

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

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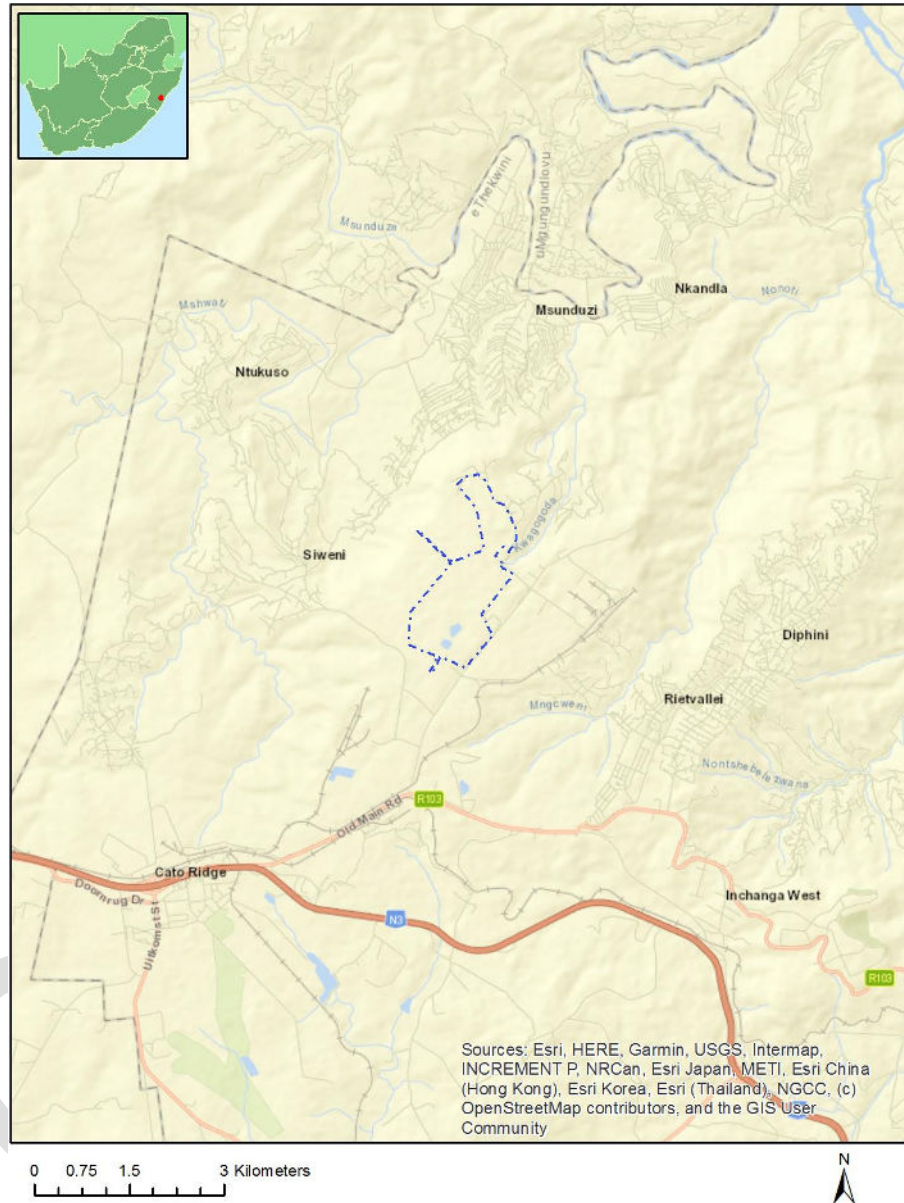
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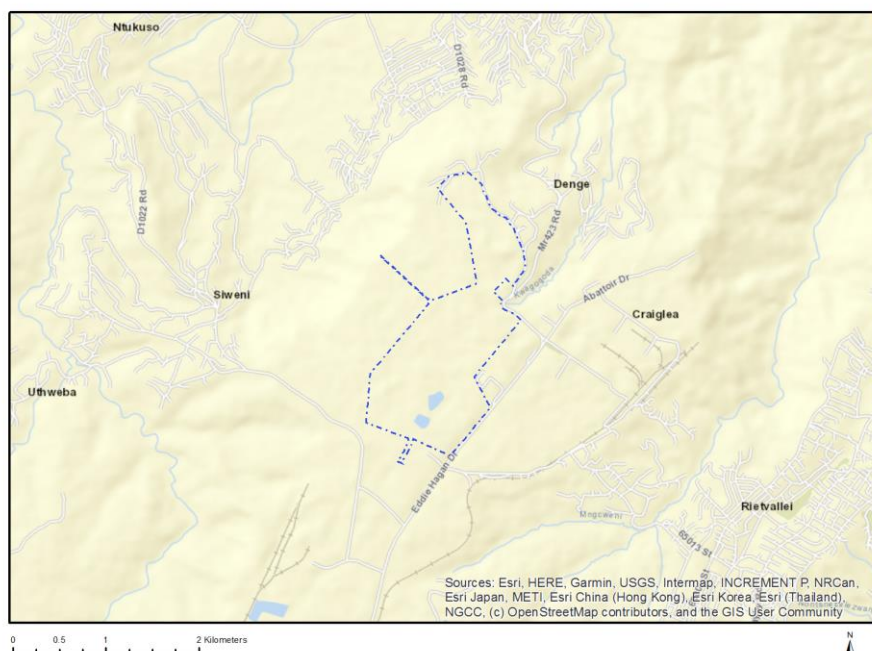
# Proposed Project Location

## Orientation map 1: General location

**General Orientation: Cato Ridge Land Release and Development Project - Phase 2**



## 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  | HARRISON        | 4            | 0       | 29°42'31.5S  | 30°37'28.15E | Erven         |
| 2  | HARRISON        | 7            | 0       | 29°41'16.4S  | 30°37'45.56E | Erven         |
| 3  | HARRISON        | 5            | 0       | 29°42'0.66S  | 30°37'24.65E | Erven         |
| 4  | HARRISON        | 9            | 0       | 29°42'38.92S | 30°37'2.99E  | Erven         |
| 5  | HARRISON        | 10           | 0       | 29°41'58.04S | 30°37'7.46E  | Erven         |
| 6  | INANDA LOCATION | 4675         | 0       | 29°34'59.72S | 30°48'17.12E | Farm          |
| 7  | INANDA LOCATION | 4675         | 12      | 29°40'37.19S | 30°38'54.66E | 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.

