



Ecological Assessment for the Vredesvallei landfill site

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1. Introduction

Pachnoda Consulting (and Kyllinga Consulting) has been appointed by SE Solutions to conduct an ecological assessment of the site including:

- Desktop analyses and literature reviews of existing ecology-related information, including available recent and historic aerial photographs.
- Site surveys to identify ecology-related risk features at each site by a Pr. Sci. Nat. Specialist, who will also delineate and assess sensitive areas.
- The creation of an ecological sensitivity spatial data (e.g. shapefiles) based on site surveys and desktop assessments, which can be used for map production.
- Description of identified sensitive areas/ species and other ecological indicators.
- Description of the conservation status and threat status of all vegetation types and faunal species identified on each site.

2. Site

2.1. Location

The site is located approximately 1.4km to the east of the town Vredesvallei, in the Kai Garib local municipality, Northern Cape. The site is located in a rural area outside the developed area. The border with Namibia is located approximately 23km to the west-north-west. The site is located in the Riemvasmaak Community Conservancy and the Augrabies National Park is present to the south of the site. Riemvasmaak is located approximately 17km to the east of the site. The Orange River is located to the south of the site and the Molopo River (a non-perennial river) is present to the east of the site. The confluence of the two rivers is located approximately 1km to the south of the site.

3. Background information

3.1. Vegetation

The site falls in the Lower Gariep Broken Veld vegetation type (Mucina & Rutherford 2006). The vegetation type is present on irregular plains, hills and low mountains. The vegetation is sparse and dominated by dwarf shrubs and shrubs, with several perennial grass and herb species and conspicuous annual species in the spring. Scattered tree groups are present on foot slopes and the slopes of koppies.

Several small trees are present in the vegetation type, including *Acacia mellifera, Commiphora gracilifrondosa, Pappea capensis* and *Ziziphus mucronata*. Several species of tall and dwarf shrubs are also present in the vegetation type, as well as several succulent shrub species, such as *Ceraria namaquensis, Euphorbia avasmontana, Kleinia longifolia* and *Lycium bosciifolium*. Several grass species are also present, including several *Aristida, Stipagrostis, Eragrostis* and *Enneapogon* species. The endemic succulent shrub *Ruschia punens* are also present in the vegetation type.

According to Mucina & Rutherford (2006) the vegetation type is classified as Least Threatened, even though only small patches are statutorily conserved in the Augrabies Falls National Park. The vegetation type is not listed in the "National list of ecosystems that are threatened and in need of protection" under the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act (Act 10 of 2004) as published in the Government Notice of 11 December 2011.





Figure 1. Locality of the Vredesvallei landfill site.



3.2. Centres of endemism

The Succulent Karoo Region is a floristic unit in the western portion of the Northern Cape Province and in portions of the Western Cape Province, and contains several centres of floristic endemism. This region mostly overlaps with the Succulent Karoo Biome (Van Wyk & Smith 2001).

The Vredesvallei site is located on the edge of the Gariep Centre of Floristic Endemism, which forms part of the Succulent Karoo Region. The Orange River valley cuts through the centre and also forms the boundary between South Africa and Namibia along most of its length in this Gariep Centre. The Gariep Centre is located in the north-western corner of the Northern Cape Province and the southern portion of Namibia. It is roughly L shaped extending northwards along the coast, and inland along the Orange River Valley to Augrabies. The Richtersveld is also included in the Gariep Centre.

The vegetation in the Gariep Centre consists mostly of xerophytic semi-desert shrubland with a high dominance of leaf succulents, which is the area is classified as the Succulent Karoo Biome. Succulent species are less dominant in the eastern portions of the centre. The Orange River is the only permanent watercourse in the area and the associated vegetation is mesophytic gallery bush and other riverine vegetation. Trees and shurbs are sparsely distributed and mostly confined to the banks of the Orange River, dry watercourses, springs and rocky mountainous areas. The vegetation is related to the geomoporphology, geology and climate of the region.

Plant families with high endemism in the centre include the Asteraceae, Crassulaceae, Euphorbiaceae, Geraniaceae, Liliaceae, Mesembryanthemaceae, Portulacaceae and Zygophyllaceae. The Gariep Centre has the greatest variety of succulent species on earth. Most of these species are in the Mesembryanthemaceae, with approximately 60% of genera being endemic to the region, but several other families also has a high diversity of succulent endemic species in the centre.

4. Methods

4.1. Vegetation Assessment

Aerial photographs of the site were investigated and habitat units identified. A list of the species that has been recorded in the quarter degree grid (2820AC) and the grid directly adjacent (2820CA) has been downloaded from SIBIS (http://sibis.sanbi.org/). From this list, a list of Red Data species, medicinal plant species and invasive plant species were extracted. These lists were used to inform the assessment.

The site visit took place on 15 October 2015. The vegetation in each of the habitat units on site were recorded and a Braun-Blanquette cover-abundance (Table 1) were assigned to each species. The vegetation was recorded along random transect walks, on site and adjacent to the site. Braun-Blanquette cover-abundance values were not assigned to species located outside the site. The habitat adjacent to the site is assumed to be similar to the habitat prior to commissioning of the landfill. A search for the Red Data species was also conducted on site and adjacent to the site.



Table 1. Braun-Blanquette cover-abundance scale used.

