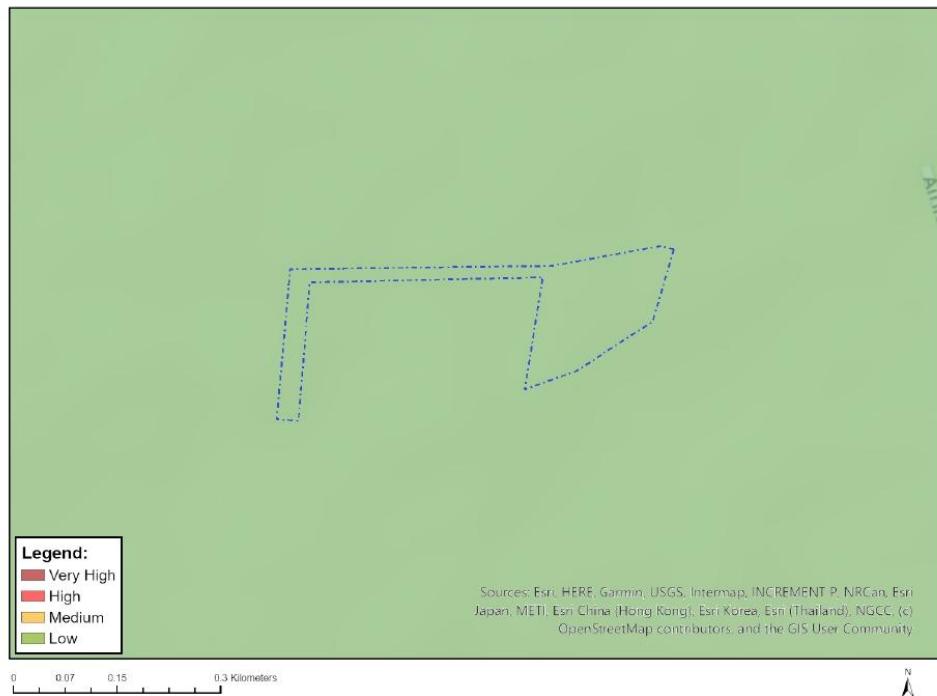


Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
	X		

### Sensitivity Features:

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
High	Within 8 km of other civil aviation aerodrome
Medium	Between 15 and 35 km from a civil aviation radar
Medium	Between 15 and 35 km from a major civil aviation aerodrome