<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 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 | Indigenous vegetation.**

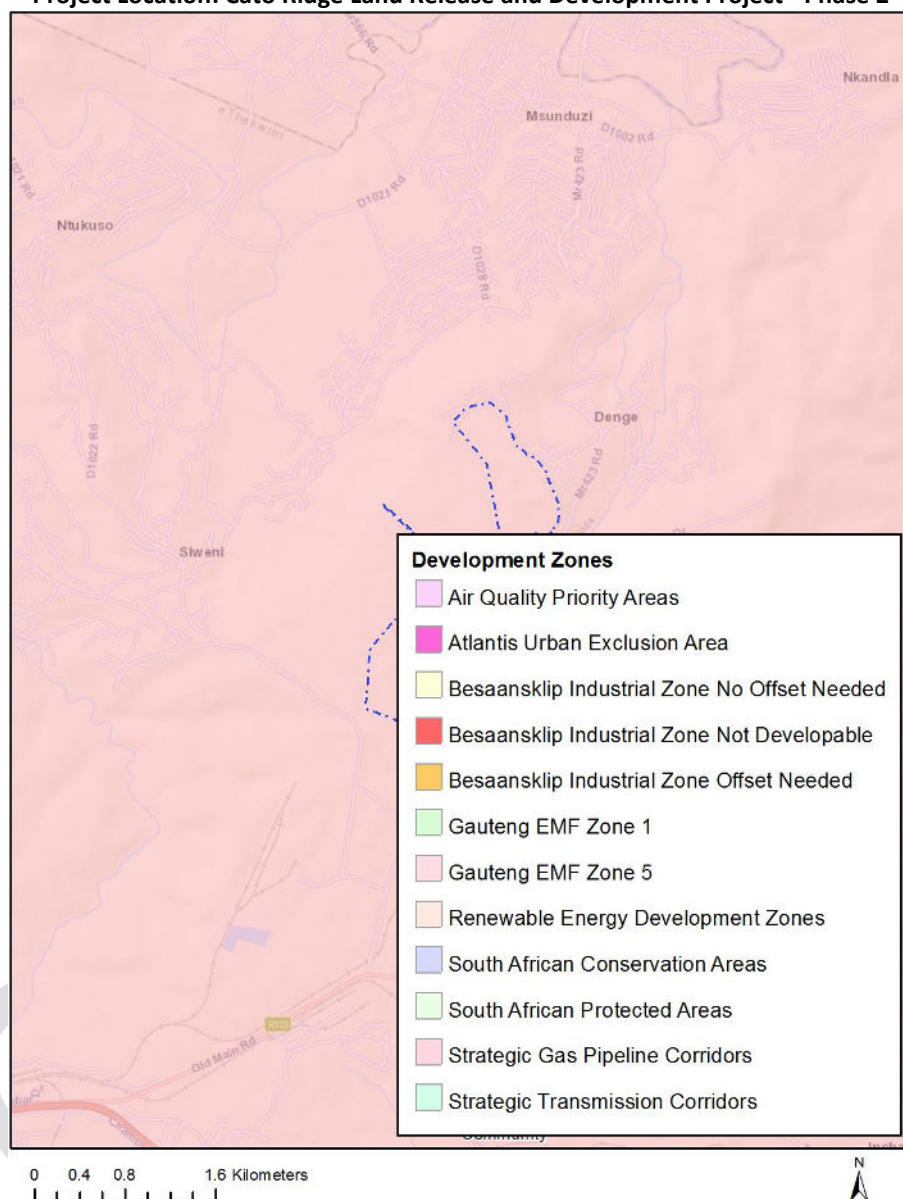
### Relevant development incentives, restrictions, exclusions or prohibitions

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

| Incentive<br>,<br>restriction<br>or<br>prohibition                                    | Implication                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Strategic<br>Transmission<br>Corridor-<br>Eastern<br>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<br>Gas<br>Pipeline<br>Corridors-<br>Phase 7:<br>Coega to<br>Richards<br>Bay | <a href="https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/DevelopmentZones/Combined_GAS.pdf">https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/DevelopmentZones/Combined_GAS.pdf</a> |

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

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

| N<br>o | Special<br>ist<br>assess<br>ment                       | 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/Gazetted_General_Requirement_Assessment_Protocols.pdf">https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted_General_Requirement_Assessment_Protocols.pdf</a>           |
| 3      | Palaeontology 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>           |
| 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                                          | <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>           |

