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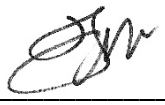

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Introduction

This report is a Site Sensitivity report and Terrestrial Animal Species Compliance Statement dealing with potential impacts on faunal species of the proposed expansion of the Aqunion (Pty) Ltd Abalone Farm, Romansbaai Farm Portion 2 of Klipfontein Farm no 711, Gansbaai. (Figure 1). The Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) screening report (performed in November 2023) identified the site as having a 'High' Animal Species Theme sensitivity (Lornay Environmental Consulting 2023)(Figure 2). A high sensitivity requires the submission of a Site Sensitivity report and Terrestrial Animal Species Compliance Statement. This Compliance Statement, as per the protocol set out by the DFFE (2020) reports on a site visit to the area that will be impacted by the development (the study area), during which the presence or possible presence of the Species of Conservation Concern (SCC) identified by the screening tool was determined. Animal species of concern (*n=7*) that was identified by the screening tool are listed in Table 1.

Figure 1: The cadastral boundary of the property (outlined in black) investigated during the site visit.

Table 1: Animal species of concern identified by the screening report (Lornay Environmental Consulting 2023). Two additional species were flagged by CapeNature for investigation.

Sensitivity	Species name	Common name	Order	Red List Status
High	*Circus ranivorus*	Marsh harrier	Avis	EN
High	*Circus maurus*	Black harrier	Avis	EN
Medium	*Afrotis afra*	Southern Black Korhaan	Avis	VU
Medium	*Neotis denhami*	Denham's Bustard	Avis	VU
Medium	*Bitis armata*	Southern Adder	Reptile	VU
Medium	*Brinckiella aptera*	Mute Winter Katydid	Invertebrate	VU
Medium	*Aneuryphymus montanus*	Yellow winged agile grasshopper	Invertebrate	VU

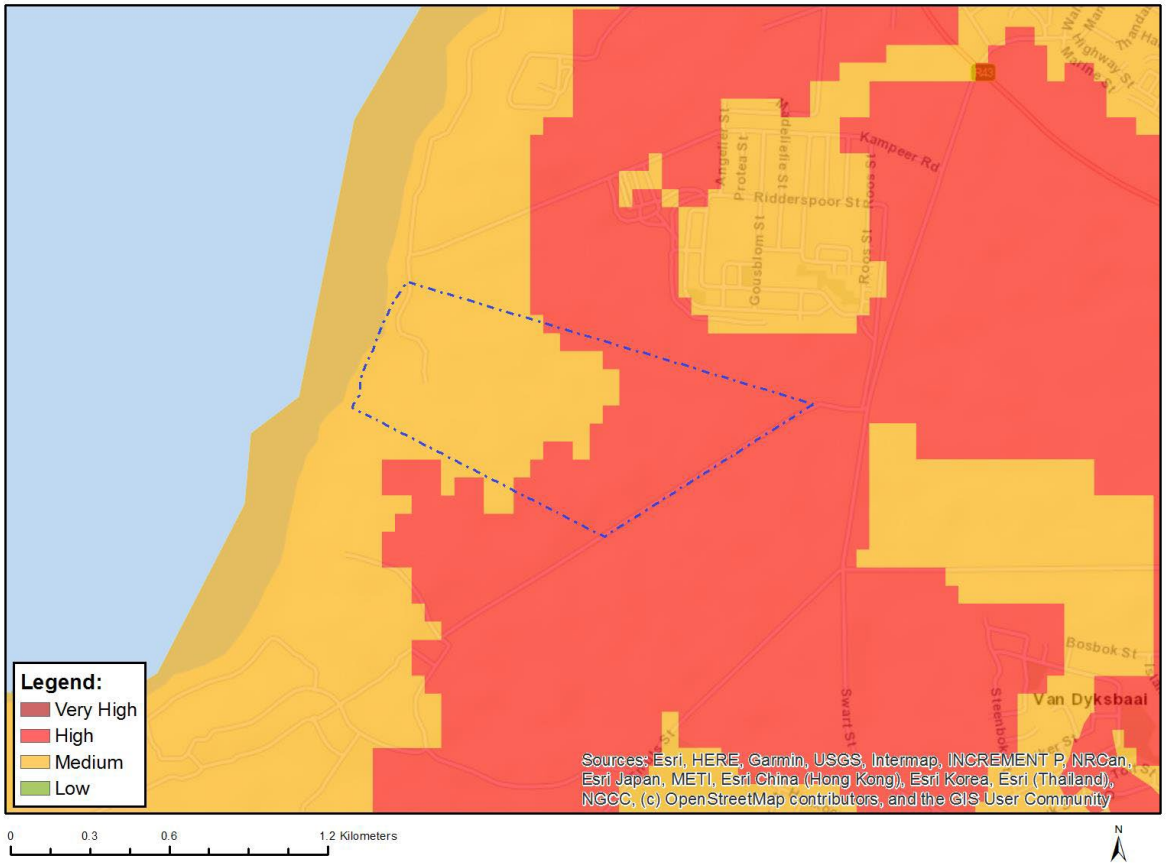


Figure 2: Map of the relative animal species theme sensitivity as per (Lornay Environmental Consulting 2023)

This report follows the legislative requirements set out by the National Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998 and specifically the regulations listed in the Government Gazette Notice No. 1150, Protocol for the specialist assessment and minimum report content requirements for environmental impacts on terrestrial animal species, October 2020.

Study Area

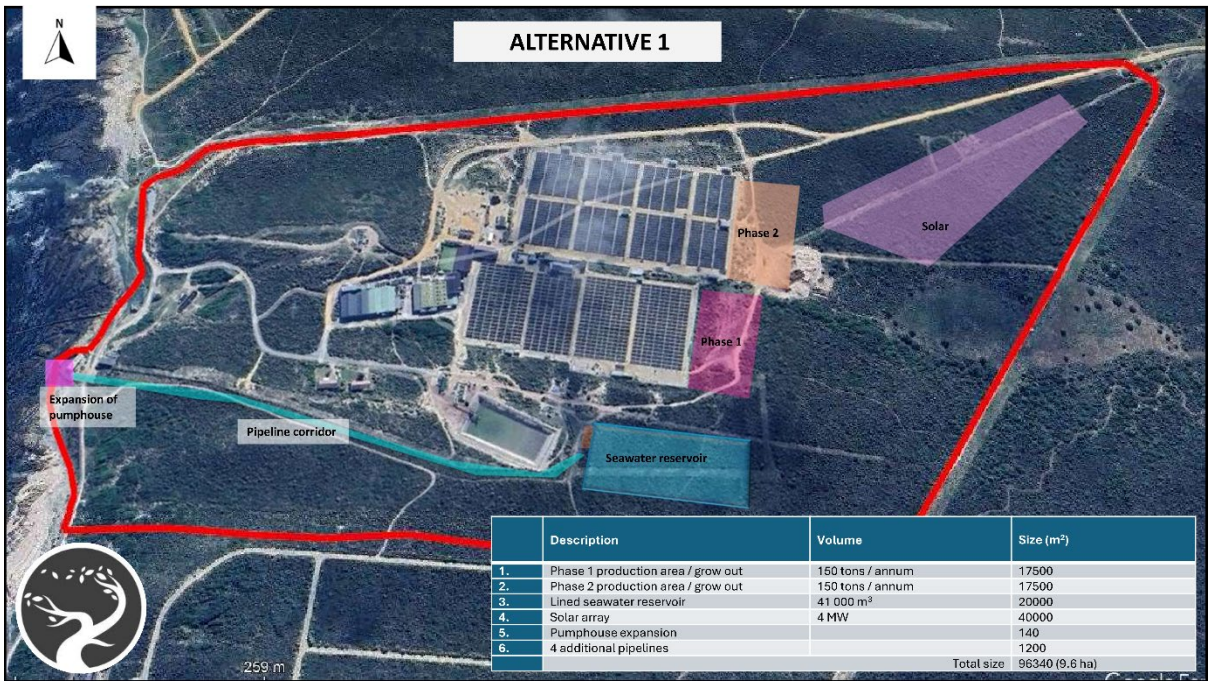
Aqunion (Pty) Ltd Abalone Farm, Romansbaai Farm Portion 2 of Klipfontein Farm no 711 is situated just south of the town Gansbaai in the Western Cape Province (E 19°20’29”; S

34°36’10”) (Figure 1). The majority ±50% of the property consist of Overberg Dune Strandveld Fynbos (Helme 2024, SANBI 2024) with the rest comprising of developed abalone farm infrastructure.