## MAP OF RELATIVE DEFENCE THEME SENSITIVITY

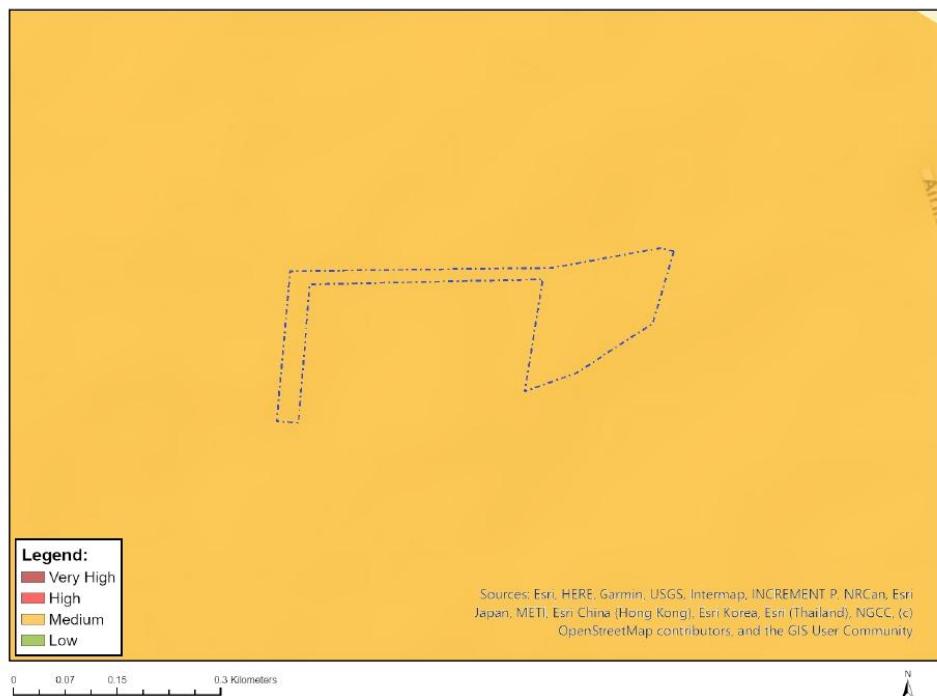


Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
			X

### Sensitivity Features:

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Low	Low Sensitivity

## MAP OF RELATIVE PALEONTOLOGY THEME SENSITIVITY

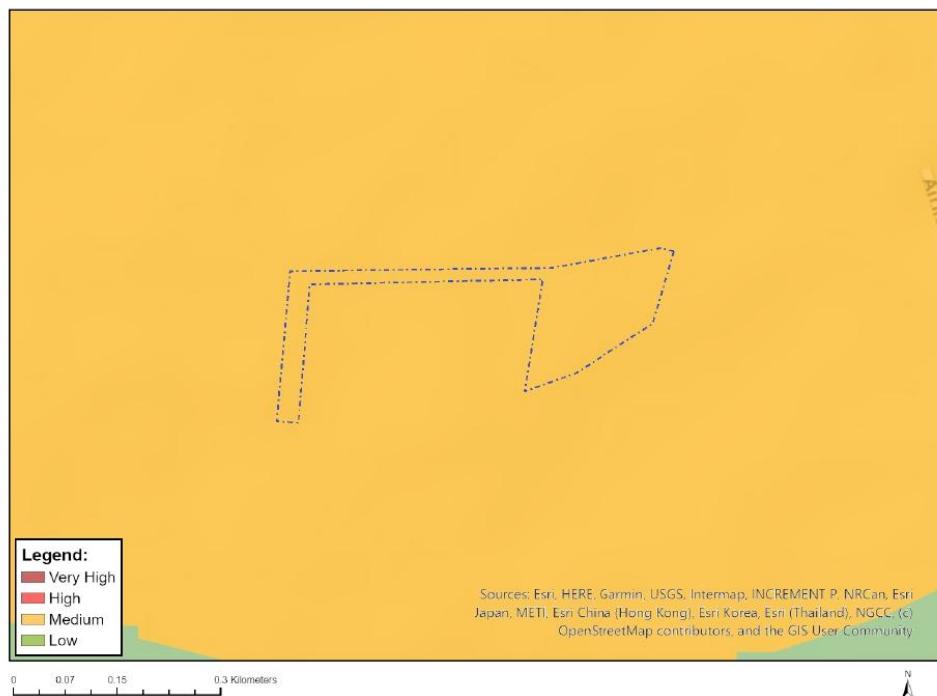


Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
		X	

### Sensitivity Features:

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

## MAP OF RELATIVE PLANT SPECIES THEME SENSITIVITY



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Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
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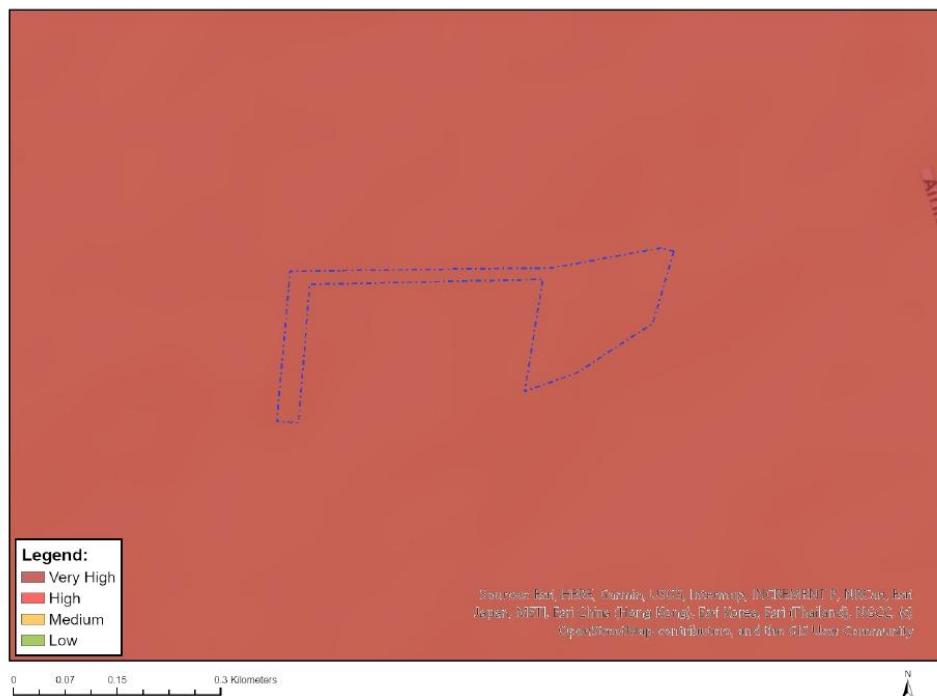
### Sensitivity Features:

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
High	Xiphotheca lanceolata
High	Leucadendron lanigerum var. lanigerum
High	Adenogramma rigida
High	Muraltia macropetala
Medium	Lampranthus dilutus
Medium	Lampranthus filicaulis
Medium	Lampranthus leptaleon
Medium	Lampranthus peacockiae
Medium	Lampranthus scaber
Medium	Lampranthus sociorum
Medium	Lampranthus spiniformis
Medium	Antimima aristulata
Medium	Erepsia patula

Medium	<i>Erepsia ramosa</i>
Medium	<i>Ruschia diversifolia</i>
Medium	<i>Ruschia geminiflora</i>
Medium	<i>Drosanthemum hispidulum</i>
Medium	<i>Xiphotheca lanceolata</i>
Medium	<i>Psoralea fascicularis</i>
Medium	<i>Liparia splendens</i> subsp. <i>splendens</i>
Medium	<i>Indigofera psoraloides</i>
Medium	<i>Aspalathus aculeata</i>
Medium	<i>Aspalathus araneosa</i>
Medium	<i>Aspalathus muraltooides</i>
Medium	<i>Rafnia lancea</i>
Medium	<i>Lebeckia plukenetiana</i>
Medium	<i>Podalyria argentea</i>
Medium	<i>Podalyria sericea</i>
Medium	<i>Leucadendron lanigerum</i> var. <i>lanigerum</i>
Medium	<i>Leucospermum hypophyllocarpodendron</i> subsp. <i>canaliculatum</i>
Medium	<i>Leucospermum hypophyllocarpodendron</i> subsp. <i>hypophyllocarpodendron</i>
Medium	<i>Protea burchellii</i>
Medium	<i>Diastella proteoides</i>
Medium	<i>Serruria brownii</i>
Medium	<i>Merciera tetraloba</i>
Medium	<i>Roella arenaria</i>
Medium	<i>Treichelia dodii</i>
Medium	<i>Pentameris bakhmannii</i>
Medium	<i>Pentameris pholiuroides</i>
Medium	<i>Anthospermum ericifolium</i>
Medium	<i>Lobostemon capitatus</i>
Medium	<i>Echiostachys incanus</i>
Medium	<i>Echiostachys spicatus</i>
Medium	Sensitive species 631
Medium	Sensitive species 533
Medium	<i>Geissorhiza monanthos</i>
Medium	<i>Geissorhiza purpurascens</i>
Medium	<i>Geissorhiza setacea</i>
Medium	<i>Geissorhiza erosa</i>
Medium	Sensitive species 560
Medium	Sensitive species 1253
Medium	Sensitive species 1
Medium	Sensitive species 830
Medium	Sensitive species 1140
Medium	Sensitive species 807
Medium	Sensitive species 1266
Medium	<i>Pauridia alba</i>
Medium	<i>Pauridia canaliculata</i>
Medium	<i>Pauridia pygmaea</i>
Medium	<i>Oxalis natans</i>
Medium	<i>Hermannia rugosa</i>
Medium	Sensitive species 222
Medium	Sensitive species 444
Medium	Sensitive species 478
Medium	Sensitive species 756
Medium	<i>Adenogramma rigida</i>
Medium	<i>Wachendorfia brachyandra</i>
Medium	Sensitive species 133
Medium	<i>Trianoptiles solitaria</i>
Medium	<i>Hypodiscus rugosus</i>
Medium	<i>Restio duttieae</i>
Medium	<i>Restio papillosum</i>
Medium	<i>Anisodonta biflora</i>