Value	Cover
+	Less than 1% crown cover – As single individual or a few very small individuals.
1	1-5% crown cover
2a	6-12% crown cover
2b	13-25% crown cover
2m	Numerous small individuals or seedlings spread across the site, with a crown cover of no
	more than 25%
3	26-50% crown cover
4	51-75% crown cover
5	76-100% crown cover

4.2. Fauna Assessment

Species lists of species that have been recorded on site were downloaded from the Virtual Museum on the Animal Demography Unit website (http://vmus.adu.org.za/), and a bird species list was downloaded from the South African Bird Atlas Project (SABAP2) website (http://sabap2.adu.org.za/). A list of the threatened bird species from the area has also been downloaded from SIBIS. These lists include species that were recorded in the area by various observers and which may therefore be present on site.

The site visit took place on 15 October 2015. Species were recorded along random walks, mainly on the edges of the landfill and adjacent to the landfill, but also in the surrounding areas. The site was mostly investigated for available habitat and species observed on site during the site visit were noted. Potential habitat for Red Data species were also noted in the surrounding area. No trapping took place.

5. Results

5.1. Vegetation

The landfill is located at the edge of on old cultivated field, adjacent to a rocky outcrop. The vegetation in the old cultivated field and on site is dominated by *Mesembryanthemum* cf *barklyi*, with *Zygophyllum dregeanum* succulent shrubs and a few large clumps of *Stipagrostis namaquensis*. Large bare areas (approximately 95%) are present (Figure 2). The site has a very low species composition and the species observed on site are listed in Table 2, below. The observed species are fairly common and none of the observed species are of conservation importance. *Mesembryanthemum* cf *barklyi* is a weedy species, commonly associated with disturbances, including ploughed fields and road reserves.





Figure 2. Bare soil and vegetation on and adjacent to the site.

Table 2. Plant species observed on site

Species	On site	Adjacent to site
Acacia mellifera		х
Boscia albitrunca		х
Enneapogon desvauxii	+	х
Euphorbia dredgiana		х
Mesembryanthemum cf barklyi	2m	х
Stipagrostis namaquensis	+	х
Zygophyllum dregeanum	2a	х

5.1.1. Invasive species

A list of alien and invasive species has been published in the Government Gazette of 1 August 2014 in the Alien and Invasive Species Regulations (AIS) under the National Environmental Management, Biodiversity Act, 2004 (Act no. 10 of 2004) (NEMBA). No invasive species were recorded in the quaternary degree catchment, but the alien species *Tribulus terrestris* was recorded in the area.



5.2. Species of conservation importance

Several species of conservation importance were recorded in the quarter degree catchment. Five plant species were recorded in the quaternary degree catchment and are included in Table 3 below. No habitat is present for the species of conservation importance on site and none of the species are expected to be present. A description of the habitat requirements of the species and the availability of habitat is indicated in Table 3.

Table 3. Plant species of conservation importance recorded in quaternary catchment 2820AC & 2820CA.

Family Name	Species Name	Common Name	Category	IUCN Category	Habitat	Habitat present
Apocynaceae	Hoodia gordonii		Plants	DDD	Arid habitats from coastal to mountainous. On gentle to steep shale ridges, found from dry, rocky places to sandy spots in riverbeds.	None on site
Asparagaceae	Asparagus stipulaceus		Plants	NT	Coastal dunes.	None on site
Asphodelaceae	Aloe dichotoma	Kokerboom	Plants	VU	On the north-facing slopes of hills in Namaqualand.	None on site
Fabaceae	Vachellia erioloba (=Acacia erioloba)	Camel Thorn	Plants	Declining	Deep sandy soils in arid to semi-arid areas or along dry river beds or on alluvial soils.	None on site
Mesembryanthe- maceae	Dinteranthus wilmotianus		Plants	NT	Alluvial gravel.	None on site

NT - Near Threatened

NL - Not Listed

VU - Vulnerable

DDD - Data Deficient, insufficient information

5.3. Fauna

5.3.1. Mammals

Several fauna species can possibly occur on site. Several domestic species were observed in the surroundings, including donkeys, goats and dogs. The area is used by the community for grazing and these species are therefore expected. The species on site is common to the area and not of significant conservation importance.

The species observed on site is not a comprehensive list of the species that may be present on site. For a more comprehensive list, please refer to Addendum C.

The species of conservation importance that has been observed in the area are listed in Table 4 below. Only two of these species falls within one of the threat categories: *Equus zebra subsp. Hartmannae*



(Hartmann's Zebra) and *Cistugo seabrae* (Angolan Wing-gland Bat). Both of these species were probably recorded in the Augrabies National Park and are unlikely to be present on the site.

Table 4. Mammal species of conservation importance observed in the area

Family Species		Common name	Red list category	
Equidae	Equus zebra subsp. hartmannae	Hartmann's Zebra	Endangered	
Macroscelididae	Elephantulus intufi	Bushveld Elephant Shrew	Data Deficient	
Muridae	Gerbilliscus leucogaster	Bushveld Gerbil	Data Deficient	
Muridae	Parotomys littledalei	Littledale's Whistling Rat	Near Threatened	
Mustelidae	Mellivora capensis	Honey Badger	Near Threatened	
Petromuridae	Petromus typicus	Dassie Rat	Near Threatened	
Soricidae	Crocidura cyanea	Reddish-gray Musk Shrew	Data Deficient	
Vespertilionidae	Cistugo seabrae	Angolan Wing-gland Bat	Vulnerable	

5.3.2. Avifauna

The bird species listed in Table 5 were also observed around the site during the site visit, but no species of conservation importance were observed on site during the site visit. A list of bird species previously recorded in the area is included in Addendum D.