My overall impression during the site visit was that the natural vegetation on the property is in a general natural state, providing habitat for a variety of animal species, with a proportion that is transformed for grazing for zebra and bontebok which occurs on the property. The alien plants are well under control.

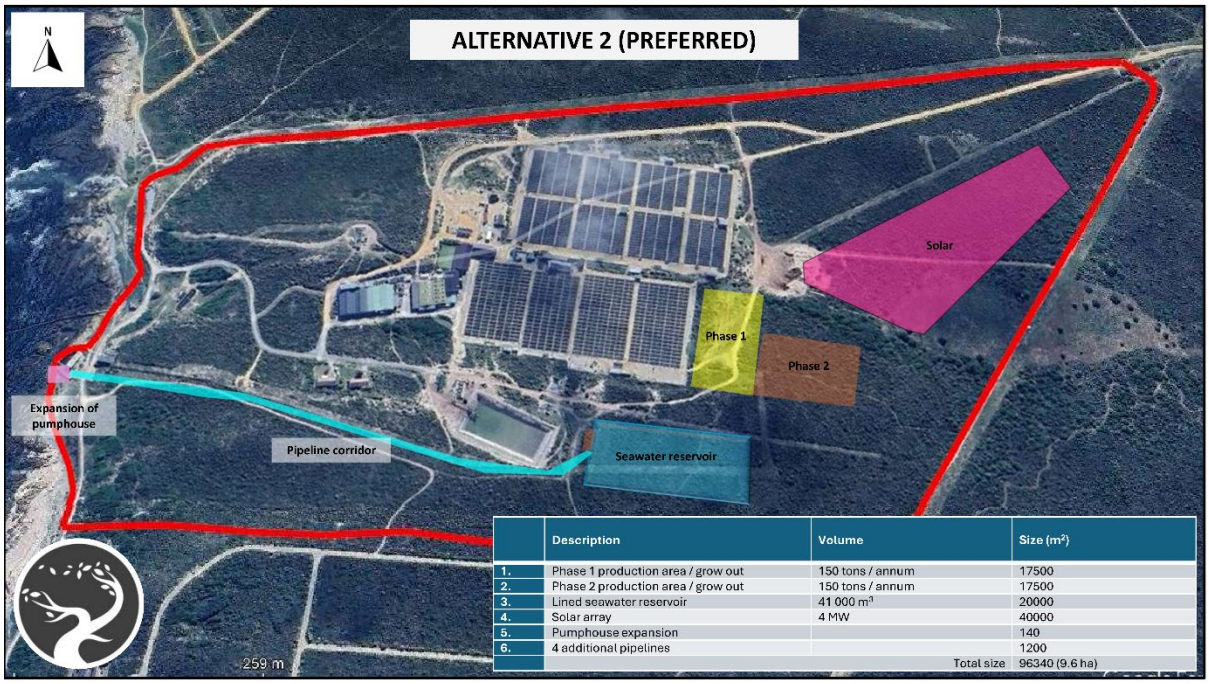
The proposed new development at Aqunion (Pty) Ltd Abalone Farm comprises the development of the following (Figure 3 & 4):

- Phase 1 and 2 abalone rearing facilities
- A new sea-water reservoir
- Expansion of the pumphouse and pipeline (4 additional pipelines) leading to the new sea-water reservoir
- A solar array 4 MW



	Description	Volume	Size (m²)
1.	Phase 1 production area / grow out	150 tons / annum	17500
2.	Phase 2 production area / grow out	150 tons / annum	17500
3.	Lined seawater reservoir	41 000 m³	20000
4.	Solar array	4 MW	40000
5.	Pumphouse expansion		140
6.	4 additional pipelines		1200
		Total size	96340 (9.6 ha)

Figure 3: Alternative 1 of the proposed new development at Aqunion (Pty) Ltd Abalone Farm.



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1.	Phase 1 production area / grow out	150 tons / annum	17500
2.	Phase 2 production area / grow out	150 tons / annum	17500
3.	Lined seawater reservoir	41 000 m³	20000
4.	Solar array	4 MW	40000
5.	Pumphouse expansion		140
6.	4 additional pipelines		1200
		Total size	96340 (9.6 ha)

Figure 4: Alternative 2 of the proposed new development at Aqunion (Pty) Ltd Abalone Farm.

Methods

We followed the prescribed protocol for performing a Terrestrial Animal Site Sensitivity Verification Report according to the Government Gazette Notice 320 (Government Gazette 43110, 20 March 2020), and amended in Government Gazette Notice 3717 (Government Gazette 49028, 28 July 2023). We followed the SANBI (2020) species environmental assessment guidelines during the assessment.

This report's findings are based on:

- A desktop study to determine the presence of animal species of concern (as listed in Table 1) and other species at the study area; and
- 1 x Field site visit.

The desktop study included the use of iNaturalist and Global Biodiversity Information Framework (GBIF) records as well as reports, field guides and scientific literature. These records were used to determine the species recorded in the area and the presence of potential SCC, with particular emphasis on the SCC listed by the screening tool.

A site visit was performed on the 7th of December 2024, where a diurnal (between 8h00 and 12h00) surveys was performed. During the site survey, species and signs of presence (sounds, tracks, scats etc), observed were recorded. Surveys consisted of meandering visual, acoustic surveys and point surveys performed at and between the various proposed development sites. Access to all the development areas were easily accessible and we covered a large proportion of the property on foot (Figure 5 and Table 2). The main purpose of the site visit was to confirm whether:

- any of the listed SCC were present in the proposed development area;

- ❖ whether the vegetation at the proposed development site likely supports undetected individuals or populations of the SCC highlighted by the screening tool; and
- ❖ there are any SCC present at the site that were not highlighted by the initial screening.

To aid in record-keeping of the site and species observed, photographs were taken during the site visits (Figure 6).

