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## 1 ASSIGNMENT

Exigo Sustainability was appointed by Ages Limpopo to compile a plant rescue and protection plan for the proposed establishment of an energy generation facility (thermal power plant) with associated infrastructure and structures on a portion (±130 ha) of the Remainder of the Farm LANGEBERG 188, Malmesbury RD (861.6007 ha in extent), located within the Saldanha Bay Local Municipality, West Coast District Municipality, Western Cape Province. The development also includes the development of a new powerline corridor between the site and the Aurora Substation, as well as a natural gas or liquid fuel supply pipeline.

The assignment is interpreted as follows: Compile a management plan to be implemented as guidelines by the Environmental Control Officer (ECO) for the rescue and protection of rare and endemic plant species occurring on the proposed development site. The study will be done according to guidelines stipulated by the Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism (DEAT) and legislation pertaining to the protection of plants in the Western Cape Province.

#### 1.1 INFORMATION SOURCES

The following information sources were obtained:

- National and provincial legislation was evaluated in order to provide lists of any plant or animal species that have protected status. The most important legislation is the following:
  - a. National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act (Act No 10 of 2004);
  - b. National Forest Act;
  - c. Western Cape Nature Conservation Laws Amendment act, 2000;
  - d. CITES: Convention on the Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora.
- All relevant maps through Geographical Information Systems (GIS) mapping, and information (previous studies and environmental databases) on the rare and protected plants of the site concerned;
- 3. Requirements regarding the management plan as requested by DEAT;
- 4. Information on the micro-habitat level was obtained through obtaining a first-hand perspective from the ecological study compiled by Henning (2015) was also utilized for this study;



#### 1.2 REGULATIONS GOVERNING THIS REPORT

# 1.2.1 National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) - Regulation No. R982

This report was prepared in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) Gazette No. 38282 Government Notice R. 982. Appendix 6 – Specialist reports includes a list of requirements to be included in a specialist report:

1. A specialist report or a report prepared in terms of these regulations must contain:

## a. Details of

- i. The specialist who prepared the report; and
- ii. The expertise of that specialist to compile a specialist report, including a curriculum vitae:
- A declaration that the specialist is independent in a form as may be specified by the competent authority;
- An indication of the scope of, and purpose for which, the report was prepared;
- d. The date and season of the site investigation and the relevance of the season to the outcome of the assessment;
- e. A description of the methodology adopted in preparing the report or carrying out the specialized process;
- f. The specific identified sensitivity of the site related to the activity and its associated structures and infrastructure;
- g. An identification of any areas to be avoided, including buffers;
- A map superimposing the activity including the associated structures and infrastructure on the environmental sensitivities of the site including areas to be avoided, including buffers;
- A description of any assumptions made and any uncertainties or gaps in knowledge;
- j. A description of the findings and potential implications of such findings on the impact of the proposed activity, including identified alternatives, on the environment;
- k. any mitigation measures for inclusion in the EMPr;



- I. any conditions for inclusion in the environmental authorisation;
- m. any monitoring requirements for inclusion in the EMPr or environmental authorisation
- n. A reasoned opinion -
  - As to whether the proposed activity or portions thereof should be authorised and
  - ii. If the opinion is that the proposed activity or portions thereof should be authorised, any avoidance, management and mitigation measures that should be included in the EMPr and where applicable, the closure plan;
- A description of any consultation process that was undertaken during the course of preparing the specialist report;
- A summary and copies of any comments received during any consultation process and where applicable all responses thereto;
   and
- q. Any other information requested by the competent authority.

## 1.3 TERMS OF REFERENCE

## 1.3.1 Objectives

- 1. List the plant species of conservation concern in the study area.
- 2. Describe the management principles and specific methodology on the plant rescue and protection on the proposed development site. It includes plant rescue methods (relocation, seed collection or taking vegetative cuttings), but primarily focuses on plant relocation procedures (root preparation and excavation, lifting and backfill requirements), and the installation of marker stakes, tree guards, weed mats and mulch around relocated plants.

## 1.3.2 Limitations and assumptions

- In order to obtain a comprehensive understanding of the dynamics of protected plant rescue and protection plan, surveys and monitoring should ideally be replicated over several seasons and over a number of years. However, due to project time constraints such long-term studies are not feasible;
- The large study area did not allow for the finer level of assessment that can be





obtained in smaller study areas. Therefore, data collection in this study relied heavily on data from representative sections, as well as general observations, generic data and a desktop analysis;





## 2 INTRODUCTION

Plants are the backbone of life on Earth. Today, however, plant communities around the world are under threat. Scientists estimate that at least 100,000 plants are threatened with extinction--that's more than one-third the total known species of plants on the planet.