Table 5. Bird species observed in the vicinity of the Vredesvallei landfill during the site visit.

Species name	Common name
Passer melanurus	Cape Sparrow
Stenostira scita	Fairy Flycatcher
Pycnonotus nigricans	African Red-eyed Bulbul

Foraging habitat is present adjacent to the site for four of the bird species of conservation importance, and possible breeding habitat is present for two of the bird species in the area. Two of these species has however been reclassified as being Near Threatened (Table 3). The landfill site is however small and is unlikely to have a significant impact on these species.



Common name	Taxon name	Regional Red List Status 2014	Regional Red List Status 2000	Habitat	Habitat present on site
Bustard, Kori	Ardeotis kori	Vulnerable	Near Threatened	Dry thornveld, grassland and semi- desert near tree cover.	Foraging habitat
Korhaan, Karoo	Eupodotis vigorsii	Near Threatened	Least Concern	Desert and semi-desert of the Karoo, or wheat fields.	Foraging habitat
Falcon, Lanner	Falco biarmicus	Near Threatened	Vulnerable	Occur in wide range of habitats but avoids forests.	Foraging habitat, possibly breeding habitat in the larger area
Eagle, Martial	Polemaetus bellicosus	Endangered	Vulnerable	Savanna, but present in any habitat from desert to forest edge.	Foraging habitat, possibly breeding habitat in the area

Table 6. Bird species of conservation importance recorded in quaternary catchment 2820AD.

5.3.3. Herpetofauna

1.1.1.1. *Reptiles*

Numerous reptile species were recorded in the area (Addendum E), probably mostly in the mountainous areas around the site, but several species may also be present on site. All of the species, however, has a status of Least Concern or had not been evaluated. No reptile species of conservation importance are therefore expected on the site and the landfill is not expected to have a significant impact on the reptiles of the area.

1.1.1.2. Frogs

A few frog species were recorded in the area and are included in Addendum F, but no species of conservation importance are expected at the site or in close proximity to the site.

5.3.4. Invertebrates

Numerous butterfly and scorpion species has been recorded in the area (Addendum G), none of which is threatened. Numerous other invertebrate species are also expected to be present in the area and on site. No species of conservation importance are however expected on site.

6. Buffer recommendations

A buffer zone is intended as an area to mitigate the impact of the development on sensitive features on site. Since the landfill is already in use and no floral or faunal species of conservation concern were identified on site, no buffer zone is applicable to the site.

7. Sensitivity

No sensitive features are present on site or north of the site, but the rocky outcrops (Figure 3) to the south of the site should be considered to be of moderate sensitivity and conservation importance.





Figure 3. Rocky outcrop located to the south of the site.



8. Impact assessment and mitigation recommendations

Table 7. Impact assessment table for the Vredesvallei landfill site.

Nature	Extent	Duration	Intensity	Probability	Status	Significance without mitigation	Significance with mitigation and rehabilitation	Confidence	Reversibility	Replaceability	Cumulative
Loss of habitat and indigenous species	Site	Long term	Low	Possible	Negative	Low	No Impact	High	Largely irreversible	Large areas of habitat and indigenous vegetation remain	No
Loss of habitat for species of conservation importance	Site	Permanent	Low	Improbable	Negative	No Impact	No Impact	Moderate	Moderately reversible	Replaceable	No
Loss of ecological corridors	Site	Long term	Low	Improbable	Negative	No Impact	No Impact	Moderate	No impact	No impact	No
Infestation by invasive plant species	Local	Long term	Low- Medium	Improbable	Negative	Low	No Impact	Moderate	Reversible with mitigation measures	Replaceable	No
Infestation by pest species	Local	Long term	Low- Medium	Possible	Negative	Low	No Impact	Moderate	Reversible with mitigation measures	Replaceable	No



Loss of habitat and indigenous species

The habitat on site is partially transformed by the landfill in place. Some habitat and indigenous species remain on site and adjacent to the site. At present the landfill are in disuse and will be rehabilitated and closed. The site is currently locked and some dumping is taking place outside the fence.

Mitigation:

- Clean up the surrounding areas and move the litter into an approved landfill area.
- Dumping activities must be confined to the fenced area.
- Vehicle movement must be restricted to the fenced area and the road to the landfill and should not disturb additional vegetation and habitat.
- Rehabilitation activities should focus on clearing the litter from the area outside the landfill and establishing a soil cover over the litter on site.

Loss of habitat for species of conservation importance

No species of conservation importance are likely to utilise the habitat on site. Some of the species may however utilise the rocky hills to the south of the site. The landfill, or closure and rehabilitation activities, may not be expanded into this area.

Ecological corridors

Given the relatively small size of the site and the large undeveloped area surrounding it, the impact is negligible. No mitigation is therefore required.

Infestation by invasive plant species

Invasive plant species tend to establish in disturbed areas. The species must however be transported to these areas in some way. Although this is not a problem at present, there is a possibility that invasive plant species can spread to and from the site, should viable seed or plant parts be dumped at the landfill. Since this has not happened to date, the risk of this happening is considered to be low.