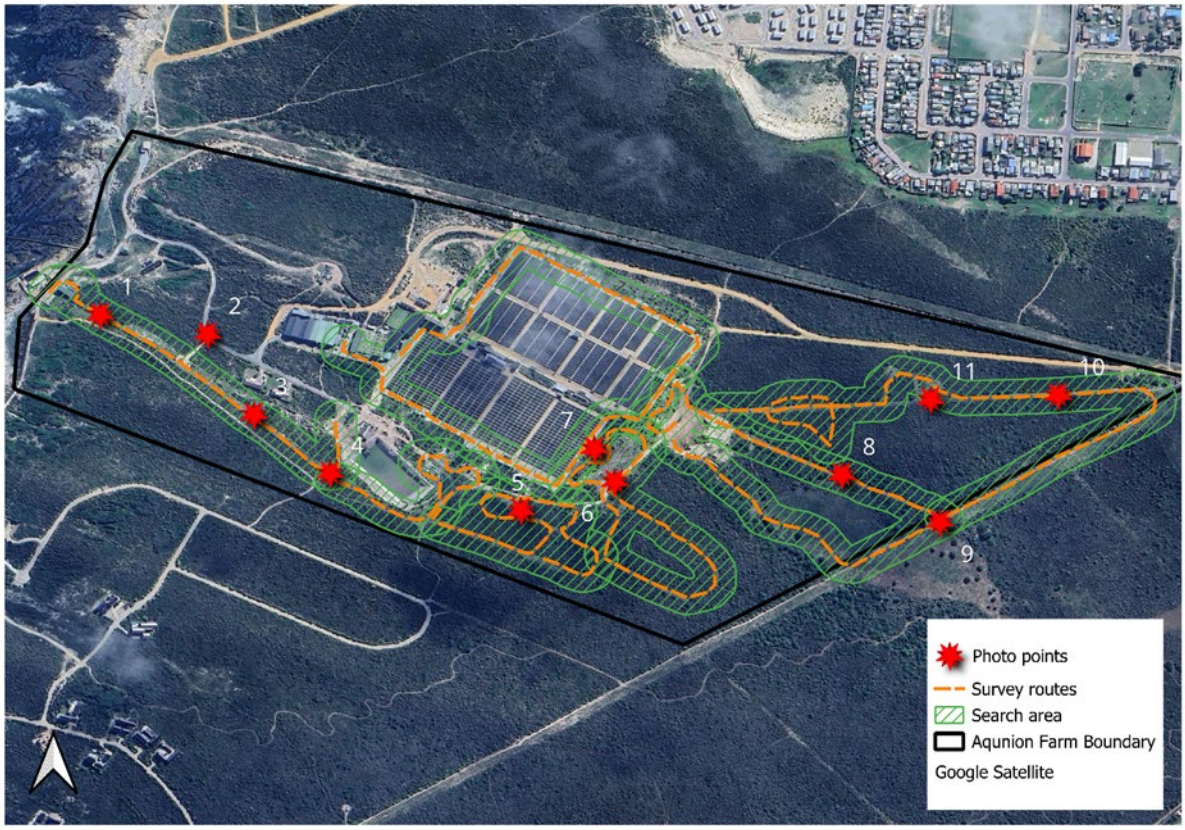

Figure 5: A map indicating the areas within the property visited during the site visit. Brown lines indicate routes travelled and yellow polygons areas where intensive searching was done on foot.

Table 2: Photo point site coordinates

Photo Site	Coordinates
1	34°36'04"S; 19°20'01"E
2	34°36'06"S; 19°20'07"E
3	34°36'09"S; 19°20'08"E
4	34°36'12"S; 19°20'12"E
5	34°36'13"S; 19°20'19"E
6	34°36'12"S; 19°20'25"E
7	34°36'11"S; 19°20'25"E
8	34°36'13"S; 19°20'37"E
9	34°36'14"S; 19°20'41"E
10	34°36'08"S; 19°20'46"E
11	34°36'08"S; 19°20'40"E

Setting the project area of influence (PAOI)

The development property is fairly small (±50 ha). The PAOI was set considering main SCC we think are present on or close to the development footprint. This was based on recommended buffers for SCC (SANBI 2020) and WCDS expert knowledge.

Conditions, limitations, and assumptions

The findings and recommendations of this report are based on WCDS best scientific and professional knowledge, literature and other data sources. WCDS reserve the right to modify aspects of the report, including the recommendations and conclusions, if additional relevant information becomes available.

The conditions, e.g. weather and otherwise, during the assessment period could have a significant influence determining whether animal species will be found on site or not. An animal species absence during field assessments does not necessarily mean it is not present at assessment locations. At WCDS we use an evidence-based approach to provide the best possible assessment of species presence and potential impacts.

Results

Field survey conditions

A site visit was performed on the 7th of December 2024, (between 8h00 and 12h00) Conditions were warm with little wind which were ideal for faunal surveys.

Project area of influence (PAOI)

The development property is fairly small (±50 ha). The PAOI covers the majority of the property as well as a reasonably large proportion outside of the property (Figure 7 and Table 3).

Table 3: The PAOI was set considering main SCC we think are present on or close to the development footprint.

Species/Group	PAOI Buffer size	Notes
Raptors and Birds general	300 m	Foraging and resting areas
Waterbirds	300 m	Foraging and resting areas
Nocturnal insects	250 m	Influence of artificial light
Diurnal insects and herpetofauna	100 m	Foraging and breeding habitat

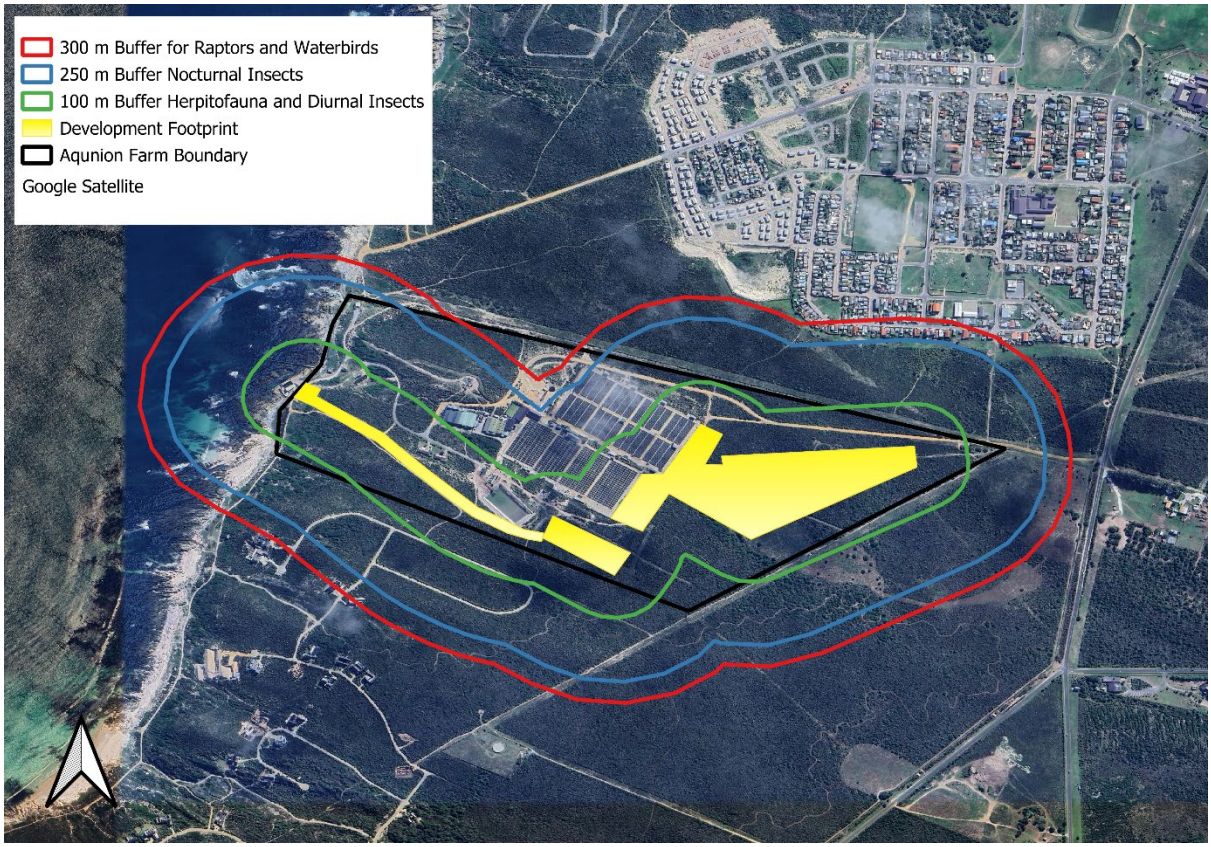

Figure 6: The PAOI was set considering main SCC we think are present on or close to the development footprint.

Habitat descriptions.

After screening the development site using Google Earth images and on-site verification, we did intensive searches in the PAOI of the proposed development site (Figure 6). Three broad habitat types were identified e.g. natural fynbos, short disturbed fynbos 'pasture', and built up areas.

Natural fynbos (Photo sites 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,10 &11)

Natural Overberg Dune Strandveld in relatively good condition (Figure 5). Some areas associated with roads and farm infrastructure are degraded. Vegetation areas of high sensitivity based on the (Helme 2024) report. This habitat type could be considered ideal habitat for faunal species as its condition is relatively good.

Short disturbed fynbos 'pasture' (Photo site 9)

Degraded Overberg Dune Strandveld which seems to have been converted into pasture for utilisation of the Burchell zebra and bontebok that are present on the site (Figure 6). This created open habitat with the presence of forbs and grasses not commonly associated with the surrounding natural vegetation. This habitat only covers about 2 ha of the property.

