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

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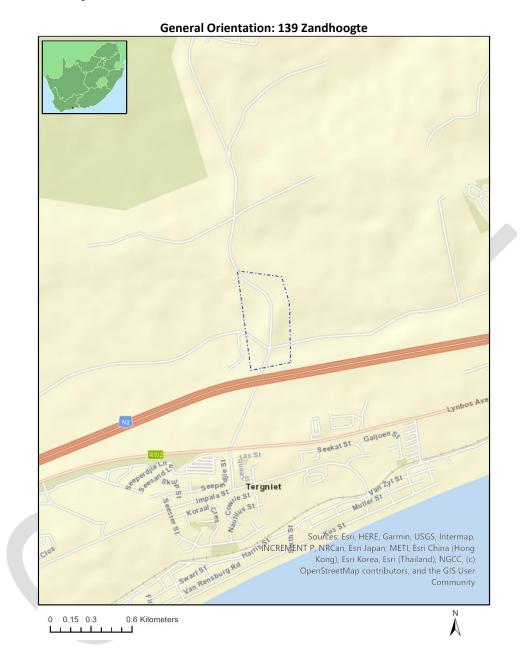
**Application Category:** Transformation of land | From agriculture or afforestation

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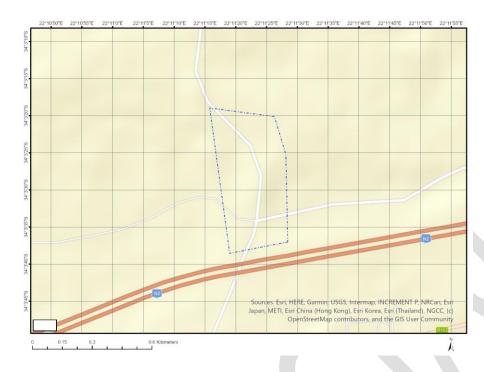
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# **Proposed Project Location**

# 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	ZANDHOOGTE	139	0	34°3'38.94S	22°11'23.43E	Farm
2	ZANDHOOGTE	139	0	34°3'28.69S	22°11'22.44E	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	Distance from proposed
			application	area (km)
1	12/12/20/2536/AM3	Wind	Approved	17.3
2	14/12/16/3/3/1/1292/AM1	Solar PV	Approved	22.6
3	12/12/20/2536	Wind	Approved	17.3
4	12/12/20/2536/AM4	Wind	Approved	17.3
5	14/12/16/3/3/1/1292	Solar PV	Approved	22.6
6	12/12/20/1815/1	Wind	Approved	28.8

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

# Environmental Management Frameworks relevant to the application

No intersections with EMF areas found.

# Environmental screening results and assessment outcomes

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

Transformation of land | From agriculture or afforestation.

#### 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	Implication
or prohibition	
Strategic Gas Pipeline Corridors-Phase 2: Mossel Bay to Coega	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/DevelopmentZones/Combined GAS.pdf
South African Conservation Areas	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/DevelopmentZones/SACAD OR 2024 Q1 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		Х		
Aquatic Biodiversity Theme				Х
Archaeological and Cultural				Х
Heritage Theme				
Civil Aviation Theme			Х	
Defence Theme				Х
Paleontology Theme	Х			
Plant Species Theme			Х	
Terrestrial Biodiversity Theme	Χ			

### 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	Agricultural Impact	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Asse
	Assessment	ssmentProtocols/Gazetted_General_Agriculture_Assessment_Pro
		tocols.pdf
2	Landscape/Visual Impact Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Asse
	Assessment	<u>ssmentProtocols/Gazetted General Requirement Assessment P</u> <u>rotocols.pdf</u>
3	Archaeological and	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Asse
	Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment	ssmentProtocols/Gazetted General Requirement Assessment P
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4	Palaeontology Impact	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Asse
	Assessment	ssmentProtocols/Gazetted General Requirement Assessment P
		<u>rotocols.pdf</u>
5	Terrestrial Biodiversity	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Asse
	Impact Assessment	ssmentProtocols/Gazetted Terrestrial Biodiversity Assessment_
		<u>Protocols.pdf</u>
6	Aquatic Biodiversity	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Asse
Impact Assessment		ssmentProtocols/Gazetted Aquatic Biodiversity Assessment Pr
		<u>otocols.pdf</u>
7	Hydrology Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Asse
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		rotocols.pdf
8	Socio-Economic	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Asse
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9	Plant Species Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Asse
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10	Animal Species Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/Asse
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# Results of the environmental sensitivity of the proposed area.

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

#### MAP OF RELATIVE AGRICULTURE THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
	X		

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
High	Annual Crop Cultivation / Planted Pastures Rotation;Land capability;01. Very low/02. Very low/03.
	Low-Very low/04. Low-Very low/05. Low
High	Annual Crop Cultivation / Planted Pastures Rotation; Land capability; 06. Low-Moderate/07. Low-
	Moderate/08. Moderate
Low	Land capability;01. Very low/02. Very low/03. Low-Very low/04. Low-Very low/05. Low
Medium	Land capability;06. Low-Moderate/07. Low-Moderate/08. Moderate