The main threats to plants today are habitat destruction, invasive species, and over collection. The loss of a plant species can have devastating effects on ecosystems as a whole, as other species lose their sources of food and shelter. Additionally, plants play a crucial role in stabilising soils and help prevent erosion.

While the situation is critical, efforts are underway around the globe to halt the loss of plant diversity. International treaties such as the Convention on Biological Diversity are setting goals and targets for conservation worldwide. More specifically, the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation (GSPC) has laid out 16 outcome-oriented targets to be achieved by 2010. The GSPC recognizes the important role that education can play in conservation programmes. Target 14 of the GSPC calls for the "importance of plant diversity and the need for its conservation incorporated into communication, educational and public-awareness programmes."

There are two main ways to conserve biodiversity. These are termed ex situ (i.e. out of the natural habitat) and in situ (within the natural habitat). Populations of plant species are much easier than animals to maintain artificially. They need less care and their requirements for particular habitat conditions can be provided more readily. It is also much easier to breed and propagate plant species in captivity. This management plan focus specifically on the rescue and protection of plant species on the site for the proposed development of a thermal plant.





## 3 STUDY AREA

## 3.1 LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY

The project site consists of a portion (±130 ha) of the Remainder of the Farm LANGEBERG 188, Malmesbury RD (861.6007 ha in extent), located within the Saldanha Bay Local Municipality, West Coast District Municipality, Western Cape Province. The project site is located 9 km North-East of the Port of Saldanha Bay, West of the regional road R27, in an area excluded from the provisions of the Subdivision of Agricultural Land Act (Act 70 of 1970) and already earmarked for Industrial Uses.

The Eskom Blouwater Distribution Substation is located 3.2 km South-West of the project site; the Saldanha Steel Works is 5km West-South-West from the project site; the Langebaanweg Military Airport is 7.5 km east of the project site.

Access to the project site would be either:

- From the regional road R27, which runs adjacent to the eastern boundary of the project site; or
- From a secondary road (R79) linking the regional road R27 with the regional road R399, which runs adjacent to the southern boundary of the project site.

The developed area (footprint) will be up to 80 hectares. The energy generation facility will be a thermal power plant with a maximum generation capacity up to 1200 MW<sub>el</sub> (electrical rated power). The aerial image of the site is indicated in figure 2.

The name of the facility will be VORTUM THERMAL POWER PLANT. The characteristics, the technology and the extent of the initiative are defined more in detail below.

The proposed thermal power plant will be a Combined Cycle Gas Turbine (CCGT) power plant, to be fuelled with natural gas imported by means of one or more gas import facilities (e.g. LNG Import Terminal(s) and/or new gas pipeline(s)). Indeed the Department of Energy is investigating the feasibility of new gas pipelines and LNG Import Terminals, in order to import natural gas from new offshore gas fields and/or from other countries (e.g. Mozambique). The securing of new energy sources, like natural gas, has become high priority for the Government, considering that the current energy production is not able to meet the increased energy demand of the Country. This leads to frequent electricity shortage and fluctuations in supply ("load shedding"), detrimental to the economic development of South Africa.

Should natural gas not be available at the time of the commissioning of the Vortum Thermal Power Plant, the proposed facility may be fuelled with liquid fuel (diesel or other types of liquid fuels) until natural gas is available. Gas turbines can be fuelled either with natural gas or





liquid fuel.

Due to the current electricity shortage and the urgent need for new power generation units in the Country, the Vortum Thermal Power Plant may operate as an Open Cycle Gas Turbine (OCGT) power plant as a first phase and in the second phase, with the "closure" of the open cycle (by means of steam turbine units added to the gas turbine unites), as a Combined Cycle Gas Turbine (CCGT) power plant. The construction timeframe of an OCGT plant is notably shorter than that of a CCGT plant.

In a CCGT power plant a Rankine cycle (steam cycle) is added to a Brayton cycle (gas cycle). The combination of the two thermodynamic cycles result in improved overall efficiency as less heat is wasted because heat is recovered - the "waste" heat from the gas cycle is utilised to produce steam to generate additional electricity via steam turbine units, enhancing the efficiency of overall electricity generation. The thermal efficiency of a CCGT power plant is up to 62%.

A Combined Cycle Gas Turbine (CCGT) power plant consists of gas turbine units coupled with steam turbine units: the "waste" heat from each gas turbine is sent to heat recovery steam generators (HRSG) to generate high pressure steam; the steam from the HRSG drives steam turbines coupled with generators, in order to generate electricity increasing the efficiency of the power plant.