Built up areas (Photo site 7)

This is habitat that are covered in infrastructure (buildings, roads, fences, abalone rearing ponds etc) associated with the abalone farming activities (Figure 7). These areas are kept clean of vegetation and pest control takes place.

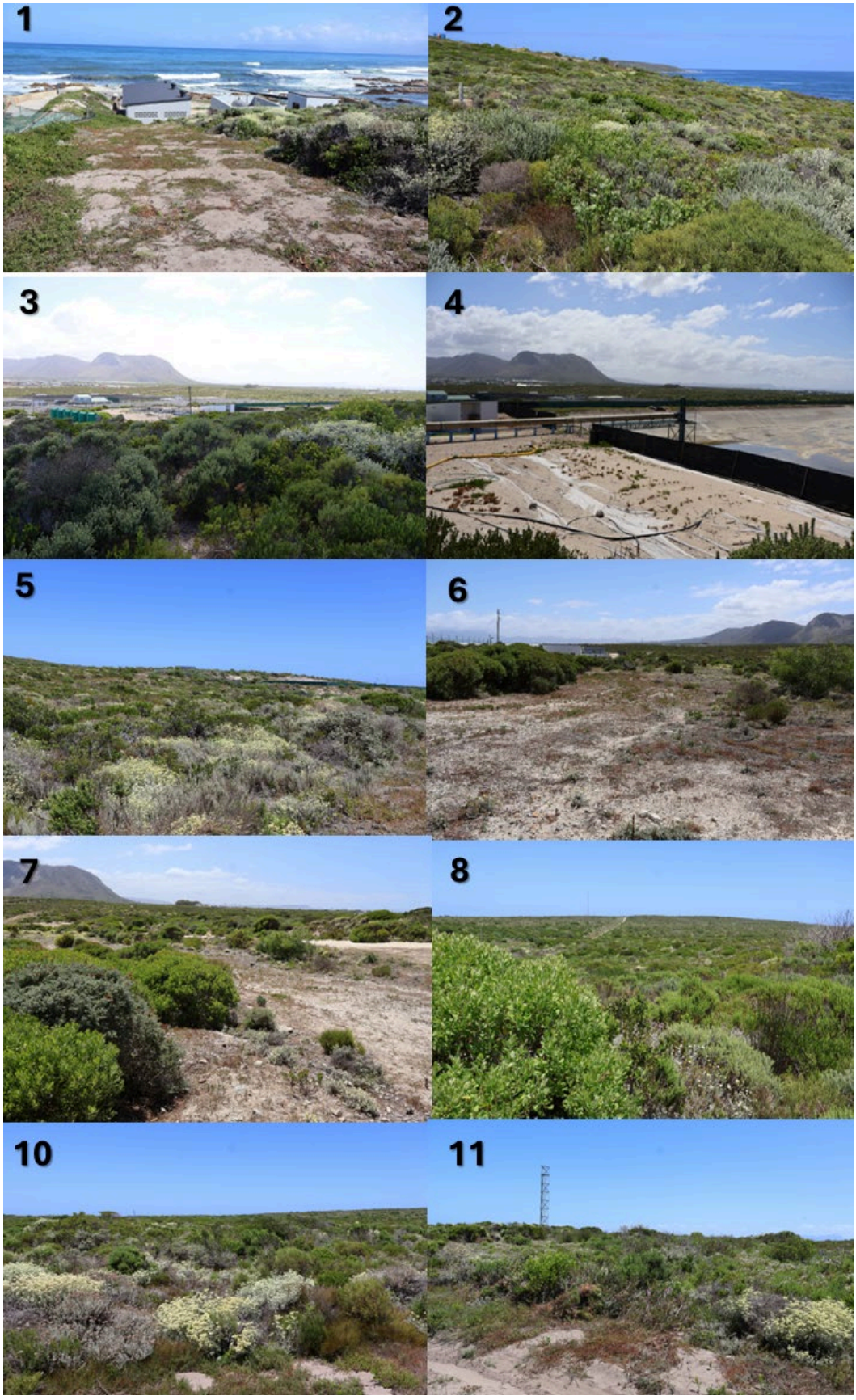

Figure 6: The Overberg Dune Strandveld habitats in relatively good condition (see Figure 5 and Table 2 for site localities).

Table 4: Animal species observed during the field site visit

Common name	Scientific name	Status	Built up areas	Disturbed Fynbos	Natural fynbos
Birds					
African Pipit	*Anthus cinnamomeus*	LC	X		
Bokmakierie	*Telophorus zeylonus*	LC			
Cape Bulbul	*Pycnonotus capensis*	LC	X		
Cape Robin-Chat	*Cossypha caffra*	LC			X
Cape Sparrow	*Passer melanurus*	LC	X		
Cape Spurfowl	*Pternistis capensis*	LC	x	X	X
Cape Wagtail	*Motacilla capensis*	LC	X		
Cape Weaver	*Ploceus capensis*	LC	X		
Cape White-eye	*Zosterops virens*	LC	X		
Common Starling	*Sturnus vulgaris*	LC	X		X
Cape Turtle Dove	*Streptopelia capicola*	LC			X
Familiar Chat	*Oenanthe familiaris*	LC			X
Grey-headed Gull	*Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus*	LC	X		
Karoo Prinia	*Prinia maculosa*	LC			X
Pearl-breasted Swallow	*Hirundo dimidiata*	LC	X		
Pied Crow	*Corvus albus*	LC			X
Southern Fiscal	*Lanius collaris*	LC			X
Speckled Mousebird	*Colius striatus*	LC			X
Speckled Pigeon	*Columba guinea*	LC	X		
Spotted Thick-knee	*Burhinus capensis*	LC		X	X
Three-banded Plover	*Charadrius tricollaris*	LC	X		
Zitting Cisticola	*Cisticola juncidis*	LC			X
Reptiles					
Angulate tortoise	*Chersina angulata*	LC			X
Mammals					
Cape grysbok	*Raphicerus melanotis*	LC		X	X
Bontebok	*Damaliscus pygargus*	VU		X	
Burchell's zebra	*Equus quagga burchellii*	LC		X	X
Large grey mongoose	*Herpestes ichneumon*	LC			X
Vlei rat	*Otomys irroratus*	LC	X		
Cape dune molerat	*Bathyergus suillus*	LC		X	X
Invertebrates					
Common opal	*Chrysoritis thysbe*	LC			X
Grasshopper	*Euloryma* sp. 1	N/A			X
Garden Locust	Acanthacris ruficornis	LC	X	X	X
Black Cocktail ant	*Crematogaster peringueyi*	LC			X

Figure 6: Degraded Overberg Dune Strandveld which seems to have been converted into pasture for utilisation of the Burchell zebra and bontebok that are present on the site (Photo site 9).

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Animal species of concern

A total of seven animal species of concern was identified by the screening tool (Lornay Environmental Consulting 2023)(Table 2). One additional species, Cape dwarf chameleon, *Bradypodion pumilum*, was identified and added during the desktop study. The following section deals with the site's potential importance for these species and the probability of them being present in habitats in the development area.