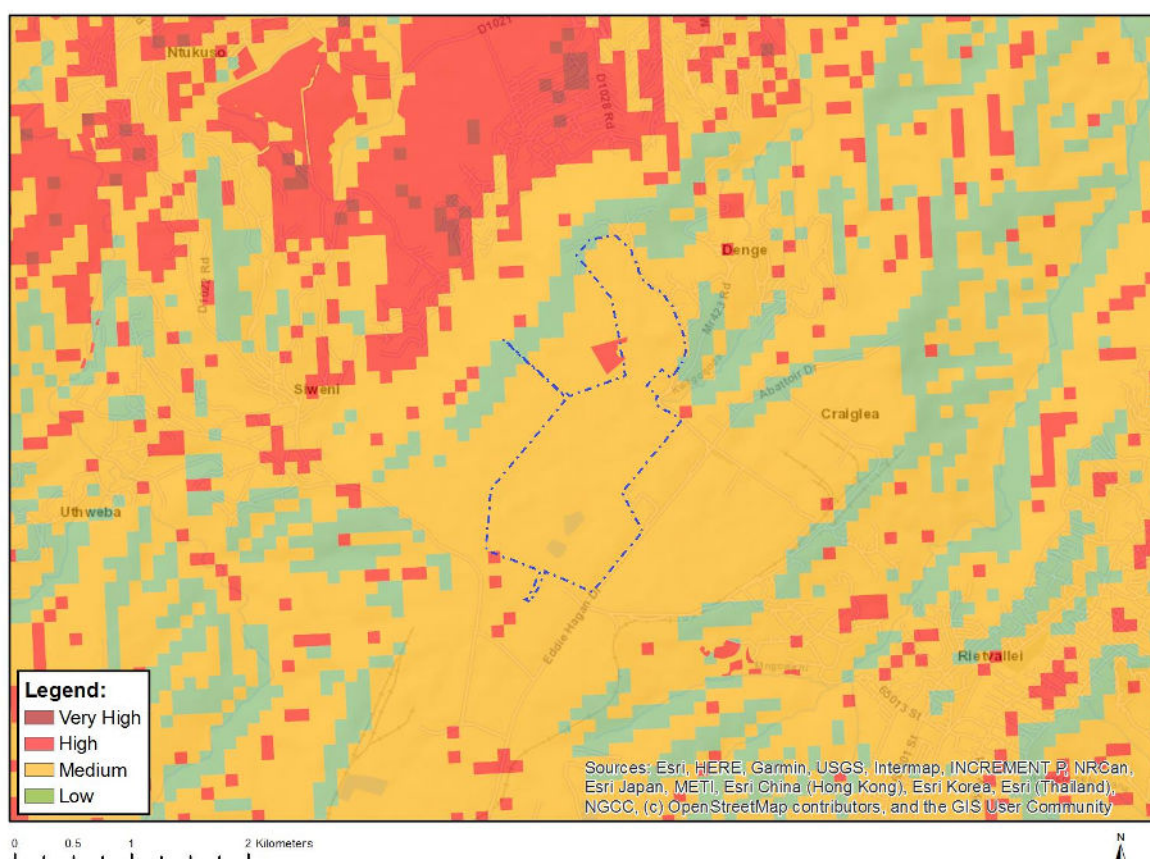
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|---|---------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|   | Assessment                | <a href="#">/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

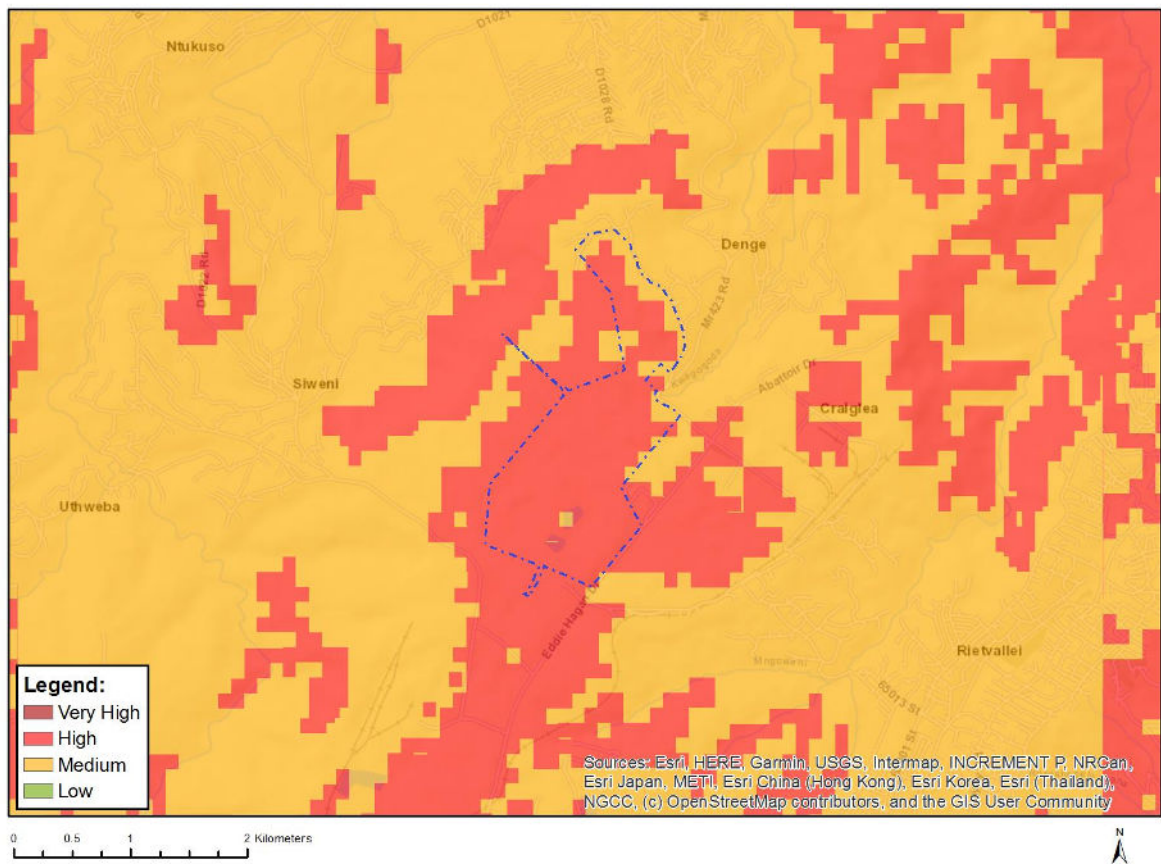


| Very High sensitivity | High sensitivity | Medium sensitivity | Low sensitivity |
|-----------------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
|                       | X                |                    |                 |