Mitigation:

- If populations of invasive species do establish on site these should be controlled.
- The spread of invasive and weedy species from the site should be easy to observe, but if in doubt, consult a specialist.
- Care must be taken not to control indigenous species.

Infestation by animal pest species

Landfill sites can potentially provide habitat and food to several indigenous and alien pests and scavengers, including rats (*Rattus rattus & Rattus norvegius*), mice (*Mus musculus*), jackals (*Canis* sp.),



feral dogs (*Canis domesticus*) and feral cats (*Felis catus*). Several bird species including crows (*Corvus* sp.) and Grey-headed gulls (*Larus cirrocephalus*), as well as insect species such as flies (*Musca domestica*) may also become a problem. Pests and scavengers are however only a problem when food sources and breeding habitat are available. At present the site is fairly free of food sources and is unlikely to be infested by pests.

Mitigation:

- Cover newly dumped rubbish containing food scraps at least once a week.
- If excessive numbers of flies are present the rubbish must be covered at the end of each day.

9. Conclusion

The landfill site is not utilised on a frequent basis and natural habitat still remains on site. The site and surrounding area is however very poorly vegetated and large bare areas are present, with only a few plant and animal species present. The site is therefore not considered to be of high conservation importance.



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- Ecological Assessment: Ecological Assessments as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment Process
- Wetland Assessment:

Wetland Assessments as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment Process and Water Use Applications, as well as rehabilitation plans for wetlands, including planning or the Working for Wetlands programme. Large scale wetland assessments (catchment scale).

• GIS:

Compilation of maps for submission as part of Environmental Impact Assessment Process. Creating spatial databases and large scale wetland maps (catchment scale). Projection conversions and matching/overlaying different format GIS maps.

• Environmental Impact Assessment

Undertaken numerous Environmental Scoping Reports, as required by the Environment Conservation Act, 1989 (Act 73 of 1989), the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998), as amended and the Development Facilitation Act, 1995 (Act 67 of 1995). Project experience includes the establishment of various housing typologies, golf courses, commercial and industrial projects, infrastructure development (roads), resorts and/or game lodges as well as filling stations.

• Public Participation:

Undertaken numerous public participation processes, ranging from basic to extensive, as required by relevant environmental legislation.

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

- Professional Natural Scientist (Pr.Sci.Nat) in the field of Botanical Science (Reg no. 400048/08)
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EMPLOYMENT HISTORY EXPERIENCE

Kyllinga Consulting (July 2015 - present)

Senior Ecologist responsible for wetland and ecological specialist assessments.

Spatial Ecological Consulting (February 2010 – June 2015)

Senior Ecologist responsible for wetland and ecological specialist assessments.

• Wetland Related Assessments

More than 40 wetland assessments conducted between 2010 and 2015.

• Vegetation Assessments

Approximately 16 vegetation assessments between 2010 and 2015.

Management Plans

Completed two ecological management plans.

MSA Group Services (previously Exigent Environmental CC) (August 2004 – January 2010)

Environmental Scientist responsible for ecological and wetland assessments and the compilation of maps. Also conducted various scoping and EIA applications and EMPRs.

- Ecological Assessments
- In excess of 50 ecological assessments conducted between 2004 and 2010, including managing the inclusion of the fauna specialist assessments.
- Wetland Assessments

More than 60 wetland verification projects, wetland delineations and wetland assessments, completed between 2004 and 2010.

As well as:

Rehabilitation Projects; Fatal Flaw / Screening Assessments; National Department of Agriculture Authorisations; Mining Related Assessments; Private, Public Partnership Projects; Resource Management Plans (RMP); Environmental Management Plans; Environmental Management Programme; Environmental Exemption Processes; Basic Assessments; Environmental Impact Assessments

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Addendum B – Declaration of Independence

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I, CE Venter (Ina) , declare that -

General declaration:

- I act as the independent specialist in this application;
- I will perform the work relating to the application in an objective manner, even if this results in views and findings that are not favourable to the applicant;
- I declare that there are no circumstances that may compromise my objectivity in performing such work;
- I have expertise in conducting the specialist report relevant to this application, including knowledge of the Act, regulations and any guidelines that have relevance to the proposed activity;
- I will comply with the Act, regulations and all other applicable legislation;
- I will take into account, to the extent possible, the matters listed in Regulation 8;
- I have no, and will not engage in, conflicting interests in the undertaking of the activity;
- I undertake to disclose to the applicant and the competent authority all material information in my possession that reasonably has or may have the potential of influencing - any decision to be taken with respect to the application by the competent authority; and - the objectivity of any report, plan or document to be prepared by myself for submission to the competent authority;
- All the particulars furnished by me in this form are true and correct; and
- I realise that a false declaration is an offence in terms of Regulation 71 and is punishable in terms of section 24F of the Act.