Black harrier *Circus maurus*

Black Harrier *Circus maurus* is a rare endangered, southern African endemic that may have lost more than 50% of its breeding habitat as a result of extensive land transformation by agriculture, invasive alien vegetation and urbanization in the Fynbos biome (Curtis et al. 2004, Taylor 2015a). The species' typical breeding habitat is Fynbos, particularly Strandveld and Mountain Fynbos. In fragmented Renosterveld habitat it is only found in high-quality, larger sized patches (Curtis et al. 2004). Foraging habitat includes montane areas, lower altitude Karoo scrub, semi-desert, floodplains and croplands (Curtis et al. 2004). Small mammals and birds (especially quail) are their main diet preference (Curtis et al. 2004). Both GBIF and iNaturalist data sets indicates sufficient records of this species in the general region of the property. There is therefore a reasonable likelihood that the species would frequent the property for foraging purposes. We did not observe the species during our field visit. The development will result in an irreplaceable loss of forage habitat for this species. **The species range widely, and the minor loss of forage habitat could be tolerated. The development site does not significantly influence potential breeding sites. The Black harrier *Circus maurus,* will therefore be negatively affected by loss of forage habitat but the development footprint is small. The proposed development and potential impact are therefore classified as 'low'.**

African marsh harrier *Circus ranivorus*

This species occurs along large water bodies and adjacent open vegetation (Simmons 2005). The species is classified as Endangered in South Africa (Taylor 2015b), with habitat loss and degradation being the most significant threat to the continued survival of this species. There is a paucity of records in the GBIF and iNaturalist data sets for this species. The habitat is not suitable and the likelihood that the species would frequent the property very low. We did not observe the species during our field visit. **The development site does not contain suitable habitat. The African marsh harrier *Circus ranivorus,* will therefore not likely be significantly impacted by the proposed development and potential impact are therefore classified as 'very low'.**

Southern black korhaan *Afrotis afra*

Southern Black Korhaan *Afrotis afra* is classified as 'Vulnerable' and is a South African endemic (Evans 2023). The species distribution range is restricted to the western area of the Northern Cape Province and to the area south of the Great Escarpment in the Western Cape, and the western section of the Eastern Cape Province (Evans 2023). Most iNaturalist and GBIF records indicates several records in the open plain Renosterveld areas of the Overberg >60 km east of the property. **We did not observe the species during our field visit and do not consider the habitat to be suitable. The impact of the development on Southern Black Korhaan *Afrotis afra* by the proposed development is therefore considered to be 'very low'**.

Denham's bustard *Neotis denhami*

Denham's bustard occurs in natural vegetation (fynbos and grasslands), pastures and agricultural fields (Allan 2005). The species is classified as 'Vulnerable' (Taylor 2015c), mainly due to powerline collisions (Shaw et al. 2010), habitat conversion to intensive monoculture fields, and overgrazing of grassland habitats. Most iNaturalist and GBIF records indicates several records to the east of the property but more in the open plain areas of the Overberg where they frequent the more open agricultural fields. We did not observe the species during our field visit. **The habitat in the development site is not suitable for the species. The impact of the development on Denham's bustard, *Neotis denhami*, by the proposed development is therefore considered to be 'very low'**.

Southern Adder *Bitis armata*

The Southern Adder *Bitis armata* is classified as 'Vulnerable' because of its severely fragmented distribution due to the reduction in the extent and quality of its habitat (Maritz and Turner 2023). This species has a small distribution in the southwest coastal margin of the Western Cape with three disjunct subpopulations, one from West Coast National Park to just north of Cape Town, the second near Hermanus and the third near De Hoop Nature reserve (Maritz and Turner 2023). The species occurs mainly in coastal lowland Fynbos on sandy and rocky substrates (Phelps 2010). It is known to shelter under rock slabs between dense shrubs on coastal plains (Phelps 2010). iNaturalist and GBIF records for this species is concentrated between Stanford and Struisbaai with the closest 12 km away to the north-east of this property. We did not observe the species during our field visit. **We consider the habitat to be only marginally suitable habitat for this species because of a lack of any rocky substrate. There is a low likelihood that this species would occur at the site. The impact of the development on Southern Adder *Bitis armata*, by the proposed development will therefore likely be 'low'**.

Cape dwarf chameleon, *Bradypodion pumilum*

Although the Cape dwarf chameleon, *Bradypodion pumilum* are not listed as an SCC in the screening report we include it here because it is confirmed present in the immediate vicinity of the development site. The Cape dwarf chameleon is listed as 'Near threatened' due to its moderate sized distribution and the continued decline of quality and extent of habitat in their distribution range (Tolley et al. 2023). The subpopulations in urban areas are fragmented and in decline (Tolley 2023). The species distribution range from the south-western pats of Cape Town to the Agulhas plain (Tolley and Burger 2004). The species occurs in a variety of vegetation types including Fynbos, Forested Riparian Vegetation and some exotic and indigenous trees and shows some tolerance to peri-urban gardens and greenbelts (Tolley 2023). Several iNaturalist and GBIF records indicates the presence of the species close to, and therefore likely within the development site. We did not observe the species during our field visit. **We do consider the habitat (breeding and foraging) at this site to be suitable for this species. It is likely that some of their habitat will be lost permanently and the disturbance during construction phase will have a negative impact. The adjacent land, that will remain undeveloped, do however provide adequate space for this species to escape and persist. The potential impact on Cape dwarf chameleon, *Bradypodion pumilum* is classified as 'low'.**

Mute Winter Katydid *Brinckiella aptera*

This endemic, flightless katydid species occurs in the succulent Karoo and fynbos biomes of the Western Cape. It is listed as vulnerable (B1) on the IUCN Red List Category (Naskrecki and Bazelet 2009). It has been found at four locations only, including Bredasdorp, Pearly Beach and Tulbagh. It can expectantly be found across the Western Cape province in succulent Karoo (re: into southern Namaqualand) and fynbos habitats, although declining due to habitat loss (Naskrecki & Bazelet 2009). Its host plant data is absent, but predictably feeds on flowers and leaves of a narrow range of host plants, occurring on low-growing, herbaceous shrubs (Naskrecki & Bazelet 2009). The estimated extent of occurrence is ca. 12 500 square kilometres (Naskrecki & Bazelet 2009). They are a nocturnal species, and thus sensitive to light disturbance, such as artificial lights associated with development. During the daytime, they can be found basking in the sun. Their peak emergence time is from August to October. No specimens were seen during a field visit. **The proposed developments are classified as 'low' impact on *B. aptera*, due to 1) an absence of species data from this area, 2) no host plant records being available to link present vegetation to possible insect species occurrence, 3) no direct evidence of occurrence, 4) the limited size of the development relative to the surrounding vegetation and the species' regional occurrence and 5) the intactness of large areas of the type of vegetation that will remain unaffected by the developments (i.e., permitting movement through the landscape).**

Yellow-winged Agile Grasshopper *Aneuryphymus montanus*

This endemic grasshopper species occurs on Western and Eastern Cape mountains. It is listed as vulnerable (B2) on the IUCN Red List Category. It has been recorded from near Clanwilliam eastwards towards East London, associated with different fynbos types occurring on south-facing, cool slopes (Brown 1960, Kinvig 2005). Brown (1960) mentions the species being collected "amongst partly burnt stands of evergreen sclerophyll in rocky foothills". Sites where the species have been documented include Graafwater, close to Lambert's Bay, De Rust, Suurbraak, Bot River, Kogelberg and Joubertinia. The species seems to show preference for rocky, mountainous areas. Its estimated extent of occurrence is ca. 170 000 square kilometres. No specimens were seen during a field visit. **The proposed developments are classified as 'low' impact on *A. montanus*, due to 1) an absence of species data from this area, 2) no host plant records being available to link present vegetation to possible insect species occurrence, 3) no direct evidence of occurrence, 4) the limited size of the development relative to the surrounding vegetation and the species' regional occurrence, 5) the intactness of large areas of the type of vegetation that will be unaffected by the developments permitting movement through the landscape and 6) the wide extent of occupancy of *A. montanus*.**

Terrestrial animal compliance statement

The DFFE screening tool identified the study area as having a '**High'** sensitivity for the animal species theme, due to the potential presence of nine species of conservation concern. Based on my desktop assessment and evidence from the site visit the site sensitivity should be considered '**Low'** because:

i. *Circus maurus* range widely, and the minor loss of forage habitat could be tolerated. The development site does not significantly influence potential breeding sites. The Black harrier *Circus maurus,* will therefore be negatively affected by loss of forage habitat. The proposed development and potential impact are therefore classified as **'low'.**

ii. The development site does not contain suitable habitat. The African marsh harrier *Circus ranivorus*, will therefore not likely be significantly impacted by the proposed development and potential impact are therefore classified as **'very low'.**

iii. We did not observe *Afrotis afra* during our field visit and do not consider the habitat to be suitable. The impact of the development on Southern Black Korhaan *Afrotis afra* by the proposed development is therefore considered to be **'very low'**.