#### Sensitivity Features:

| Sensitivity | Feature(s)                                                                                                         |
|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| High        | Land capability;09. Moderate-High/10. Moderate-High                                                                |
| 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



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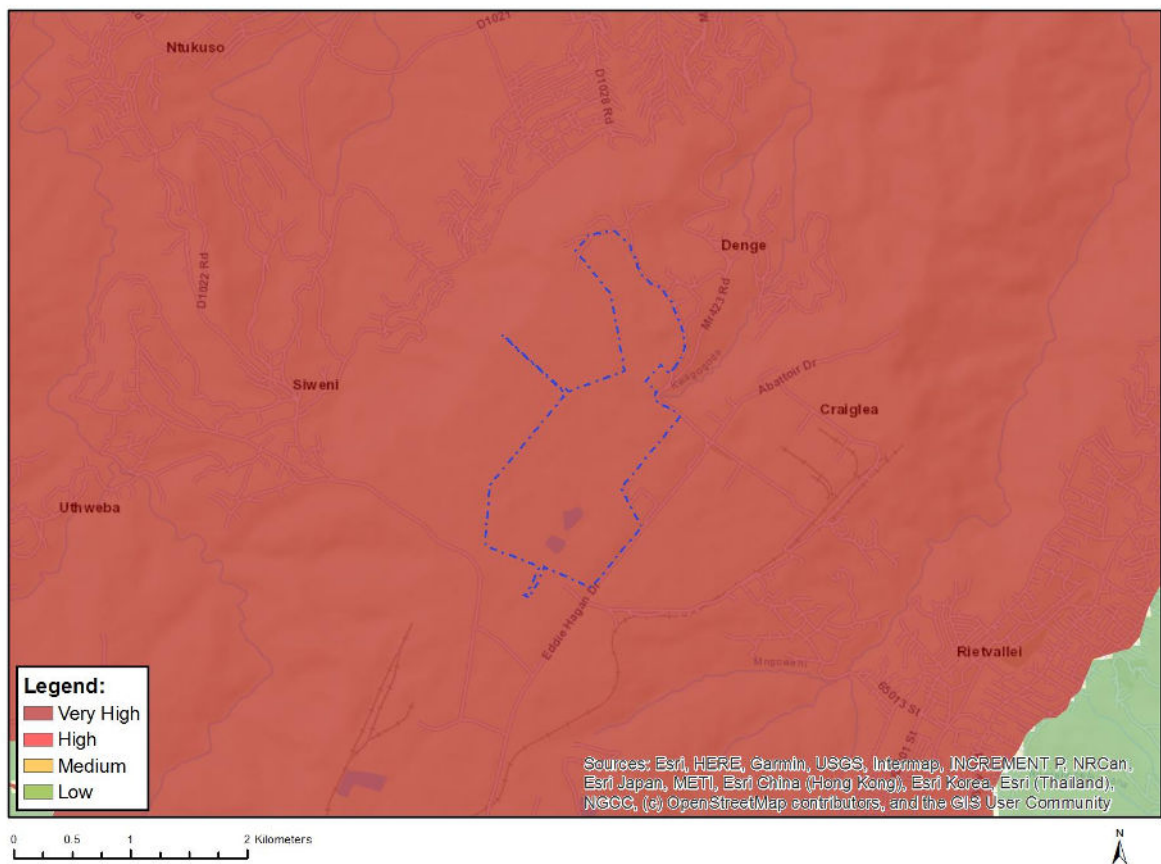
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|-----------------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
|                       | X                |                    |                 |

### Sensitivity Features:

| Sensitivity | Feature(s)                       |
|-------------|----------------------------------|
| High        | Aves-Circus ranivorus            |
| High        | Aves-Balearica regulorum         |
| High        | Aves-Falco biarmicus             |
| High        | Aves-Geronticus calvus           |
| Medium      | Aves-Stephanoaetus coronatus     |
| Medium      | Aves-Sagittarius serpentarius    |
| Medium      | Aves-Aquila rapax                |
| Medium      | Aves-Eupodotis senegalensis      |
| Medium      | Insecta-Durbania amakosa flavida |
| Medium      | Mammalia-Chrysospalax villosus   |
| Medium      | Mammalia-Dendrohyrax arboreus    |
| Medium      | Mammalia-Ourebia ourebi ourebi   |
| Medium      | Sensitive species 8              |

|        |                                    |
|--------|------------------------------------|
| Medium | Invertebrate-Doratogonus rubipodus |
|--------|------------------------------------|