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Signature of specialist:

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Date:



Red list Family **Species** Common name category Bovidae Antidorcas marsupialis Springbok Least Concern Bovidae Oreotragus oreotragus Klipspringer Least Concern Bovidae Gemsbok Least Concern Oryx gazella Bovidae Syncerus caffer African Buffalo Least Concern Bovidae Tragelaphus oryx Common Eland Least Concern Bovidae Tragelaphus strepsiceros Greater Kudu Least Concern Canidae Canis mesomelas Black-backed Jackal Least Concern Bat-eared Fox Canidae Otocyon megalotis Least Concern Canidae Vulpes chama Cape Fox Least Concern Cercopithecus pygerythrus Cercopithecidae Vervet Monkey Least Concern subsp. pygerythrus Cercopithecidae Chlorocebus pygerythrus Vervet Monkey Not listed Cercopithecidae Least Concern Papio ursinus Chacma Baboon Equus zebra subsp. Equidae Hartmann's Zebra Endangered hartmannae Black-footed Cat Felidae Felis nigripes Least Concern Felidae Felis silvestris Wildcat Least Concern Felidae Panthera pardus Leopard Least Concern Giraffa camelopardalis Giraffidae Nubian Giraffe Least Concern subsp. camelopardalis Giraffa camelopardalis Giraffidae The South African Giraffe Least Concern subsp. giraffa Cynictis penicillata Yellow Mongoose Herpestidae Least Concern Hyaenidae Proteles cristata Aardwolf Least Concern Leporidae Lepus saxatilis Scrub Hare Least Concern Leporidae Pronolagus rupestris Smith's Red Rock Hare Least Concern Macroscelididae Elephantulus intufi **Bushveld Elephant Shrew** Data Deficient Western Rock Elephant Macroscelididae Elephantulus rupestris Least Concern Shrew Short-eared Elephant Macroscelididae Macroscelides proboscideus Least Concern Shrew Molossidae Roberts's Flat-headed Bat Sauromys petrophilus Least Concern Molossidae Tadarida aegyptiaca Least Concern Egyptian Free-tailed Bat Muridae Aethomys namaquensis Namaqua Rock Mouse Least Concern Muridae Desmodillus auricularis Cape Short-tailed Gerbil Least Concern Muridae Gerbilliscus brantsii Highveld Gerbil Least Concern Muridae Gerbilliscus leucogaster **Bushveld Gerbil Data Deficient**

Paeba Hairy-footed Gerbil

Least Concern

Addendum C - Mammal species observed in the area (ADU database)

Muridae

Gerbilliscus paeba



Muridae	Gerbilliscus vallinus	Brush-tailed Hairy-footed Gerbil	Least Concern
Muridae	Mastomys coucha	Southern African Mastomys	Least Concern
Muridae	Parotomys littledalei	Littledale's Whistling Rat	Near Threatened
Muridae	Rhabdomys pumilio	Xeric Four-striped Grass Rat	Least Concern
Muridae	Thallomys nigricauda	Black-tailed Thallomys	Least Concern
Mustelidae	Ictonyx striatus	Striped Polecat	Least Concern
Mustelidae	Mellivora capensis	Honey Badger	Near Threatened
Nesomyidae	Malacothrix typica	Large-eared African Desert Mouse	Least Concern
Nesomyidae	Petromyscus collinus	Pygmy Rock Mouse	Least Concern
Nesomyidae	Saccostomus campestris	Southern African Pouched Mouse	Least Concern
Pedetidae	Pedetes capensis	South African Spring Hare	Least Concern
Petromuridae	Petromus typicus	Dassie Rat	Near Threatened
Procaviidae	Procavia capensis	Rock Hyrax	Least Concern
Rhinolophidae	Rhinolophus damarensis		Not listed
Sciuridae	Xerus inauris	South African Ground Squirrel	Least Concern
Soricidae	Crocidura cyanea	Reddish-gray Musk Shrew	Data Deficient
Vespertilionidae	Cistugo seabrae	Angolan Wing-gland Bat	Vulnerable
Vespertilionidae	Neoromicia capensis	Cape Serotine	Least Concern
Viverridae	Genetta genetta	Common Genet	Least Concern



Addendum D – Bird species observed in the area (SABAP2 database)

Common name	Taxon name	Regional Red List Status 2014
Swamp-warbler, Lesser	Acrocephalus gracilirostris	Not listed
Jacana, African	Actophilornis africanus	Not listed
Korhaan, Northern Black	Afrotis afraoides	Not listed
Lovebird, Rosy-faced	Agapornis roseicollis	Not listed
Kingfisher, Malachite	Alcedo cristata	Not listed
Goose, Egyptian	Alopochen aegyptiacus	Not listed
Darter, African	Anhinga rufa	Not listed
Swift, Little	Apus affinis	Not listed
Swift, White-rumped	Apus caffer	Not listed
Eagle, Booted	Aquila pennatus	Not listed
Heron, Grey	Ardea cinerea	Not listed
Heron, Goliath	Ardea goliath	Not listed
Heron, Black-headed	Ardea melanocephala	Not listed
Batis, Pririt	Batis pririt	Not listed
Ibis, Hadeda	Bostrychia hagedash	Not listed
Lark, Fawn-coloured	Calendulauda africanoides	Not listed
Chat, Familiar	Cercomela familiaris	Not listed
Scrub-robin, Kalahari	Cercotrichas paena	Not listed
Lark, Karoo Long-billed	Certhilauda subcoronata	Not listed
Kingfisher, Pied	Ceryle rudis	Not listed
Sunbird, Dusky	Cinnyris fuscus	Not listed
Mousebird, White-backed	Colius colius	Not listed
Pigeon, Speckled	Columba guinea	Not listed
Dove, Rock	Columba livia	Not listed
Crow, Pied	Corvus albus	Not listed
Robin-chat, Cape	Cossypha caffra	Not listed
Starling, Wattled	Creatophora cinerea	Not listed