Medium	Sensitive species 985
Medium	Sensitive species 120
Medium	Sensitive species 266
Medium	<i>Pterygodium cruciferum</i>
Medium	<i>Gnidia spicata</i>
Medium	<i>Metalasia capitata</i>
Medium	<i>Senecio cadiscus</i>
Medium	<i>Athanasia capitata</i>
Medium	Sensitive species 1042
Medium	<i>Adenandra villosa</i> subsp. <i>biseriata</i>
Medium	<i>Macrostylis villosa</i> subsp. <i>villosa</i>
Medium	<i>Cliffortia marginata</i>
Medium	<i>Muraltia decipiens</i>
Medium	<i>Muraltia macropetala</i>
Medium	Sensitive species 262
Medium	Sensitive species 616
Medium	<i>Wurmbea inusta</i>
Medium	<i>Phylica strigulosa</i>
Medium	<i>Phylica thunbergiana</i>
Medium	<i>Codonorhiza azurea</i>
Medium	<i>Lampranthus debilis</i>
Medium	<i>Lampranthus glaucus</i>
Medium	<i>Drosanthemum striatum</i>
Medium	<i>Xiphotheca reflexa</i>
Medium	<i>Psoralea alata</i>
Medium	<i>Aponogeton fugax</i>
Medium	Sensitive species 593
Medium	Sensitive species 335
Medium	Sensitive species 599
Medium	<i>Elegia squamosa</i>
Medium	<i>Restio paludosus</i>
Medium	<i>Restio rigoratus</i>
Medium	<i>Cotula pusilla</i>
Medium	Sensitive species 1225

## MAP OF RELATIVE TERRESTRIAL BIODIVERSITY THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
X			

### Sensitivity Features:

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Very High	CBA 1: Terrestrial
Very High	SWSA (SW) _Boland
Very High	National Protected Area Expansion Strategy (NPAES)
Very High	EN_Swartland Granite Renosterveld



## **SITE SENSITIVITY VERIFICATION REPORT**

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Regulation 42 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, as amended (EIA Regulations) provides for the opening and maintenance of a register of interested and affected parties (I&APs), by the proponent or applicant, which must contain personal information (names, contact details and addresses). It is therefore the duty of the proponent or applicant to collect the information that must be contained in the register.

Regulation 42 further requires that these registers must be submitted to the Competent Authority (CA). There is no legal requirement in the EIA Regulations that such registers must be included in the reports that are published for public consultation purposes or be made publicly available as part of the EIA process. Since the information in the registers is personal/private information, it should not be included in or attached to reports and be made available in the public domain. CAs, applicants and environmental assessment practitioners (EAPs) should take note that, if this information was previously included in reports and shared in the public domain, this now requires reconsideration in accordance with the POPIA. The Department realises that EAPs may have included some personal information in these reports when they receive and compile them. Likewise, this information may reach CAs who also now need to be sensitive about the management of this information.

Section 11(1)(a) of POPIA provides further that personal information may only be processed if the data subject consents to the processing.

The requirements of section 18.1 of POPIA requires that if personal information is collected, the responsible party must take reasonably practicable steps to ensure that the data subject is aware of, amongst other things, the information being collected, the name and address of the responsible party (in this case the EAP and applicant), the purpose for which the

information is collected, whether or not the supply of the information by the data subject is voluntary or mandatory, the consequence of the failure to provide the required information, further information such as the recipient of the information, as well as the existence of the right to object to the processing of the personal information.

EAPs should obtain express consent from commenting parties to include their names with their comments in the reports. It is therefore recommended that the EAP, when requesting comment, should also request the persons who may comment to provide consent that their names may be included with their comments in the reports. Commenting parties should also be informed that they may opt to not have their names shared, as well as an indication of the consequences of such an option being exercised, in which case only the comments will be included. This will ensure that the requirements of section 11(1)(a) of POPIA, which provides that personal information may only be processed if the data subject consents to the processing, is given effect to. Even when consent is obtained it is recommended that only the minimum details (the names) should be included in reports and the inclusion of unnecessary and excessive information should be avoided.

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## ***List of Abbreviations***

<b>BGIS</b>	Biodiversity Geographic Information System
<b>EAP</b>	Environmental Assessment Practitioner
<b>ESA</b>	Ecological Support Area
<b>GN</b>	Government Notice
<b>HWC</b>	Heritage Western Cape
<b>NEMA</b>	National Environmental Management Act
<b>NID</b>	Notice of Intent to Develop
<b>SANBI</b>	South African National Biodiversity Institute
<b>SDP</b>	Site Development Plan
<b>SSVR</b>	Site Sensitivity Verification Report
<b>VegMap</b>	Vegetation Map
<b>WCBS</b>	Western Cape Biodiversity Spatial Plan