## MAP OF RELATIVE AQUATIC BIODIVERSITY THEME SENSITIVITY

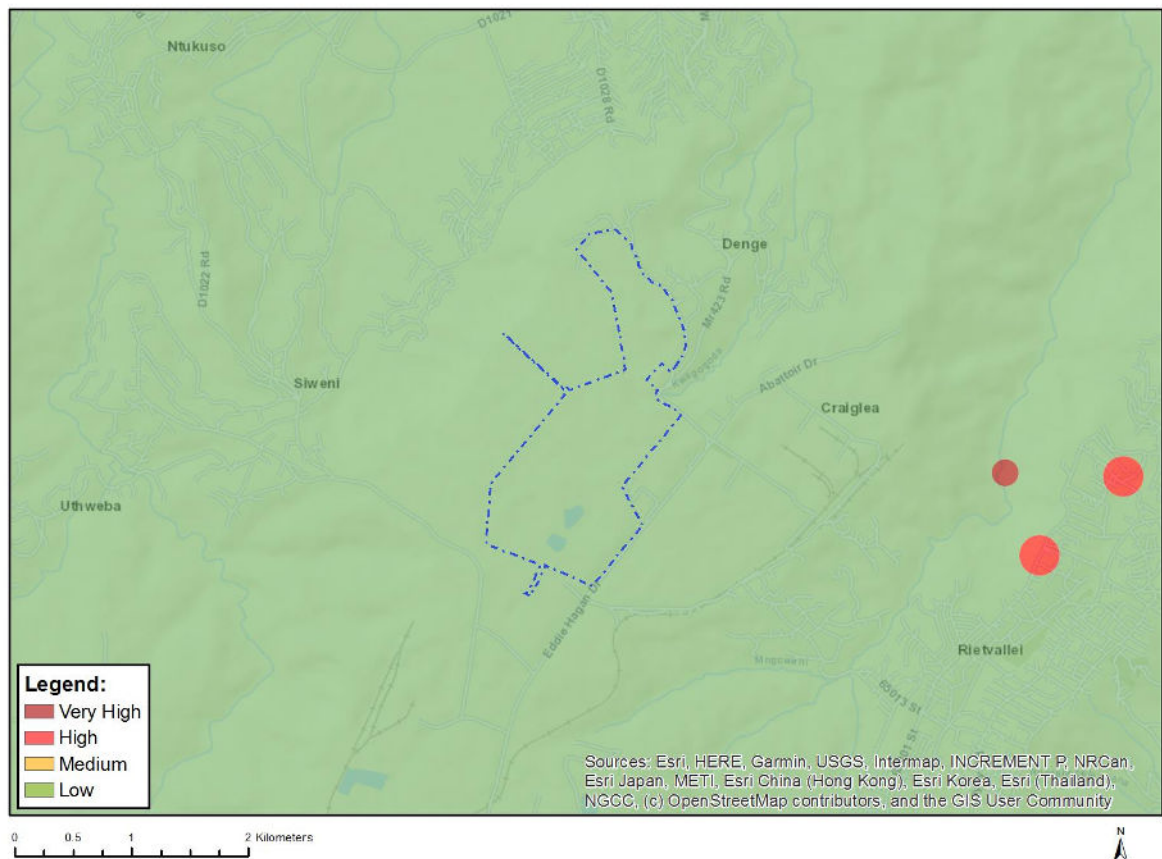


| Very High sensitivity | High sensitivity | Medium sensitivity | Low sensitivity |
|-----------------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| X                     |                  |                    |                 |

### Sensitivity Features:

| Sensitivity | Feature(s)             |
|-------------|------------------------|
| Very High   | Aquatic CBAs           |
| Very High   | Wetlands and Estuaries |

## MAP OF RELATIVE ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL HERITAGE THEME SENSITIVITY



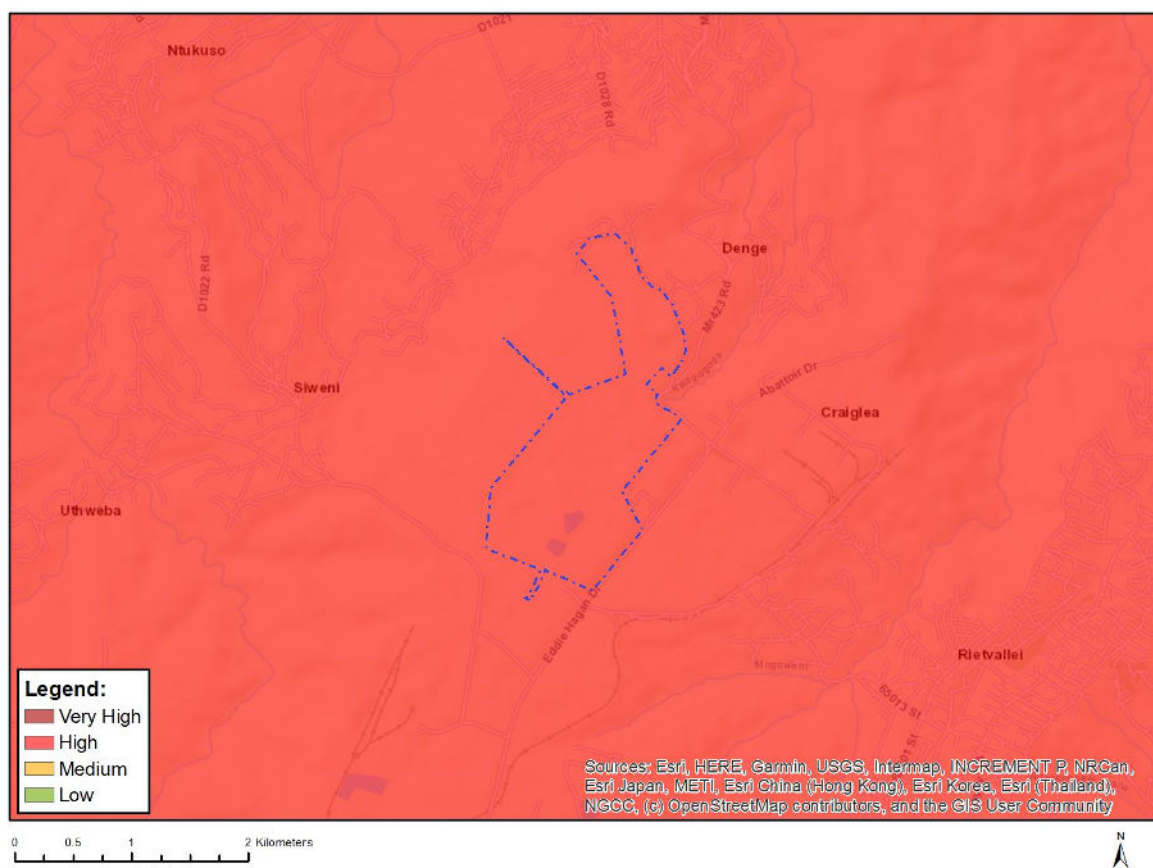
| Very High sensitivity | High sensitivity | Medium sensitivity | Low sensitivity |
|-----------------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
|                       |                  |                    | X               |