Canary, White-throated	Crithagra albogularis	Not listed
Canary, Black-throated	Crithagra atrogularis	Not listed
Canary, Yellow	Crithagra flaviventris	Not listed
Palm-swift, African	Cypsiurus parvus	Not listed
Drongo, Fork-tailed	Dicrurus adsimilis	Not listed
Egret, Little	Egretta garzetta	Not listed
Bunting, Cape	Emberiza capensis	Not listed
Bunting, Lark-like	Emberiza impetuani	Not listed
Waxbill, Common	Estrilda astrild	Not listed
Korhaan, Karoo	Eupodotis vigorsii	Near Threatened
Fish-eagle, African	Haliaeetus vocifer	Not listed
Martin, Rock	Hirundo fuligula	Not listed
Swallow, Barn	Hirundo rustica	Not listed
Starling, Cape Glossy	Lamprotornis nitens	Not listed
Fiscal, Common (Southern)	Lanius collaris	Not listed
Goshawk, Southern Pale Chanting	Melierax canorus	Not listed
Bee-eater, Swallow-tailed	Merops hirundineus	Not listed
Wagtail, Cape	Motacilla capensis	Not listed
Dove, Namaqua	Oena capensis	Not listed
Wheatear, Mountain	Oenanthe monticola	Not listed
Starling, Pale-winged	Onychognathus nabouroup	Not listed
Tit-babbler, Chestnut-vented	Parisoma subcaeruleum	Not listed
Tit, Ashy	Parus cinerascens	Not listed
Sparrow, House	Passer domesticus	Not listed
Sparrow, Cape	Passer melanurus	Not listed
Cormorant, Reed	Phalacrocorax africanus	Not listed
Cormorant, White-breasted	Phalacrocorax carbo	Not listed
Weaver, Sociable	Philetairus socius	Not listed
Warbler, Namaqua	Phragmacia substriata	Not listed



Masked-weaver, Southern	Ploceus velatus	Not listed
Prinia, Black-chested	Prinia flavicans	Not listed
Sandgrouse, Double-banded	Pterocles bicinctus	Not listed
Sandgrouse, Namaqua	Pterocles namaqua	Not listed
Bulbul, African Red-eyed	Pycnonotus nigricans	Not listed
Martin, Brown-throated	Riparia paludicola	Not listed
Turtle-dove, Cape	Streptopelia capicola	Not listed
Dove, Red-eyed	Streptopelia semitorquata	Not listed
Dove, Laughing	Streptopelia senegalensis	Not listed
Swift, Alpine	Tachymarptis melba	Not listed
Bokmakierie, Bokmakierie	Telophorus zeylonus	Not listed
Barbet, Acacia Pied	Tricholaema leucomelas	Not listed
Thrush, Karoo	Turdus smithi	Not listed
Mousebird, Red-faced	Urocolius indicus	Not listed
Lapwing, Blacksmith	Vanellus armatus	Not listed
White-eye, Orange River	Zosterops pallidus	Not listed



Family	Species	Common name	Red list	Atlas region
	-		category	endemic
Agamidae	Agama sp.		Not listed	
Agamidae	Agama aculeata subsp.	Common Ground	Least Concern	
Againidae	aculeata	Agama	(SARCA 2014)	
Agamidae	Agama anchietae	Anchieta's Agama	Least Concern	
Againiuae	Agumu unchietue	Anchiela's Againa	(SARCA 2014)	
Agamidaa	Agama atra	Southern Rock	Least Concern	
Agamidae	Agama atra	Agama	(SARCA 2014)	
Agamidae	Agama knobeli	Knobel's Rock Agama	Not listed	
Amphisbaenidae	Zygaspis quadrifrons	Kalahari Dwarf Worm Lizard	Least Concern (SARCA 2014)	
			Least Concern	
Colubridae	Boaedon capensis	Brown House Snake	(SARCA 2014)	
			Least Concern	
Colubridae	Dasypeltis scabra	Rhombic Egg-eater	(SARCA 2014)	
		Dwarf Beaked	Least Concern	
Colubridae	Dipsina multimaculata	Snake	(SARCA 2014)	
	Lycophidion capense		Least Concern	
Colubridae	subsp. capense	Cape Wolf Snake	(SARCA 2014)	
		Southwestern	Least Concern	
Colubridae	Prosymna frontalis	Shovel-snout	(SARCA 2014)	
		Shover shout	Least Concern	
Colubridae	Psammophis namibensis	Namib Sand Snake	(SARCA 2014)	
			Least Concern	
Colubridae	Psammophis notostictus	Karoo Sand Snake	(SARCA 2014)	
		Fork-marked Sand	Least Concern	
Colubridae	Psammophis trinasalis	Snake	(SARCA 2014)	
		Sliake		
Colubridae	Telescopus beetzii	Beetz's Tiger Snake	Least Concern	
	Telesconsciences data		(SARCA 2014)	
Colubridae	Telescopus semiannulatus	Damara Tiger Snake	Least Concern	
	subsp. polystictus		(SARCA 2014)	
Cordylidae	Karusasaurus polyzonus	Karoo Girdled	Least Concern	
		Lizard	(SARCA 2014)	
Cordylidae	Platysaurus broadleyi	Augrabies Flat Lizard	Least Concern (SARCA 2014)	Yes
Elapidae	Aspidelaps lubricus subsp. lubricus	Coral Shield Cobra	Not listed	
	Naja nigricincta subsp.		Least Concern	
Elapidae	woodi	Black Spitting Cobra	(SARCA 2014)	
			Least Concern	
Elapidae	Naja nivea	Cape Cobra	(SARCA 2014)	
Gekkonidae	Chondrodactylus sp.		Not listed	
	Chondrodactylus angulifer	Common Giant	Least Concern	
Gekkonidae	subsp. angulifer	Ground Gecko	(SARCA 2014)	
	Subsp. ungungen		Least Concern	
Gekkonidae	Chondrodactylus bibronii	Bibron's Gecko	Least Concern	