iv. The habitat in the development site is not suitable for *Neotis denhami*. The impact of the development on Denham's bustard, *Neotis denhami*, by the proposed development is therefore considered to be **'very low'**.

v. We consider the habitat to be only marginally suitable habitat for *Bitis armata* because of a lack of any rocky substrate. There is a low likelihood that this species would occur at the site. The impact of the development on Southern Adder *Bitis armata*, by the proposed development will therefore likely be **'low'**.

vi. We do consider the habitat (breeding and foraging) at this site to be suitable for *Bradypodion pumilum*. Some of their habitat will be lost permanently and the disturbance during construction phase will have a negative impact. The adjacent land that will remain undeveloped and will provide adequate space for this species to escape and persist. The potential impact on Cape dwarf chameleon, *Bradypodion pumilum* is classified as **'low'**.

vii. The proposed developments are classified as **'low'** impact on *B. aptera*, due to 1) an absence of species data from this area, 2) no host plant records being available to link present vegetation to possible insect species occurrence, 3) no direct evidence of occurrence, 4) the limited size of the development relative to the surrounding vegetation and the species' regional occurrence and 5) the intactness of large areas of the type of vegetation that will remain unaffected by the developments (i.e., permitting movement through the landscape).

viii. The proposed developments are classified as **'very low'** impact on *A. montanus*, due to 1) an absence of species data from this area, 2) no host plant records being available to link present vegetation to possible insect species occurrence, 3) no direct evidence of occurrence, 4) the limited size of the development relative to the surrounding vegetation and the species' regional occurrence, 5) the intactness of large areas of the type of vegetation that will be unaffected by the developments permitting movement through the landscape and 6) the wide extent of occupancy of *A. montanus*.

General recommendations

1) Although impacts on all SCC's in this case are considered either 'very low' or 'low' we recommend the developer installs all, or parts of the solar infrastructure, on available building roofs (there is large roof space for this still available) to limit clearing natural vegetation for this purpose as much as possible.

2) There are two development footprint alternatives proposed for this development. We recommend alternative two as it will disturb the least proportion of natural Overberg Strandveld habitat.

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Appendix 1

CV and SACNASP Certificate of Prof JA Venter

Curriculum Vitae

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2. Tertiary qualifications

Degree	Institution	Research theme or modules	Time period
Doctor of Philosophy: Biology	University of Kwazulu-Natal	Intrinsic and extrinsic influences on African large herbivore assemblages and implications for their conservation.	2009 – 2014
Master of Technology: Nature Conservation	Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University	The feeding ecology of buffalo (*Syncerus caffer*) on Doornkloof Nature Reserve, Northern Cape, South Africa	2002-2006
Baccalaureus of Technology: Nature Conservation	Technikon Port Elizabeth	Plant studies IV; Research methodology; Fresh water management IV; Conservation management I; Principles of management I; Resource management IV	1998-1999
National Diploma: Nature Conservation	Technikon South Africa	Plant studies I, II and III; Animal studies I, II and III; Conservation Ecology I, II and III; Resource Management I, II and III; Conservation Communication I and II	1993-1996

3. Work experience

Institution	Institution details	Job description	Time period
Full time positions:			
NELSON MANDELA UNIVERSITY	Department of Conservation Management, Faculty of Science, Nelson Mandela University, George Campus, Madiba Drive, George, 6530	*Associate Professor* *Head of Department: Conservation Management* *Program Coordinator: Nature Conservation and Game Ranch Management* *Senior Lecturer* *Lecturer*	1 January 2021 – current date 1 January 2021 – 31 December 2023 1 June 2017- 31 December 2020 1 January 2018 – 31 December 2020 1 June 2015- 31 December 2017
ADVENTURE PROVINCE Eastern Cape PARKS & TOURISM AGENCY	Scientific Section, 6 St Marks Street, Southernwood, East London, South Africa, 5201. Tel: 043 7054400	*Specialist Ecologist* *Area of responsibility:* Eastern Cape Provincial Protected areas as well as National Marine Protected Areas *Responsible for:* Research, monitoring and specialist decision support on biodiversity conservation, protected area expansion and wildlife management. Manager of the Marine Scientific Unit (1 x Marine ecologist and 1 x Marine Technician) *Ecologist* *Area of responsibility*: Wild Coast (Mkambati, Silaka, Hluleka & Dwesa-Cwebe, East London Coast Nature Reserves; Pondoland, Hluleka & Dwesa-Cwebe Marine Protected Areas) also Baviaanskloof Mega Reserve *Responsible for*: Facilitating and conducting research, biological monitoring as well as decision support to conservation management	1 November 2011 – 31 May 2015 1st March 2006 – 31 October 2011
UNIVERSITY OF LIMPOPO	School of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, University of Limpopo, Private Bag X1106, Sovenga, 0727.	*Senior Technician* *Area of responsibility:* Aquaculture Research Unit *Responsible for:* Technical and research support for the research unit	1st May 2004 – 28th February 2006

Department: Environmental Affairs and Nature Conservation	Doornkloof Nature Reserve, PO Box 94, Colesberg, 9795	*Protected Area Manager* *Area of responsibility:* Doornkloof Nature Reserve *Responsible for:* General, conservation and wildlife management of the nature reserve	1st September 1998 – 28th April 2004
	Namakwa District Office, Private Bag X6, Calvinia, 8190	*District Nature Conservation Officer* *Area of responsibility:* Namakwa-Hantam District *Responsible for:* Law enforcement, environmental education, conservation advice and community liaison	6th January 1997 – 30th August 1998
Part-time/Contract positions: University of Pretoria	Centre for Wildlife Management, University of Pretoria, Pretoria, 0002	*Technician* *Area of responsibility:* Centre for Wildlife Management *Responsible for:* Technical and research support for the research unit	19th June 1996 – 31st December 1996
North-West Parks Board	Pilanesberg National Park, PO Box 1201, Mogwase, 0302	*Volunteer* *Area of responsibility:* Pilanesberg National Park *Responsible for:* Assisted field ecologist with data collection and field work	15th May 1996 – 17th June 1996
Cape Nature Conservation	Outeniqua Nature Reserve, Private Bag X6517, George, 6530	*Student Nature Conservator* *Area of responsibility:* Outeniqua Nature Reserve *Responsible for:* Assisted reserve manager with conservation management and field work	15th May 1995 – 6th May 1996

4. Ratings & Impacts

Agency	Rating
South African National Research Foundation	C3 (Rating)
Google Scholar	18 (h-index)
Scopus	12 (h-index)