Each gas turbine and steam turbine is coupled to the single generator in a tandem arrangement, on a single shaft (single-shaft configuration). The CCGT power plant will consist of the following components:

- Two or more gas turbine units with a capacity up to 400 MW<sub>el</sub> (electrical rated power) each;
- Fuel storage facility (in case of liquid fuel);
- Heat recovery steam generators (HRSG) to generate steam;
- Two or more steam turbine units with a capacity up to 220 MW<sub>el</sub> (electrical rated power) each;
- Electrical generators, which convert the mechanical energy of the gas and steam turbine units to electricity;
- Gas compressors and combustors, for the gas cycle;
- Water pumps and pressurisers, for the steam cycle;
- Cooling system, with condensers & cooling towers, in order to condensate the steam





to water;

- A dam, to collect the water necessary for the generation of steam;
- A control room with offices;
- Warehouses;
- A natural gas or liquid fuel supply pipeline;
- A water supply pipeline;
- On-site high voltage substation;
- High-voltage power lines, for the connection to the Eskom grid.

The number and size (capacity) of the gas and steam turbine units has not been finalised yet and will depend on the load (demand) curve required by the grid. This will be assessed during the scoping phase in consultation with Eskom.

The CCGT power plant may consist of - e.g.:

- 2 gas turbines units of 375 MW<sub>el</sub> each + 2 steam turbines units of 200 MW<sub>el</sub> each (overall installed capacity: 1150 MW<sub>el</sub>); or (e.g.)
- Gas turbines units of 150 MW<sub>el</sub> each + 5 steam turbines units of 80 MW<sub>el</sub> each (overall installed capacity: 1150 MW<sub>el</sub>); or;
- A combination of different sizes of gas and steam turbine units.

The overall installed capacity will nevertheless be up to 1200 MW<sub>el</sub>. The Vortum Thermal Power Plant will deliver the energy to the Eskom AURORA main transmission substation via one or more 400 kV power lines approximately 27 km long. The number of new 400 kV power lines will be assessed during the scoping phase in consultation with Eskom. The proposed power line corridor runs parallel to existing Eskom high-voltage power lines and may cross through the following properties (please refer to Locality Map Figure 1)

- Portions 1 and 9 (Remaining Extent) of the Farm LANGEBERG 187;
- Portions 1 and Remainder of the Farm UYEKRAAL 189;
- Farm EVERTS HOPE 190;
- Farm WASCHKLIP 183;
- Farm ZOUTEKUYLEN 179;
- FARM 1162;
- Portions 3 and 8 of the Farm LANGVERWACHT 178;





- Farm ADJOINING SPRINGFONTEIN 174;
- Portions 3 and 4 of the Farm DRIEHOEKS FONTEIN 176

A natural gas / fuel supply pipeline is also planned as part of the development.



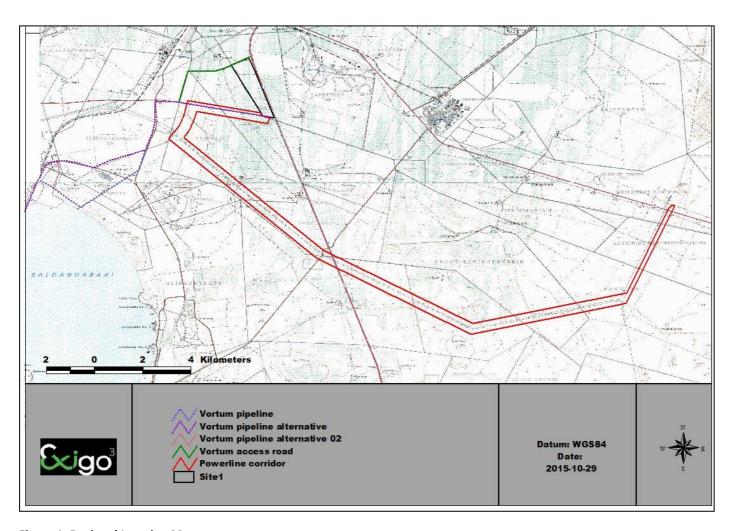


Figure 1. Regional Location Map



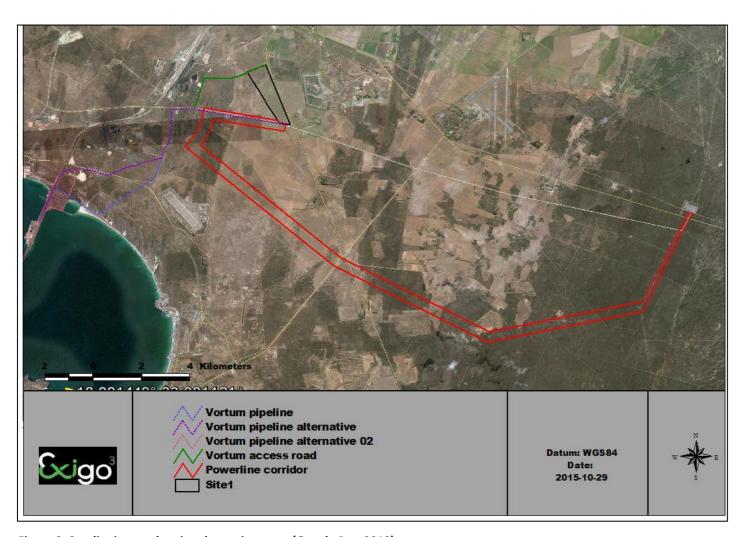


Figure 2. Satelite image showing the project area (Google Pro, 2010)