Addendum E – Reptile species observed in the area (ADU database)



Gekkonidae	Chondrodactylus turneri	Turner's Gecko	Least Concern (SARCA 2014)
Gekkonidae	Lygodactylus bradfieldi	Bradfield's Dwarf Gecko	Least Concern (SARCA 2014)
Gekkonidae	Pachydactylus atorquatus	Augrabies Gecko	Least Concern (SARCA 2014)
Gekkonidae	Pachydactylus haackei	Haacke's Gecko	Least Concern (SARCA 2014)
Gekkonidae	Pachydactylus latirostris	Quartz Gecko	Least Concern (SARCA 2014)
Gekkonidae	Pachydactylus montanus	Namaqua Mountain Gecko	Least Concern (SARCA 2014)
Gekkonidae	Pachydactylus punctatus	Speckled Gecko	Least Concern (SARCA 2014)
Gekkonidae	Pachydactylus rugosus	Common Rough Gecko	Least Concern (SARCA 2014)
Gekkonidae	Ptenopus garrulus subsp. maculatus	Spotted Barking Gecko	Least Concern (SARCA 2014)
Gerrhosauridae	Cordylosaurus subtessellatus	Dwarf Plated Lizard	Least Concern (SARCA 2014)
Lacertidae	Meroles suborbitalis	Spotted Desert Lizard	Least Concern (SARCA 2014)
Lacertidae	Nucras tessellata	Western Sandveld Lizard	Least Concern (SARCA 2014)
Lacertidae	Pedioplanis inornata	Plain Sand Lizard	Least Concern (SARCA 2014)
Lacertidae	Pedioplanis lineoocellata subsp. lineoocellata	Spotted Sand Lizard	Least Concern (SARCA 2014)
Lacertidae	Pedioplanis namaquensis	Namaqua Sand Lizard	Least Concern (SARCA 2014)
Leptotyphlopidae	Namibiana occidentalis	Western Thread Snake	Least Concern (SARCA 2014)
Scincidae	Acontias gariepensis	Gariep Blind Legless Skink	Least Concern (SARCA 2014)
Scincidae	Acontias lineatus	Striped Dwarf Legless Skink	Least Concern (SARCA 2014)
Scincidae	Trachylepis occidentalis	Western Three- striped Skink	Least Concern (SARCA 2014)
Scincidae	Trachylepis sparsa	Karasburg Tree Skink	Least Concern (SARCA 2014)
Scincidae	Trachylepis spilogaster	Kalahari Tree Skink	Least Concern (SARCA 2014)
Scincidae	Trachylepis sulcata subsp. sulcata	Western Rock Skink	Least Concern (SARCA 2014)
Scincidae	Trachylepis variegata	Variegated Skink	Least Concern (SARCA 2014)
Testudinidae	Psammobates oculifer	Serrated Tent Tortoise	Least Concern (SARCA 2014)
Testudinidae	Psammobates tentorius subsp. verroxii	Verrox's Tent Tortoise	Not listed



Testudinidae	Stigmochelys pardalis	Leopard Tortoise	Least Concern (SARCA 2014)
Typhlopidae	Rhinotyphlops schinzi	Schinz's Beaked Blind Snake	Least Concern (SARCA 2014)
Varanidae	Varanus albigularis subsp. albigularis	Rock Monitor	Least Concern (SARCA 2014)
Varanidae	Varanus niloticus	Water Monitor	Least Concern (SARCA 2014)
Viperidae	Bitis arietans subsp. arietans	Puff Adder	Least Concern (SARCA 2014)



Family	Species	Common name	Red list category	Atlas region endemic
Bufonidae	Amietophrynus gutturalis	Guttural Toad	Least Concern	
Bufonidae	Amietophrynus poweri	Power's Toad	Least Concern	
Bufonidae	Amietophrynus rangeri	Raucous Toad	Least Concern	
Bufonidae	Vandijkophrynus gariepensis subsp. gariepensis	Karoo Toad (subsp. gariepensis)	Not listed	
Microhylidae	Phrynomantis annectens	Marbled Rubber Frog	Least Concern	
Pyxicephalidae	Amietia quecketti	Queckett's River Frog	Least Concern	Yes
Pyxicephalidae	Pyxicephalus adspersus	Giant Bull Frog	Near Threatened	
Pyxicephalidae	Tomopterna cryptotis	Tremelo Sand Frog	Least Concern	

Addendum F – Frog species observed in the area (ADU database)



Addendum G – Butterfly and scorpion species observed in the area (ADU database)