### Sensitivity Features:

| Sensitivity | Feature(s)      |
|-------------|-----------------|
| Low         | Low sensitivity |



## MAP OF RELATIVE CIVIL AVIATION THEME SENSITIVITY

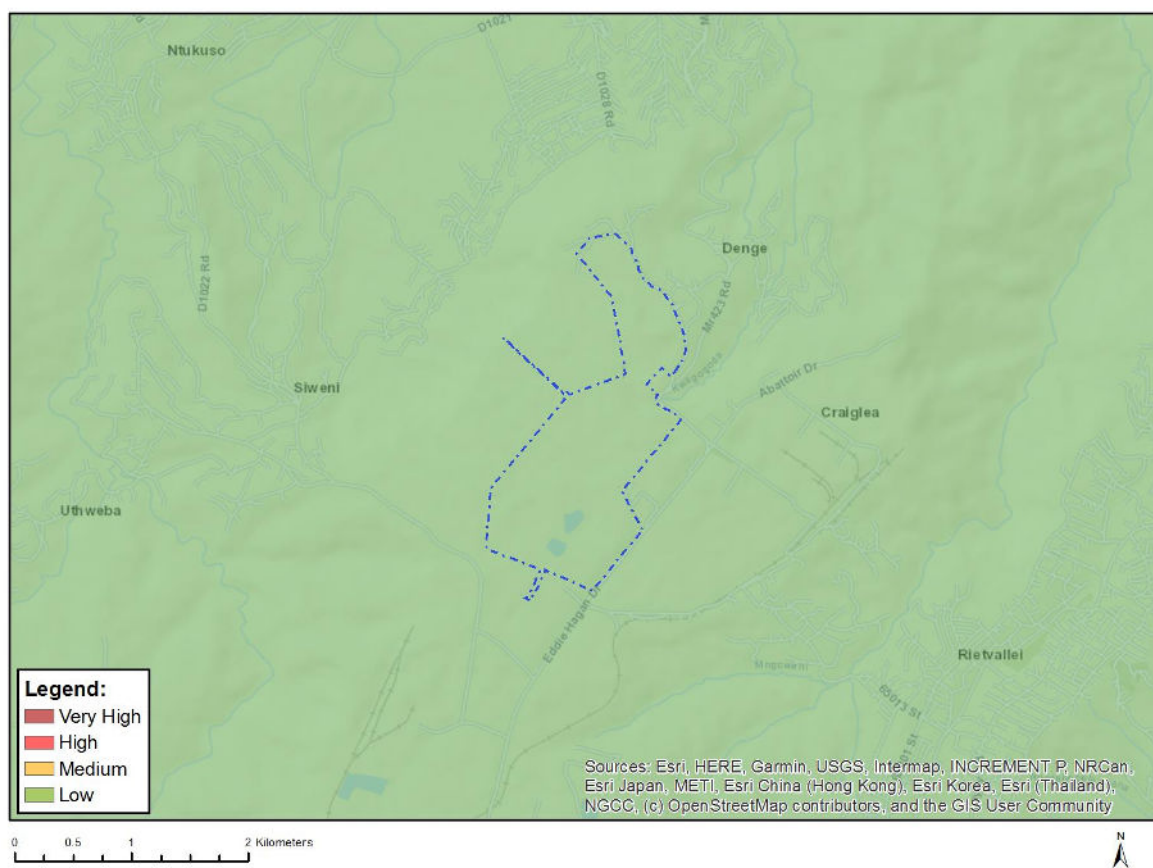


| Very High sensitivity | High sensitivity | Medium sensitivity | Low sensitivity |
|-----------------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
|                       | X                |                    |                 |

### Sensitivity Features:

| Sensitivity | Feature(s)                                    |
|-------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| High        | Within 8 km of other civil aviation aerodrome |