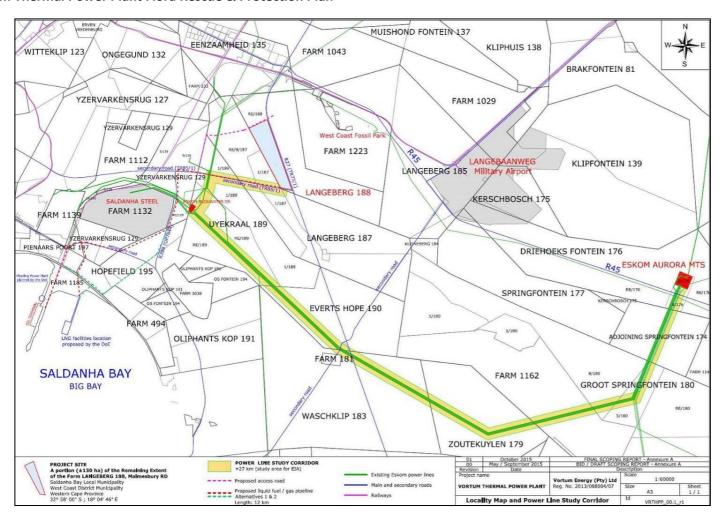


Figure 3. Layout Map of the proposed Vortum Thermal Power Plant and associated powerline and gas / fuel pipelines



## 4 PROTECTED AND THREATENED PLANT SPECIES OF THE STUDY AREA

The following lists and recommendation regarding threatened and protected plant species on the proposed development site has been adapted from the ecological report for the EIA conducted by Henning (2015). A plant species lists previously recorded for the study area according to the SIBIS database of SANBI are included in Appendix A.

## 4.1 Plant species of concern

There are two types of species of concern for the site under investigation, (i) those listed by conservation authorities as being on a Red List and are therefore considered to be at risk of extinction, and (ii) those listed as protected according to National and/or Provincial legislation.

## 4.1.1 Red List plant species

The latest data from the Threatened Species Program which compiles the Red List for South Africa is that 67% of the rare or threatened plant species in the country occur only in the southwestern Cape, and these total over 1800 species (Raimondo et al -2009)! It should thus be clear that the southwestern Cape is a major national and global conservation priority, and is quite unlike anywhere else in the country in terms of the number of threatened plant species. Developments in this area thus need to take this into account.

The conservation importance of the Saldanha Peninsula plant life, particularly the calcrete flats, has been recognised as extremely high and this was verified by Low and Pond (2001). The dwarf thicket on calcrete in the area is widely regarded as unique and threatened with 7.5% of species (12 out of 160) being on the Red Data List (SaSFlora, 1998 – 2007).

A list of red data plant species previously recorded in the study area in which the proposed development is planned was obtained from the Plants of Southern Africa (POSA) database of SANBI. There are various categories for Red Data Book species, such as 'Endangered', 'Vulnerable', 'Rare' and 'Near threatened' as listed in the Red Data List of Southern African Plants (Hilton-Taylor 1996).

The following species can potentially occur in the project area (Table 1):

Table 1. Potential red data species occurring in the area

Family	Species	Threat status
ASPHODELACEAE	Aloe microstigma Salm-Dyck subsp. framesii (L.Bolus) Glen & D.S.Hardy	Near threatened
ASTERACEAE	Amellus capensis (Walp.) Hutch.	Vulnerable
FABACEAE	Amphithalea ericifolia (L.) Eckl. & Zeyh. subsp. erecta Granby	Critically endangered
APIACEAE	Arctopus dregei Sond.	Near threatened
FABACEAE	Argyrolobium velutinum Eckl. & Zeyh.	Endangered
IRIDACEAE	Babiana angustifolia Sweet	Near threatened
IRIDACEAE	Babiana hirsuta (Lam.) Goldblatt & J.C.Manning	Near threatened
IRIDACEAE	Babiana tubiflora (L.f.) Ker Gawl.	Declining