## ***Requirements for Initial Site Sensitivity Verification***

Requirement	Compliance with Requirement
1. The Initial Site Sensitivity Verification must be undertaken by an environmental assessment practitioner or a registered specialist with expertise in the relevant environmental theme being considered.	Undertaken by an Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP): EAP: Misché Molife Qualification: Degree in Biodiversity and Conservation Biology EAPASA Registration Number: 2020/1410
2. The Initial Site Sensitivity Verification must be undertaken through the use of: (a) a desktop analysis, using satellite imagery; (b) a preliminary on-site inspection; and (c) any other available and relevant information.	(a) A desktop analysis was done. (b) A pre-liminary on-site inspection was conducted on 07 May 2025. (c) Google Earth, South African National Biodiversity Institute's Biodiversity Geographic Information System (SANBI's BGIS) and CapeFarmMapper are some of the additional sources used.
3. The outcome of the Initial Site Sensitivity Verification must be recorded in the form of a report that- (a) confirms or disputes the current use of the land and environmental sensitivity as	This document serves as the Site Sensitivity Verification Report (SSVR), which complies with the criteria as stated in point 3.



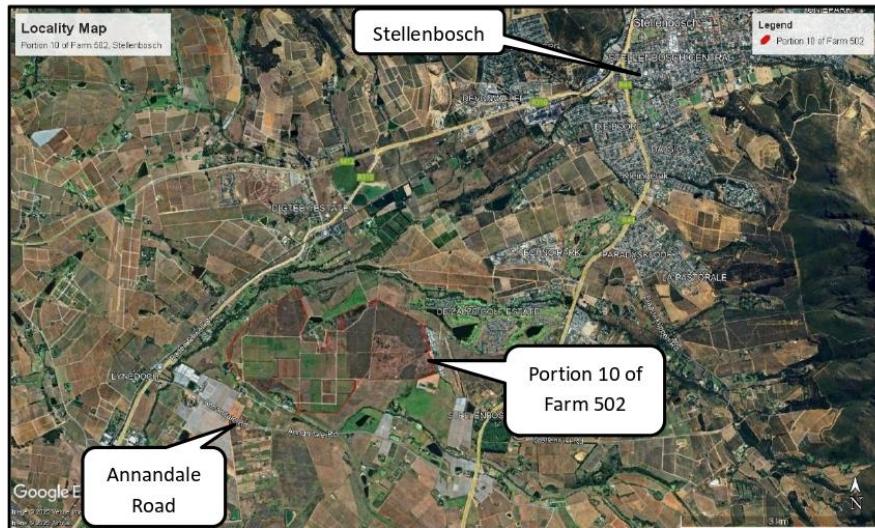
identified by the national web-based environmental screening tool;	
(b) contains a motivation and evidence (e.g. photographs) of either the verified or different use of the land and environmental sensitivity; and	
(c) is submitted together with the relevant reports prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations.	



## 1 Project Description

### Project Description:

The development area is located on Portion 10 of Farm 502, Stellenbosch, off Annandale Road in the Western Cape Province, as shown in Figure 1.



**Figure 1: Locality of the development area in relation to the surrounding area**

The development required the clearance of approximately 2ha of indigenous vegetation in 2024, as shown in **Figure 2**. The clearance of vegetation was conducted



during the preparation for the establishment of the approved vineyard, as shown in Figure 3.



Figure 2: Development area that was cleared – blue polygons



Figure 3: Cleared area in relation to the approved vineyard development



## 2 Outcome of the Initial Site Sensitivity Verification

### 2.1 Site Sensitivity Verification:

The following table provides the site sensitivity rating as per the Screening Tool and the site findings.

SENSITIVITY AND SPECIALIST ASSESSMENTS IDENTIFIED IN TERMS OF THE DFFE SCREENING TOOL	DISPUTE/CONFIRM	VERIFICATION OF SITE-SPECIFIC SENSITIVITY AND MOTIVATION ON THE NEED FOR SPECIALIST INVESTIGATION
Agriculture Theme Sensitivity Rating: Very high	Dispute – Sensitivity rating is deemed to be negligible.	<p>The development area forms part of an area approved to be conserved. The development area will not form part of agricultural activities.</p> <p><b>No further studies are required.</b></p>
Animal Species Theme Sensitivity Rating: Medium	Dispute: Sensitivity Rating deemed to be negligible	<p>No animal or bird species were observed during the visual inspection. Any small animal species that occur on the property will not be harmed but will be allowed free access to the open spaces east of the property.</p>  <p><b>Figure 4: No animals observed</b> <b>An Animal Species Assessment will not be conducted.</b></p>
Aquatic Biodiversity Theme Sensitivity Rating: Very High	Dispute: Sensitivity rating is deemed negligible.	The development is not located within 32m of a watercourse, as can be seen from <b>Figure 5</b> below.