## MAP OF RELATIVE DEFENCE THEME SENSITIVITY

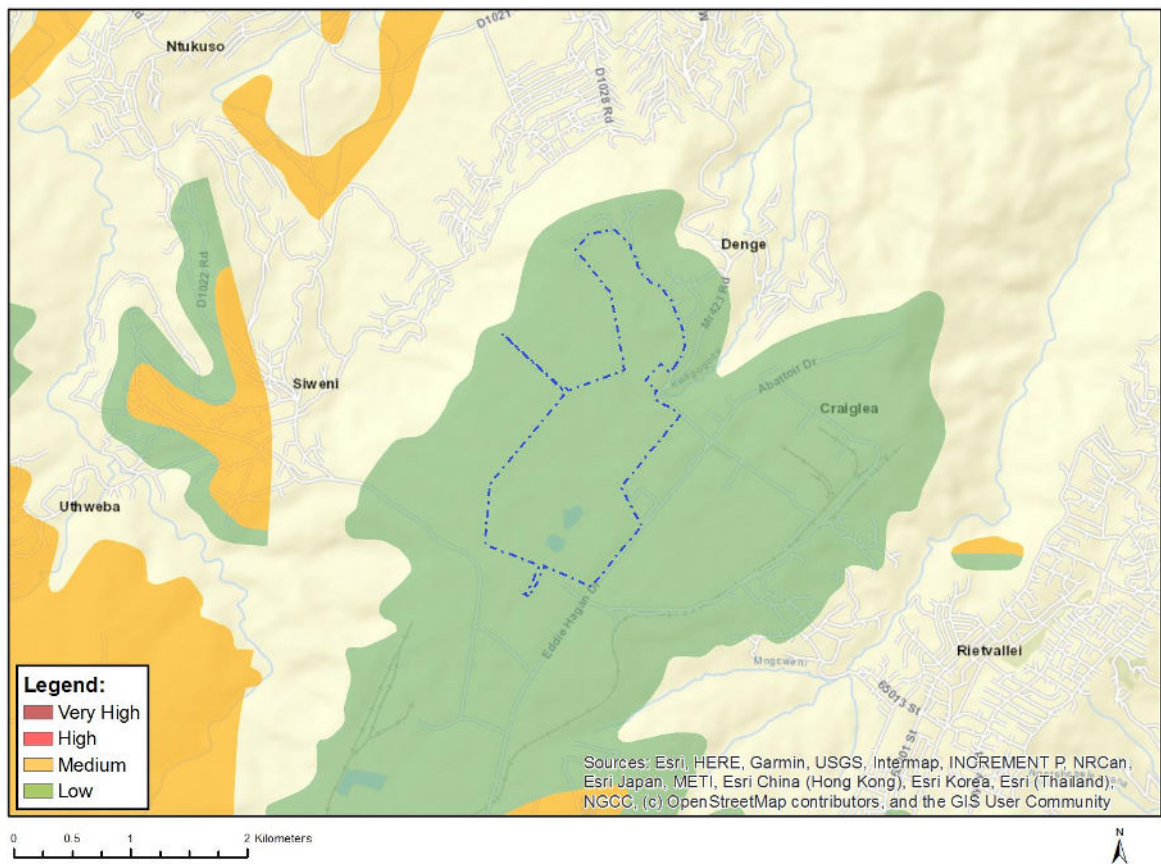


| Very High sensitivity | High sensitivity | Medium sensitivity | Low sensitivity |
|-----------------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
|                       |                  |                    | X               |

### Sensitivity Features:

| Sensitivity | Feature(s)      |
|-------------|-----------------|
| Low         | Low Sensitivity |

## MAP OF RELATIVE PALEONTOLOGY THEME SENSITIVITY



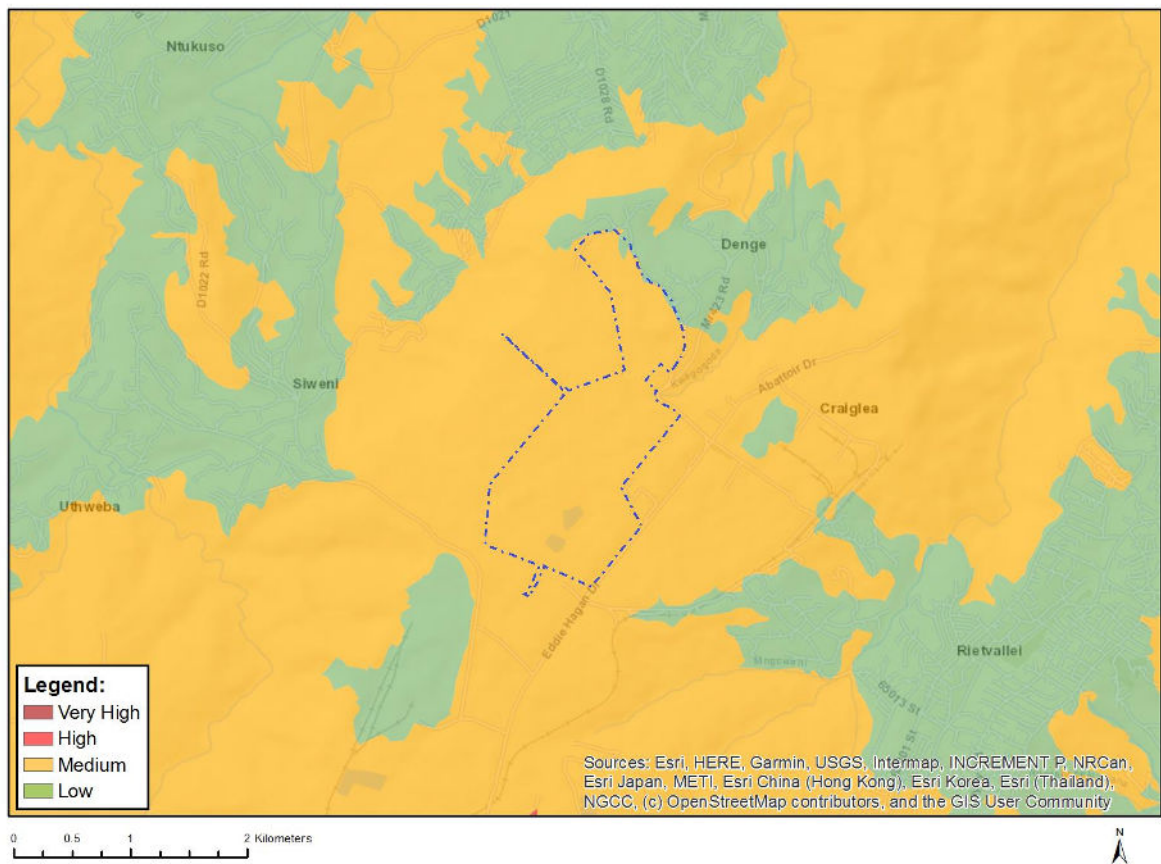
| Very High sensitivity | High sensitivity | Medium sensitivity | Low sensitivity |
|-----------------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
|                       |                  |                    | X               |