5. Scientific output

Peer reviewed Journal Publications (shading indicates publications by postgraduate students and post-doctoral researchers under my supervision)
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	Supervisor	Megaherbivores on the Diets of Large Herbivores in Sanbona Wildlife Reserve	
34) Mr A. van Niekerk	BSc Hons (Wildlife Management), UP, Co-Supervisor	Leopard tortoise occupancy in arid reserves in South Africa: assessment using camera traps.	Completed (2022)
35) Miss H. Basson	BSc Hons (Natural Resource Management), NMU, Co-supervisor	Factors influencing Chondrichthyan egg case hatching success in Mossel Bay, South Africa	Completed (2023) *Cum Laude*
36) Miss Y. Markides	BSc Hons (Natural Resource Management), NMU, Supervisor	The Development of a Condition Scoring System for White Rhinoceros (*Ceratotherium simum*), using expert knowledge	Completed (2023)
37) Mrs Rebecka Ryan	BSc Hons (Natural Resource Management), NMU, Supervisor	Opportunistic utilisation of resource pulses by a mesopredator in Welgevonden Game Reserve, South Africa	Completed (2023) *Cum Laude*
38) Mr D Stols	BSc Hons (Natural Resource Management), NMU, Co-supervisor	Elephants reduce vegetation diversity and affect tree structure in Madikwe Game Reserve	Completed (2023) *Cum Laude*
39) Mr T. Fifford	BSc Hons (Natural Resource Management), NMU, Supervisor	An assessment of a decade of surf-zone linefish monitoring in the Goukamma Marine Protected Area: Is the current resource use zonation effective?	Completed (2023) *Cum Laude*
40) Mr D.J.S. Samarasinghe	BSc Hons (Natural Resource Management), NMU, Supervisor	On the population ecology of an island leopard from a protected landscape	Completed (2023)
41) Miss S Rich	BSc Hons (Wildlife Management), UP, Co-Supervisor	The effect of vehicles on black-backed jackal (*Lupulella mesomelas*) and leopard (*Panthera pardus*) activity	Completed (2023)
42) Miss M. Venter	BSc Hons (Wildlife Management), UP, Co-Supervisor	Drivers of free-roaming African wild dog land use in the Waterberg, South Africa	Completed (2023)
Masters			
1) Mr E. Mmonoa	MSc (Zoology), University of Limpopo, Co-supervisor	Breeding habitat of Blue crane (*Anthropoides paradiseus*) in Mpumalanga	Completed (2010)
2) Miss M. Pfeiffer	Msc (Zoology), University of Kwazulu-Natal, Co-supervisor	Understanding the association between Cape Vultures (*Gyps coprotheres*) and communal farmland.	Upgraded to PhD (2013)
3) Mrs M. Vermeulen	MSc (Nature Conservation), NMU, Co-supervisor	Exploring feeding ecology and population growth rate responses of ungulates in southern African arid biomes	Completed (2016-2017)
4) Mr C. Brooke	MSc (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	Energy maximisation strategies of different African herbivores in a fire dominated and nutrient poor grassland ecosystem	Completed (2016-2017) *Cum Laude*
5) Miss F. Martens	MSc (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	The spatial ecology and roost site selection of fledging Cape Vultures (*Gyps coprotheres*) in the Eastern Cape, South Africa.	Completed (2016-2017) *Cum Laude*
6) Mrs T. Meintjes	MSc (Nature Conservation – Part time), NMU, Supervisor	Using citizen science data to evaluate waterbird populations in the Garden Route	Deregistered (2016-2020) Not completed
7) Miss D. Winterton	MSc (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	Land use and ecosystem regulation: Exploring the influence of management practise on mesopredator and herbivore	Completed (2017-2018)

		interactions	
8) Mr J. Vogel	MSc (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	Predicting reintroduction outcomes: Assessing the feasibility of reintroducing African wild dog to a small protected area.	Completed (2017-2018) *Cum Laude*
9) Miss C. Young	MSc (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	Examining the influence of extrinsic factors on herbivore assemblage composition and resultant nutrient feedbacks in Kruger National Park	Completed (2017-2018)
10) Miss A. Robinson	MSc (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	The influence of water dependency on the spatial ecology of large mammalian herbivores on the paleo-Agulhus plain	Deregistered (2018-2022) Not completed
11) Miss Z. Schoeman	MSc (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	The spatiotemporal aspects of predation on the Cape gannet *Morus capensis* population at Bird Island, Lambert's Bay, Western Cape, South Africa	Completed (2018-2019)
12) Mr P. Faure	MSc (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	The influence of anthropogenic and environmental covariates on the habitat use and density of sympatric carnivores, Limpopo Province, South Africa	Completed (2018-2019)
13) Miss YRP. Swartz	MSc (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	Elephants in Madikwe Game Reserve: Measuring past and future impacts	Deregistered (2018-2021) Not completed
14) Miss C. Burt	MSc (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	An assessment of different methods for measuring mammal diversity in two Southern African arid ecosystems	Completed (2018-2020)
15) Miss A. Jansen-van Vuuren	MSc (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	The feeding ecology and habitat selection of small antelopes in the Overberg Renosterveld, Western Cape	Completed (2019-2020)
16) Mr H. Swanepoel	MSc (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	The implications of landscape scale habitat fragmentation and ecological corridors on the spatial ecology of five specialist browser species in a lowland Fynbos and Renosterveld ecosystem.	Completed (2019-2020)
17) Miss T. Honiball	MSc (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	Estimating the population size of three large carnivore species and the diet of six large carnivore species, in Madikwe Game Reserve	Completed (2019-2020)
18) Miss N. Tsie	MSc (Wildlife Management), UP, Co-supervisor	The interaction between burrowing mammal occurrence and large carnivore presence in South Africa	Deregistered, Not completed (2019-2022)
19) Mrs C. Shutte	MSc (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	Understanding what factors determine the birth-sex ratio of Chacma baboons (*Papio ursinus*) on the Cape Peninsula	Deregistered, Not completed (2020-2023)
20) Miss I. Bettings	MSc (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	Using spatial explicit capture-recapture model to investigate the demography and spatial dynamics of lion prides in Pilanesberg National Park	Completed (2020-2021)
21) Mr Kyle Smith	MSc (Wildlife Management), UP, Co-supervisor	Testing the spatial and temporal avoidance hypotheses: Do subordinate carnivores change behaviour in response to dominant carnivores?	Completed (2020-2022)
22) Mr D. Ball	MSc (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	Do African elephants (*Loxodonta africana*) use artificial water points as central forage stations in the Madikwe Game Reserve?	Deregistered (2020-2021) Not completed
23) Miss J. Daya	MSc (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	Feeding ecology and habitat preference of black rhino (*Diceros bicornis*) in Welgevonden Game Reserve, Limpopo Province.	Completed (2020-2021)

24) Mr TD Baird	MSc (Wildlife Management), UP, Co-supervisor	Implications of camera trap survey design and analytical methods for large carnivore estimates	Completed (2021)
25) Miss J. Harris	MSc (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	Investigating the effects of pulse-driven resource availability on mammal communities in the Kalahari, South Africa	Completed (2021-2022)
26) Mr Markus Woesner	MSc (Conservation and Management of Fish and Wildlife), Swedish University of Agricultural Science, Co-supervisor	Does the response to hot temperatures differ among species in a large herbivore community in the southern Kalahari? A landscape of risk versus heat	Completed (2022-2023)
27) Mr Samuel Ralph Davidson-Phillips	MSc (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	Estimation of a generalist meso-carnivore (Black-backed Jackal) population from a fenced protected area	Completed (2022-2023) *Cum Laude*
28) Mr Moraswi Masehle	Magister Science Wildlife Health, Ecology and Management, University of Pretoria, Co-supervisor	The Activity Patterns of the Specialized Browsing Species and their Behavioral Adjustments in Response to Predation	In progress (2022)
29) Mr Jaco Geldenhuys	Master of Scientiae (MSc) in Environmental Management, University of Pretoria, Co-supervisor	Occupancy of black-backed jackal (*Canis mesomelas* Schreber, 1775) across South Africa	In progress (2021-2022)
30) Miss Cleo Ferreira	MSc (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	Evaluating the impact of dehorning on the behavioural ecology of white rhinoceros (*Ceratotherium simum*)	In progress (2023-2024)
Doctoral			
1) Miss M. Pfeiffer	PhD (Zoology), University of Kwazulu-Natal, Co-supervisor	Ecology and conservation of the Cape Vulture in the Eastern Cape, South Africa	Completed 2016
2) Mr W. Matthee	PhD (Nature Conservation – Part time), NMU, Supervisor	Forest birds and habitat fragmentation: evolutionary adaptations to environmental change	Deregistered, Not completed (2016-2022)
3) Mrs MM. Vermeulen	PhD (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	Variation in abundance and structure of mammal communities and the consequences for species diversity	In progress (2018-2022)
4) Mrs FR. Brooke	PhD (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	Cape Vultures and their increasing threats: a race to extinction?	Completed (2018-2021)
5) Mr CF. Brooke	PhD (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	Large mammalian fauna of the Palaeo-Agulhas Plain: Predicting habitat use and range distribution	Completed (2018-2020)
6) Mr P. Mkumba	PhD (Nature Conservation), NMU, Co-Supervisor	Migration patterns of male elephants (*Loxodonta africana*) in the Hwange-Shangani corridor: Consequences on Human Elephant Conflict	In progress (2019-2022)
7) Mr W. Conradie	PhD (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	Herpetofaunal diversity and affiliations of the Okavango River Basin, with specific focus on the Angolan headwaters.	Completed (2020-2023)
8) Miss A. Bernard	PhD (Zoology) REHABS International Research Laboratory, CNRS-Université Lyon 1-Nelson Mandela University, Co-Supervisor	Trophic guild distortion in anthropogenic landscapes – Testing anthropodependence and reconciliation ecology principles of mammals in the Greater Cape Floristic Kingdom.	Completed (2020-2022)