		 <p><b>Figure 5: Proximity to water features</b></p> <p><b>An Aquatic Compliance Statement will not be conducted.</b></p>	
Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Theme Sensitivity Rating: Very high	Dispute: rating negligible	Sensitivity deemed	<p>HWC requested an HIA and AIA be conducted upon receipt of the NID.</p> <p>The following is taken from the HWC ROD, dated 17 December 2020 (refer to the 24G report):</p> <p><i>"This matter was discussed at the Impact Assessment Committee (IACom) meeting held on 9 December 2020.</i></p> <p><i>It was noted that the matter was tabled at Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Committee (APM) meeting held on the 2 December 2020 whereby the APM Committee endorsed the AIA by CTS dated September 2020 and the recommendation on page 3.</i></p> <p><b>FINAL COMMENTS:</b></p> <p><i>The Committee resolved to endorse the HIA and supports the recommendations as having met the requirements of S38(3) of the NHRA."</i></p> <p><b>No further studies will be conducted.</b></p>
Civil Aviation Theme Sensitivity Rating: High	Dispute: rating negligible	Sensitivity deemed	<p>The development required the unlawful clearance of vegetation and did not include development with unacceptable height; therefore, it will not impact civil aviation.</p> <p><b>No studies are required.</b></p>
Defence Theme Sensitivity Rating: Low	Confirm		<p>The proposed development will be located on privately owned land and will, therefore, not impact defence installations.</p> <p><b>No studies are required.</b></p>
Palaeontology Theme Sensitivity Rating: Medium	Dispute: rating negligible	Sensitivity deemed	<p>HWC requested an HIA and AIA be conducted upon receipt of the NID.</p> <p>The following is taken from the HWC ROD, dated 17 December 2020 (refer to the 24G report):</p> <p><i>"This matter was discussed at the Impact Assessment Committee (IACom) meeting held on 9 December 2020.</i></p> <p><i>It was noted that the matter was tabled at Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Committee (APM) meeting held on the 2 December 2020</i></p>



		<p>whereby the APM Committee endorsed the AIA by CTS dated September 2020 and the recommendation on page 3.</p> <p><b>FINAL COMMENTS:</b></p> <p><i>The Committee resolved to endorse the HIA and supports the recommendations as having met the requirements of S38(3) of the NHRA."</i></p> <p><b>No further studies will be conducted.</b></p>
Plant Species Theme Sensitivity Rating: High	Dispute: Sensitivity rating deemed low.	<p>As part of the Environmental Authorisation issued for the vineyard development (EA Reference Number: 16/3/3/1/84/45/1034/20), the areas cleared formed part of the conservation area, as per the image below.</p>  <p><b>Figure 6: Unlawfully cleared area (light blue polygons)</b></p> <p><b>A Botanical Assessment was conducted.</b></p>
Terrestrial Biodiversity Sensitivity Rating: Very High	Dispute: Sensitivity rating deemed low.	<p>As part of the Environmental Authorisation issued for the vineyard development (EA Reference Number: 16/3/3/1/84/45/1034/20), the areas</p>



		<p>cleared formed part of the conservation area, as per the image below.</p>  <p><b>Figure 7: Unlawfully cleared area (light blue polygons)</b></p> <p><b>A Botanical Assessment was conducted.</b></p>
Landscape/Visual Impact Assessment Sensitivity Rating: None	N/A	<p>HWC requested an HIA and AIA be conducted upon receipt of the NID.</p> <p>The following is taken from the HWC ROD, dated 17 December 2020 (refer to the 24G report):</p> <p><i>"This matter was discussed at the Impact Assessment Committee (IACom) meeting held on 9 December 2020.</i></p> <p><i>It was noted that the matter was tabled at Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Committee (APM) meeting held on the 2 December 2020 whereby the APM Committee endorsed the AIA by CTS dated September 2020 and the recommendation on page 3.</i></p> <p><b>FINAL COMMENTS:</b></p> <p><i>The Committee resolved to endorse the HIA and supports the recommendations as having met the requirements of S38(3) of the NHRA."</i></p> <p><b>No further studies will be conducted.</b></p>
Socio-Economic Assessment Sensitivity Rating: None		<p>The needs and desirability criteria as per the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA) was assessed and is incorporated into the initial basic assessment report.</p> <p><b>As such, a socio-economic study will not be conducted.</b></p>



### **3 Conclusion**

The EAP hereby confirms that the following studies were conducted.

- Terrestrial Botanical and Biodiversity Assessment