### Sensitivity Features:

| Sensitivity | Feature(s)                                      |
|-------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Low         | Features with a Low paleontological sensitivity |



## MAP OF RELATIVE PLANT SPECIES THEME SENSITIVITY



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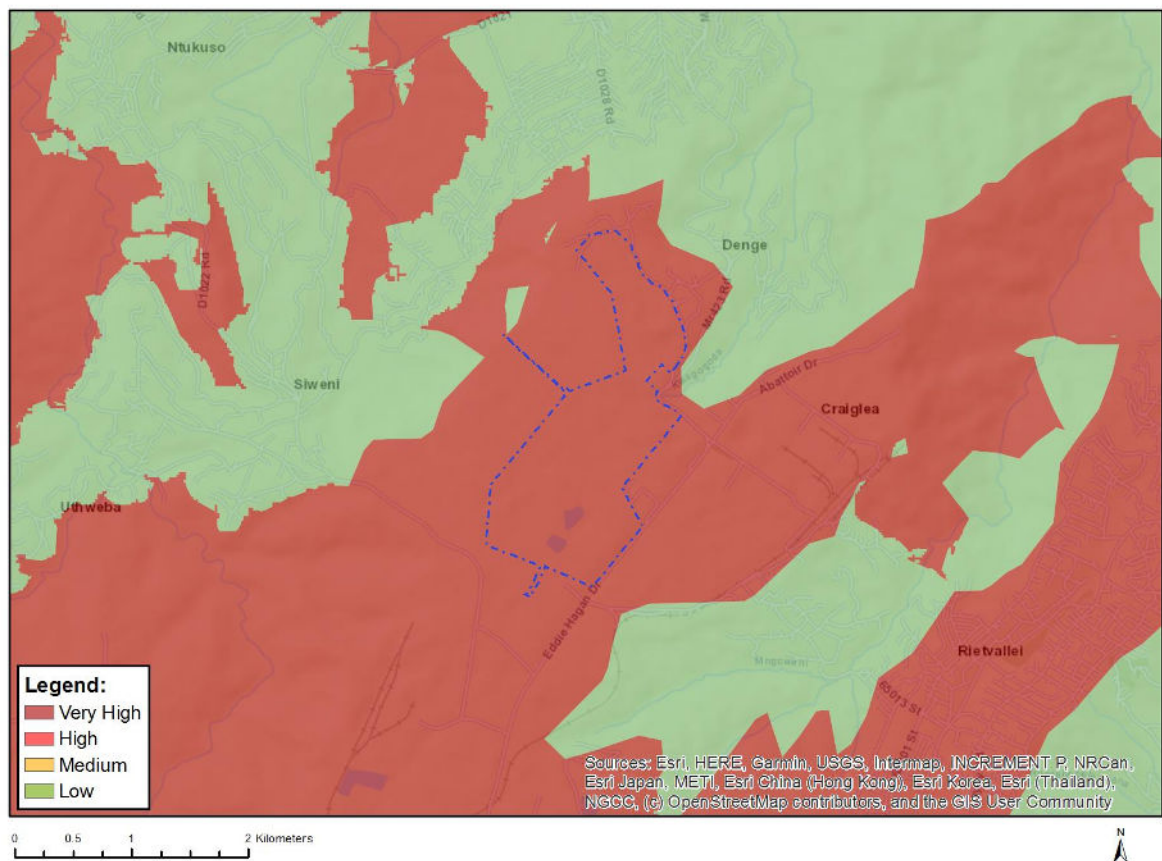
| Very High sensitivity | High sensitivity | Medium sensitivity | Low sensitivity |
|-----------------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
|                       |                  | X                  |                 |

### Sensitivity Features:

| Sensitivity | Feature(s)                  |
|-------------|-----------------------------|
| Low         | Low Sensitivity             |
| Medium      | Sensitive species 1252      |
| Medium      | Argyrobium longifolium      |
| Medium      | Eriosemopsis subanisophylla |
| Medium      | Dierama pallidum            |
| Medium      | Hermannia sandersonii       |
| Medium      | Hydrostachys polymorpha     |
| Medium      | Sensitive species 461       |
| Medium      | Sensitive species 88        |
| Medium      | Schizoglossum peglerae      |
| Medium      | Sisyranthus anceps          |
| Medium      | Woodia verruculosa          |
| Medium      | Senecio exuberans           |

|        |                          |
|--------|--------------------------|
| Medium | Cineraria atriplicifolia |
| Medium | Helichrysum pannosum     |
| Medium | Helichrysum woodii       |
| Medium | Sensitive species 1076   |
| Medium | Sensitive species 1251   |
| Medium | Sensitive species 535    |
| Medium | Sensitive species 277    |
| Medium | Sensitive species 313    |
| Medium | Sensitive species 649    |
| Medium | Disperis woodii          |
| Medium | Eugenia simii            |
| Medium | Senecio dregeanus        |
| Medium | Sensitive species 944    |
| Medium | Thunbergia venosa        |
| Medium | Prunus africana          |

## MAP OF RELATIVE TERRESTRIAL BIODIVERSITY THEME SENSITIVITY



| Very High sensitivity | High sensitivity | Medium sensitivity | Low sensitivity |
|-----------------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| X                     |                  |                    |                 |

### Sensitivity Features:

| Sensitivity | Feature(s)                         |
|-------------|------------------------------------|
| Very High   | Critical biodiversity area 1       |
| Very High   | Protected Areas Expansion Strategy |

|           |                      |
|-----------|----------------------|
| Very High | Vulnerable ecosystem |
|-----------|----------------------|

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