#### MAP OF RELATIVE ANIMAL SPECIES THEME SENSITIVITY

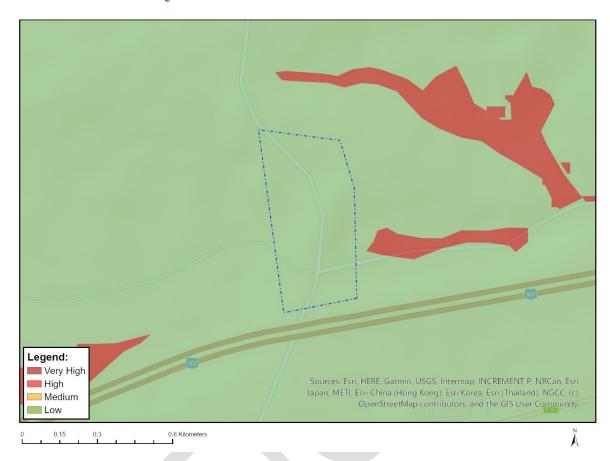


Where only a sensitive plant unique number or sensitive animal unique number is provided in the screening report and an assessment is required, the environmental assessment practitioner (EAP) or specialist is required to email SANBI at <a href="mailto:eiadatarequests@sanbi.org.za">eiadatarequests@sanbi.org.za</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
	X		

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
High	Aves-Bradypterus sylvaticus
High	Aves-Circus ranivorus
High	Aves-Neotis denhami
High	Aves-Polemaetus bellicosus
Medium	Insecta-Aloeides thyra orientis
Medium	Insecta-Lepidochrysops littoralis
Medium	Sensitive species 5
Medium	Sensitive species 8
Medium	Invertebrate-Aneuryphymus montanus

# MAP OF RELATIVE AQUATIC BIODIVERSITY THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
			Х

Sensitivity	Feature(s)	
Low	Low sensitivity	

# MAP OF RELATIVE ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL HERITAGE THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
			Χ

Sensitivity	Feature(s)	
Low	Low sensitivity	

### MAP OF RELATIVE CIVIL AVIATION THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
		Х	

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Medium	Between 15 and 35 km from a civil aviation radar
Medium	Between 15 and 35 km from a major civil aviation aerodrome

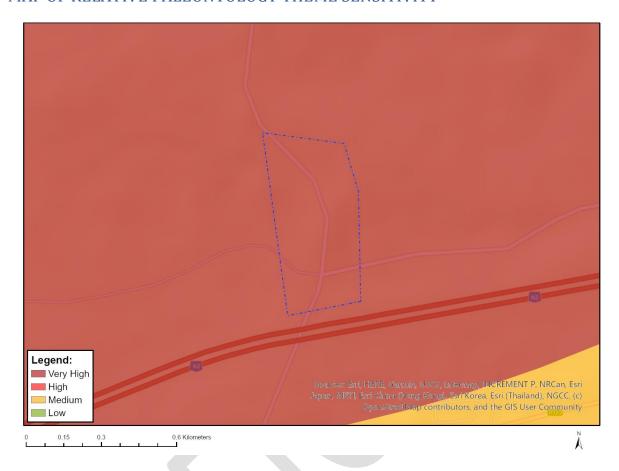
### MAP OF RELATIVE DEFENCE THEME SENSITIVITY



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

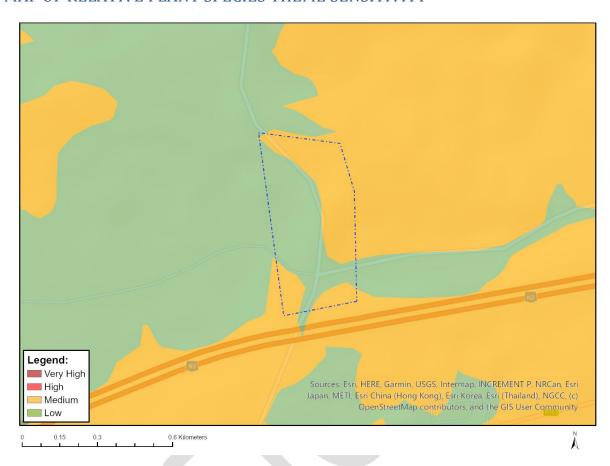
### MAP OF RELATIVE PALEONTOLOGY THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
X			

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

#### MAP OF RELATIVE PLANT SPECIES THEME SENSITIVITY



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Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
		Х	

Sensitivity	Feature(s)		
Low	Low Sensitivity		
Medium	Lampranthus fergusoniae		
Medium	Lampranthus pauciflorus		
Medium	Lebeckia gracilis		
Medium	Leucospermum praecox		
Medium	Wahlenbergia polyantha		
Medium	Selago villicaulis		
Medium	Freesia fergusoniae		
Medium	Erica unicolor subsp. mutica		
Medium	Erica glandulosa subsp. fourcadei		
Medium	Hermannia lavandulifolia		
Medium	Sensitive species 153		
Medium	Sensitive species 633		

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Medium	Sensitive species 268
Medium	Duvalia immaculata
Medium	Sensitive species 1024
Medium	Agathosma eriantha
Medium	Agathosma muirii
Medium	Euchaetis albertiniana
Medium	Muraltia knysnaensis
Medium	Sensitive species 516
Medium	Sensitive species 800
Medium	Sensitive species 500
Medium	Sensitive species 654
Medium	Diosma passerinoides
Medium	Agathosma microcarpa

# MAP OF RELATIVE TERRESTRIAL BIODIVERSITY THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
Х			

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Very High	ESA 2: Restore from other land use
Very High	ESA 1
Very High	CBA 2: Terrestrial
Very High	CBA 1: Terrestrial

Very High	EN_Hartenbos Dune Thicket
Very High	CR Garden Route Granite Fynbos