Family	Species	Threat status
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FABACEAE	Calobota lotononoides (Schltr.) Boatwr. & BE.van Wyk	Near threatened
APIACEAE	Capanphyllum africanum (L.) Gaertn.	Near threatened
APIACEAE	Capnophyllum leiocarpon (Sond.) Manning & Goldblatt	Declining
ASTERACEAE	Cotula duckittiae (L.Bolus) K.Bremer & Humphries	Vulnerable
ASTERACEAE	Cotula eckloniana (DC.) Levyns	Endangered
ASTERACEAE	Cotula filifolia Thunb.	Critically endangered
CRASSULACEAE	Crassula decumbens Thunb. var. brachyphylla (Adamson) Toelken	Near threatened
APIACEAE	Cynorhiza meifolia (Eckl. & Zeyh.) Magee	Data Deficient
HYACINTHACEAE	Daubenya zeyheri (Kunth) J.C.Manning & A.M.van der Merwe	Vulnerable
BORAGINACEAE	Echiostachys spicatus (Burm.f.) Levyns	Endangered
BORAGINACEAE	Echiostachys spicatus (Burm.f.) Levyns	Endangered
HYPOXIDACEAE	Empodium veratrifolium (Willd.) M.F.Thomps.	Endangered
ERICACEAE	Erica trichostigma Salter	Vulnerable
ASTERACEAE	Felicia elongata (Thunb.) O.Hoffm.	Vulnerable
ASTERACEAE	Felicia elongata (Thunb.) O.Hoffm.	Vulnerable
IRIDACEAE	Ferraria densepunctulata M.P.de Vos	Vulnerable
IRIDACEAE	Ferraria foliosa G.J.Lewis	Near threatened
IRIDACEAE	Geissorhiza lewisiae R.C.Foster	Vulnerable
IRIDACEAE	Geissorhiza monanthos Eckl.	Endangered
AMARYLLIDACEAE	Gethyllis ciliaris (Thunb.) Thunb. subsp. ciliaris	Near threatened
ASTERACEAE	Helichrysum bachmannii Klatt	Vulnerable
ASTERACEAE	Helichrysum cochleariforme DC.	Near threatened
ASTERACEAE	Helichrysum tricostatum (Thunb.) Less.	Near threatened
MALVACEAE	Hermannia procumbens Cav. subsp. myrrhifolia (Thunb.) De Winter	Endangered
IRIDACEAE	Hesperantha erecta (Baker) Benth. ex Baker	Near threatened
AMARYLLIDACEAE	Hessea mathewsii W.F.Barker	Critically endangered
FABACEAE	Indigofera platypoda E.Mey.	Endangered
HYACINTHACEAE	Lachenalia mathewsii W.F.Barker	Critically endangered
HYACINTHACEAE	Lachenalia mediana Jacq. var. mediana	Vulnerable
HYACINTHACEAE	Lachenalia pustulata Jacq.	Near threatened
HYACINTHACEAE	Lachenalia viridiflora W.F.Barker	Critically endangered
FABACEAE	Lebeckia plukenetiana E.Mey.	Endangered
FABACEAE	Liparia splendens (Burm.f.) Bos & de Wit subsp. splendens	Vulnerable
FABACEAE	Otholobium bolusii (H.M.L.Forbes) C.H.Stirt.	Near threatened
FABACEAE	Otholobium venustum (Eckl. & Zeyh.) C.H.Stirt.	Vulnerable
HYPOXIDACEAE	Pauridia longituba M.F.Thomps.	Endangered
GERANIACEAE	Pelargonium chelidonium (Houtt.) DC.	Endangered
FABACEAE	Podalyria sericea (Andrews) R.Br. ex Aiton f.	Vulnerable
	Podalyria sericea (Andrews) R.Br. ex Alton f.  Podalyria sericea (Andrews) R.Br. ex Alton f.	Vulnerable
FABACEAE	,	
IRIDACEAE	Romulea barkerae M.P.de Vos	Endangered
IRIDACEAE	Romulea saldanhensis M.P.de Vos	Endangered
CARYOPHYLLACEAE	Silene ornata Aiton	Data Deficient
ASTERACEAE	Steirodiscus tagetes (L.) Schltr.	Vulnerable



Family	Species	Threat status
AMARYLLIDACEAE	Strumaria chaplinii (W.F.Barker) Snijman	Endangered
ASTERACEAE	Tripteris calcicola J.C.Manning & Goldblatt	Vulnerable
FABACEAE	Wiborgia fusca Thunb. subsp. macrocarpa R.Dahlgren	Endangered
FABACEAE	Xiphotheca reflexa (Thunb.) A.L.Schutte & BE.van Wyk	Endangered
FABACEAE	Xiphotheca reflexa (Thunb.) A.L.Schutte & BE.van Wyk	Endangered

No red data species was documented during the surveys probably as a result of the degraded state of the vegetation on the footprint site of the thermal power plant and the corridors for the pipelines and powerlines. The potential however still exist that a species might have been missed and subsequently monitoring should be implemented during construction.