9) Mr GS. Botha	PhD (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	The effects of fences and other infrastructure on the mammal community structure and distribution in protected areas across South Africa.	In progress (2020-2024)
10) Dr C. Helm	PhD (Geoscience), NMU, Co-supervisor	Pleistocene fossil tracks and traces on the Cape coast of South Africa	Completed (2020-2023)
11) Mrs Z. Strydom	PhD (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	Assessing the effects of fish stock management on endangered seabird populations in South Africa	Completed (2020-2023)
12) Mrs W.L. Zeller Zigaitis	PhD (Geography), Pennsylvania State University	Protected Area Process and Design: Using Geospatial Data to Mitigate Poaching in Protected Areas	Completed (2020-2024)
13) Miss T. Honiball	PhD (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	Fission fusion dynamics of spotted hyaena (*Crocuta crocuta*) in fenced protected areas: Implications for conservation management of a socially intelligent species	Completed (2021-2024)
14) Miss A. Jansen van Vuuren	PhD (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	The role of spotted and brown hyaena activity hotspots on interspecific interactions	In progress (2021-2024)
15) Mr H. Swanepoel	PhD (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	The effects of climate on the phenology of African ungulates in arid and semi-arid regions of South Africa.	In progress (2022-2024)
16) Miss J Daya	PhD (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	Managing Lions in Pilanesberg National Park: Finding a Balance between Economic and Ecological Realities in Fenced Parks	In progress (2023-2025)
17) Miss J Harris	PhD (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	A Game of Thrones: Rivals, territories and resources. What are the intrinsic costs to African lions contained in small, fenced parks?	Deregistered (2023-2023) Not completed.
18) Miss E Overton	PhD (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	The ecological role of cheetah (*Acinonyx jubatus)* and their impact on prey populations on Tswalu Kalahari Reserve	In progress (2023-2026)
Post-Doctoral Researchers & Research fellows			
1) Dr L. Pardo-Vargas	Snapshot Safari South Africa – A country wide assessment of mammal biodiversity		FBIP-NRF Post-Doctoral Researcher (2019-2020) NRF Innovation Postdoctoral Fellowship (2021-2022)
2) Dr C. Guerbois	Social-Ecological Systems		NMU Research Fellow (2019-2023)
3) Dr D. Marneweck	Snapshot Safari South Africa – A country wide assessment of mammal biodiversity		NMU Post-Doctoral Research Fellow (2020-2021)
4) Dr C. Brooke	Late Pleistocene herbivore use on the Palaeo-Agulhas Plain: the facilitation role of megaherbivores and the implications for the modern rewilding of landscapes		NRF Innovation Postdoctoral Fellowship (2021-2022)
5) Dr R. Davies	Assessing the density, distribution and spatiotemporal dynamics of small carnivores across African conservation landscapes		NMU Post-Doctoral Research Fellow (2022-2023)
6) Dr Chad Keates	Genetic study on herpetological samples from Angola in association with Werner Conradie, PE Museum.		NMU Post-Doctoral Researcher (2022)
7) Dr L Thel	A Game of Thrones: Rivals, territories and resources. What are the intrinsic costs to African lions contained in small, fenced parks?		FBIP-NRF Post-Doctoral Researcher (2023-2024) NMU Post-Doctoral Research Fellow (2025-2026)

6. Experience in Teaching & Learning

Teaching experience		
Time period	Institution	Module or Course Information

2015-current	Nelson Mandela University	I teach Animal Studies I/Game Health I & Animal Studies III/Game Science III to undergraduates (Diploma in Nature Conservation and Diploma in Game Ranch Management), Conservation Management and Plant Studies IV (BTech Nature Conservation), Game Science IV/Animal Studies IV (Advanced Diploma in Game Ranch Management & Advanced Diploma Nature Conservation), Conservation Management (BSc Hons Natural Resource Management).	
2022 (April-May)	Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences	Visiting lecturer at the Department Wildlife, Fish and Environmental Studies, Umea. Course work Masters degree, International Wildlife Management Module. Sweden-South Africa Erasmus ICM exchange program on wildlife ecology and management	
2010-2018	Pennsylvania State University/University of Cape Town	Assisted in setting up and hosting a study abroad program called People and Parks South Africa (http://aeseda.psu.edu/programs/parks-and-people-south-africa/). The students spend 10 weeks in South Africa (January-March) on an annual basis. I was one of the South African field lecturers for the program and presented practical biodiversity surveys (where we physically conducted biodiversity inventory surveys on various protected areas) and since 2013 an introductory course to conservation in South Africa. This course (2 weeks) introduced students to South African ecological and biodiversity features as well as various protected area management models while traveling from Cape Town to their base (Wild Coast, Eastern Cape).	
2005	University of Limpopo	Taught GIS to 1st and 2nd year students for one semester as substitute lecturer at the Department of Geography	
Curriculum Development & Review			
2019	Nelson Mandela University	Development of the new Advanced Diploma: Nature Conservation	Team leader of course development team
2018-2019	Nelson Mandela University	Development of the new BSc Honours: Natural Resource Management	Team member of the course development team
2020	University of South Africa	Review of the Postgraduate Diploma: Nature Conservation	Chairman of the external review committee
2020	Southern African Wildlife College	Review of a new Diploma: Applied Natural Resource Management	External reviewer

7. Professional membership and service

Association	Details	Time period
South African Wildlife Management Association	Ordinary member (Council member 2008-2010; 2018-2023)	1998-Current date
Zoological Society of Southern Africa	Ordinary member	2009-2023
IUCN Crocodile Specialist Group	Ordinary member	2013-Current date
Mammal Research Institute, University of Pretoria	Research Associate	2013-Current date
Centre for Coastal Palaeo Science, NMU	Honorary Researcher	2016-Current date
South African Council for Natural Scientific Professions	Professional Natural Scientist – Ecological Sciences: Registration Number. 400111/14	2014-Current date
Associated Private Nature Reserves Ecological Advisory Committee	Committee member	2022 – Current date
Welgevonden Game Reserve Scientific Advisory Committee	Committee member	2018-Current date
BirdLife South Africa and Endangered Wildlife Trust - Birds and Renewable Energy Specialist Group	Specialist advisor	2019-2021
REHABS International Research Laboratory, CNRS-Université Lyon 1-Nelson Mandela University, George Campus	Research Associate	2019-Current date
Society for Conservation Biology	Professional Member	2020-Current date
Centre for African Conservation Ecology, Nelson	Member	2022-Current date

Mandela University		

8. Other courses and qualifications

List of qualifications obtained	List of courses completed
Professional Hunter; Category C Skippers License; Marine VHF Radio Operator; NAUI Open Water 1 SCUBA Diver	Statistical Techniques in Ecology, Snake ID & Snakebite Treatment; Advanced Snake Handling; Conservation Planning; Practical Remote Sensing for Conservation Biologists; Ecological Niche Modelling; Landscape genetic approaches for Conservation Biologists; Resource evaluation and game ranch management for sustainable game production and conservation; Disease Risk Assessment; Game counting techniques; Wildlife handling and welfare; Maintenance of outboard motors and handling of boats on inland waters; Various ArcView, ArcGIS courses; Quantum GIS Various Windows Software courses; Financial management systems; Peace officer; Problem animal control.

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