Butterflies

Family	Species	Common name	Red list category
HESPERIIDAE	Gomalia elma subsp. elma	Green-marbled skipper	Least Concern
			(SABCA 2013)
HESPERIIDAE	Spialia		Not listed
HESPERIIDAE	Spialia diomus subsp. ferax	Common sandman	Least Concern (SABCA 2013)
			Least Concern
HESPERIIDAE	Spialia mafa subsp. mafa	Mafa sandman	(SABCA 2013)
LYCAENIDAE	Aloeides		Not listed
	Aloeides damarensis subsp.	2	Least Concern
LYCAENIDAE	damarensis	Damara copper	(SABCA 2013)
LYCAENIDAE	Aloeides simplex	Dune conner	Least Concern
LICAENIDAE	Albelues simplex	Dune copper	(SABCA 2013)
LYCAENIDAE	Argyraspodes argyraspis	Warrior silver-spotted copper	Least Concern
			(SABCA 2013)
LYCAENIDAE	Azanus ubaldus	Velvet-spotted babul blue	Least Concern
		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	(SABCA 2013) Least Concern
LYCAENIDAE	Brephidium metophis	Tinktinkie blue	(SABCA 2013)
			Least Concern
LYCAENIDAE	Cacyreus marshalli	Common geranium bronze	(SABCA 2013)
			Least Concern
LYCAENIDAE	Chilades trochylus	Grass jewel	(SABCA 2013)
LYCAENIDAE	Chrysoritis chrysantas	Karoo opal	Least Concern
LICALNIDAL			(SABCA 2013)
LYCAENIDAE	Cigaritis phanes	Silvery bar	Least Concern
		,	(SABCA 2013)
LYCAENIDAE	Crudaria leroma	Silver spotted grey	Least Concern (SABCA 2013)
			Least Concern
LYCAENIDAE	Lampides boeticus	Pea blue	(SABCA 2013)
LYCAENIDAE	Leptotes		Not listed
			Least Concern
LYCAENIDAE	Leptotes brevidentatus	Short-toothed zebra blue	(SABCA 2013)
LYCAENIDAE	Leptotes pirithous subsp.	Common zebra blue	Least Concern
LICALNIDAL	pirithous		(SABCA 2013)
LYCAENIDAE	Stugeta subinfuscata subsp.	Dusky marbled sapphire	Least Concern
	reynoldsi		(SABCA 2013)
LYCAENIDAE	Tuxentius hesperis	Western pie	Least Concern
			(SABCA 2013)
LYCAENIDAE	Tylopaedia sardonyx subsp.	King copper	Least Concern
	sardonyx		(SABCA 2013) Least Concern
LYCAENIDAE	Zintha hintza subsp. hintza	Hintza pierrot	(SABCA 2013)
			Least Concern
LYCAENIDAE	Zizeeria knysna subsp. knysna	African grass blue	(SABCA 2013)
	Across poobule subsp poobule	Wandaring dankay agrees	Least Concern
NYMPHALIDAE	Acraea neobule subsp. neobule	Wandering donkey acraea	(SABCA 2013)



NYMPHALIDAE	Acraea stenobea	Suffused acraea	Least Concern (SABCA 2013)
NYMPHALIDAE	Acraea trimeni	Trimen's acraea	Least Concern (SABCA 2013)
NYMPHALIDAE	Charaxes jasius subsp. saturnus	Foxy charaxes	Least Concern (SABCA 2013)
NYMPHALIDAE	Danaus chrysippus subsp. orientis	African monarch, Plain tiger	Least Concern (SABCA 2013)
NYMPHALIDAE	Junonia hierta subsp. cebrene	Yellow pansy	Least Concern (SABCA 2013)
NYMPHALIDAE	Junonia orithya subsp. madagascariensis	Eyed pansy	Least Concern (SABCA 2013)
NYMPHALIDAE	Vanessa cardui	Painted lady	Least Concern (SABCA 2013)
NYMPHALIDAE	Ypthima asterope subsp. hereroica	African ringlet	Least Concern (SABCA 2013)
PIERIDAE	Belenois aurota	Brown-veined white	Least Concern (SABCA 2013)
PIERIDAE	Catopsilia florella	African migrant	Least Concern (SABCA 2013)
PIERIDAE	Colotis		Not listed
PIERIDAE	Colotis euippe subsp. mediata	Smoky orange tip	Not listed
PIERIDAE	Colotis euippe subsp. omphale	Smoky orange tip	Least Concern (LC)
PIERIDAE	Colotis evenina subsp. evenina	Orange tip	Least Concern (SABCA 2013)
PIERIDAE	Colotis lais	Kalahari orange tip	Least Concern (SABCA 2013)
PIERIDAE	Eurema hapale	Pale grass yellow	Not listed
PIERIDAE	Pinacopteryx eriphia subsp. eriphia	Zebra white	Least Concern (SABCA 2013)
PIERIDAE	Pontia helice subsp. helice	Common meadow white	Least Concern (SABCA 2013)
PIERIDAE	Teracolus agoye subsp. bowkeri	Speckled sulphur tip	Least Concern (SABCA 2013)
PIERIDAE	Teracolus eris subsp. eris	Banded gold tip	Least Concern (SABCA 2013)

Scorpions

Family	Species	Red list category
BUTHIDAE	Parabuthus schlechteri	Not listed
BUTHIDAE	Parabuthus villosus	Not listed
BUTHIDAE	Uroplectes sp.	Not listed
BUTHIDAE	Uroplectes carinatus	Not listed
SCORPIONIDAE	Opistophthalmus wahlbergii	Not listed