## 4.1.2 PROTECTED TREE SPECIES (NFA)

The National Forest Act (no.84 of 1998: National Forest Act, 1998) provides a list of tree species that are considered important in a South African perspective as a result of scarcity, high utilization, common value, etc. In terms of the National Forest Act of 1998, these tree species may not be cut, disturbed, damaged, destroyed and their products may not be possessed, collected, removed, transported, exported, donated, purchased or sold – except under license granted by DWAF (or a delegated authority). Obtaining relevant permits are therefore required prior to any impact on these individuals. Taking cognizance of the data obtained from the field surveys, no protected tree species occur in the area.

## 4.1.3 PROTECTED SPECIES

Plant species are also protected according to the (NEMBA: Act 10 of 2004) and the Western Cape Nature Conservation Laws Amendment act, 2000. According to these Acts, no person may pick, import, export, transport, possess, cultivate or trade in a specimen of a specially protected or protected plant species. The Appendices to the Acts provide an extensive list of species that are protected, comprising a significant component of the flora expected to occur on site. Communication with Provincial authorities indicates that a permit is required for all these species, if they are expected to be affected by the proposed project.

After a detailed survey was conducted the following protected plants were found during the surveys as stipulated in the NCNCA, Act no. 9 of 2009. (Table 2). No other protected flora listed in NEMBA (2004) was documented during the surveys from the NEMBA (2004) lists.

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Table 2. Protected plants documented during the survey

Species
Aloe perfoliata (Photograph 8)
Berkheya rigida
Boophane haemanthoides (Photograph 7)
Carpobrotus edulis



Species
Chrysanthemoides incana
Conicosia pugioniformis
Cotyledon orbiculata
Dimorphotheca sinuata
Drosanthemum spp.
Erica mammosa
Eriocephalus africanus
Felicia filifolia
Felicia heterophylla
Felicia tenella
Jordaaniella dubia
Mesembryanthemum crystallinum
Mesembryanthemum gueriachum
Ruschia macowani
Salaxis axillaris
Tylecodon wallichiii



Photograph 1. The protected geophyte *Boophane haemanthoides* was documented along the powerline corridor

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Photograph 2. The succulent Aloe perfoliata on shallow soils in the project area

A permit should be obtained from the authorities before any of these plants could be eradicated. These plants should form part of a rescue and relocation programme should the development activities impact on populations.



# 5 PLANT RESCUE AND PROTECTION PLAN FOR THE THREATENED AND PROTECTED PLANTS OF THE SITE

Plant material that is to be "rescued" must be potted up into bags utilising local soil obtained from the topsoil obtained from the construction site or larger area. Adequate root systems per plant material type must be carefully excavated and retained in order for plant material to remain viable. Search and Rescue activities would include the removal of grass clumps, smaller transplantable shrubs and trees and endangered species such as geophytes and succulents should be placed into bags using local soil.

Should the ECO require that plants be cleared for the proposed construction of the facility, the following rescue and conservation strategy for the relevant plant species should apply:

## • General principles:

- Vegetation removal must be limited to the thermal power plant, liquid fuel pipeline and power line corridors construction site;
- Vegetation to be removed as it becomes necessary rather than removal of all vegetation throughout the site in one step;
- Materials should not be delivered to the site prematurely which could result in additional areas being cleared or affected;
- No vegetation to be used for firewood;
- Gathering of firewood, fruit, muti plants, or any other natural material onsite or in areas adjacent to the site is prohibited unless with prior approval of the ECO;
- Only vegetation within the footprint area must be removed;
- Vegetation removal must be phased in order to reduce impact of construction;
- Construction site office and laydown areas must be clearly demarcated and no encroachment must occur beyond demarcated areas.
- All natural areas impacted during construction must be rehabilitated with locally indigenous plant species.
- A buffer zone should be established in areas where construction will not take place to ensure that construction activities do not extend into these areas.
   These areas include drainage channels and rocky outcrops in the study area;
- Construction areas must be well demarcated and these areas strictly adhered to:



- The use of pesticides and herbicides in the study area must be discouraged as these impacts on important pollinator species of indigenous vegetation;
- Soils must be kept free of petrochemical solutions that may be kept on site during construction. Spillage can result in a loss of soil functionality thus limiting the re-establishment of flora;
- Harvesting of seeds from specimens to be used in the ex situ nursery and future rehabilitation. The ecologist shall determine when seed is mature and ready for collecting, and shall collect, extract, clean and label the seed. Seed shall be labelled to indicate the plant species name, date of collection, weight of seed and place of collection. The seed shall be stored in air-tight containers at a constant temperature, away from direct light. Seed shall be provided to the principal of the ex situ nursery;
- Prior to plants being cleared from the work site, the ecologist shall take vegetative
  cuttings from the individual plants that can reproduce vegetatively. The ecologist shall
  determine when to take the cuttings and the best type to take (e.g. young growth,
  mature material). Cuttings shall be labelled with plant species name, date and place
  of collection, and stored in moist paper in a cool place prior to planting. Vegetative
  cuttings shall be provided to the nursery;
- Intact removal of protected plant species under permit. Permits should be obtained from the Western Cape Environmental authorities where red data or protected flora is to be disturbed or relocated. Plant material that is to be "rescued" must be potted up into bags utilising local soil. Adequate root systems per plant material type must be carefully excavated and retained in order for plant material to remain viable. Search and Rescue activities would include the removal of grass clumps, smaller transplantable shrubs and trees and endangered species such as geophytes and succulents should be placed into bags using local soil. Options to be considered for the above-mentioned protected and red data specimens:
  - Suitable translocation areas: e.g. protected areas in the larger area;
  - Translocation to suitable areas earmarked for public open spaces, restoration and rehabilitation, both on and off-site;
  - Use of removed plants in an indigenous nursery for future restoration and rehabilitation programs;
  - Translocation to other areas suitable for survival of the removed specimens;
  - Proper habitat suitability assessments before reintroductions to reduce the risk of mortalities in both source and destination populations.
  - o Plant relocation procedures are described in detail in Appendix B of this



report and involve the following:

- Timing of relocation;
- Weed control;
- Root preparation;
- Preparation of planting holes;
- Root excavation techniques;
- Lifting technique;
- Backfill;
- Soil additives;
- Watering basin;
- Initial watering;
- Initial fertiliser.







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## APPENDIX A. PLANT SPECIES LISTS FOR QDS

Family	Species	Threat status	SA Endemic
AIZOACEAE	Aizoon paniculatum L.	LC	No
AIZOACEAE	Galenia africana L.	LC	No
AIZOACEAE	Tetragonia fruticosa L.	LC	No
AIZOACEAE	Tetragonia rosea Schltr.	LC	No
AMARYLLIDACEAE	Amaryllis belladonna L.	LC	No
AMARYLLIDACEAE	Boophone haemanthoides F.M.Leight.	LC	No
AMARYLLIDACEAE	Brunsvigia orientalis (L.) Aiton ex Eckl.	LC	No
AMARYLLIDACEAE	Gethyllis afra L.	LC	No
AMARYLLIDACEAE	Gethyllis ciliaris (Thunb.) Thunb. subsp. ciliaris	NT	No
AMARYLLIDACEAE	Gethyllis lanuginosa Marloth	LC	No
AMARYLLIDACEAE	Haemanthus pubescens L.f. subsp. pubescens	LC	No
AMARYLLIDACEAE	Hessea mathewsii W.F.Barker	CR	No
AMARYLLIDACEAE	Strumaria chaplinii (W.F.Barker) Snijman	EN	No
AMARYLLIDACEAE	Strumaria tenella (L.f.) Snijman subsp. tenella	LC	No
ANACARDIACEAE	Searsia dissecta (Thunb.) Moffett	LC	No
ANACARDIACEAE	Searsia glauca (Thunb.) Moffett	LC	No
ANACARDIACEAE	Searsia laevigata (L.) F.A.Barkley var. laevigata forma laevigata	Not Evaluated	No
ANACARDIACEAE	Searsia pterota (C.Presl) Moffett	LC	No
ANACARDIACEAE	Searsia undulata (Jacq.) T.S.Yi, A.J.Mill. & J.Wen	LC	No
ANTHERICACEAE	Chlorophytum comosum (Thunb.) Jacques	LC	No
ANTHERICACEAE	Chlorophytum triflorum (Aiton) Kunth	LC	No
APIACEAE	Annesorhiza grandiflora (Thunb.) M.Hiroe	LC	No
APIACEAE	Annesorhiza macrocarpa Eckl. & Zeyh.	LC	No
APIACEAE	Arctopus dregei Sond.	NT	No
APIACEAE	Arctopus echinatus L.	LC	No
APIACEAE	Berula thunbergii (DC.) H.Wolff	LC	No
APIACEAE	Capnophyllum africanum (L.) Gaertn.	NT	No
APIACEAE	Capnophyllum leiocarpon (Sond.) Manning & Goldblatt	Declining	No
APIACEAE	Centella affinis (Eckl. & Zeyh.) Adamson var. affinis	LC	No
APIACEAE	Cynorhiza meifolia (Eckl. & Zeyh.) Magee	DDD	No
APIACEAE	Cynorhiza typica Eckl. & Zeyh.	LC	No
APIACEAE	Dasispermum hispidum (Thunb.) Magee & BE.van Wyk	LC	No
APIACEAE	Lichtensteinia obscura (Spreng.) Koso-Pol.	LC	No
APIACEAE	Torilis arvensis (Huds.) Link	Not Evaluated	No
	Asclepias crispa P.J.Beraius var. crispa	LC	
APOCYNACEAE  APOCYNACEAE	Cynanchum obtusifolium L.f.	LC	No No
APOCYNACEAE	Cynanchum obtusijoiium L.j.  Microloma sagittatum (L.) R.Br.	LC	
APOCYNACEAE	Orbea variegata (L.) Haw.	LC	No No



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ASPARAGACEAE	Asparagus aethiopicus L.	LC	No
ASPARAGACEAE	Asparagus capensis L. var. capensis	LC	No
ASPARAGACEAE	Asparagus declinatus L.	LC	No
ASPARAGACEAE	Asparagus exuvialis Burch. forma exuvialis	Not Evaluated	No
ASPARAGACEAE	Asparagus fasciculatus Thunb.	LC	No
ASPARAGACEAE	Asparagus kraussianus (Kunth) J.F.Macbr.	LC	No
ASPARAGACEAE	Asparagus lignosus Burm.f.	LC	No
ASPARAGACEAE	Asparagus retrofractus L.	LC	No
ASPARAGACEAE	Asparagus rubicundus P.J.Bergius	LC	No
ASPARAGACEAE	Asparagus undulatus (L.f.) Thunb.	LC	No
ASPHODELACEAE	Aloe microstigma Salm-Dyck subsp. framesii (L.Bolus) Glen & D.S.Hardy	NT	No
ASPHODELACEAE	Aloe perfoliata L.	LC	No
ASPHODELACEAE	Bulbine annua (L.) Willd.	LC	No
ASPHODELACEAE	Bulbine favosa (Thunb.) Schult. & Schult.f	LC	No
ASPHODELACEAE	Bulbine minima Baker	LC	No
ASPHODELACEAE	Bulbine praemorsa (Jacq.) Spreng.	LC	No
ASPHODELACEAE	Bulbine sedifolia Schltr. ex Poelln.	LC	No
ASPHODELACEAE	Bulbinella cauda-felis (L.f.) T.Durand & Schinz	LC	No
ASPHODELACEAE	Bulbinella nutans (Thunb.) T.Durand & Schinz subsp. nutans	LC	No
ASPHODELACEAE	Bulbinella triquetra (L.f.) Kunth	LC	No
ASPHODELACEAE	Kniphofia uvaria (L.) Oken	LC	No
ASPHODELACEAE	Trachyandra ciliata (L.f.) Kunth	LC	No
ASPHODELACEAE	Trachyandra divaricata (Jacq.) Kunth	LC	No
ASPHODELACEAE	Trachyandra hispida (L.) Kunth	LC	No
ASPHODELACEAE	Trachyandra revoluta (L.) Kunth	LC	No
ASPHODELACEAE	Trachyandra scabra (L.f.) Kunth	LC	No
ASTERACEAE	Amellus asteroides (L.) Druce subsp. asteroides	LC	No
ASTERACEAE	Amellus capensis (Walp.) Hutch.	VU	No
ASTERACEAE	Amellus tenuifolius Burm.	LC	No
ASTERACEAE	Anthemis cotula L.	Not Evaluated	No
ASTERACEAE	Arctotheca calendula (L.) Levyns	LC	No
ASTERACEAE	Arctotheca populifolia (P.J.Bergius) Norl.	LC	No
ASTERACEAE	Arctotis hirsuta (Harv.) Beauverd	LC	No
ASTERACEAE	Arctotis revoluta Jacq.	LC	No
ASTERACEAE	Berkheya rigida (Thunb.) Erwart, Jean White & B.Rees	LC	No
ASTERACEAE	Chrysanthemoides incana (Burm.f.) Norl.	LC	No
ASTERACEAE	Chrysocoma ciliata L.	LC	No
ASTERACEAE	Conyza canadensis (L.) Cronquist	Not Evaluated	No
ASTERACEAE	Cotula coronopifolia L.	LC	No
ASTERACEAE	Cotula duckittiae (L.Bolus) K.Bremer & Humphries	VU	No



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ASTERACEAE	Cotula eckloniana (DC.) Levyns	EN	No
ASTERACEAE	Cotula filifolia Thunb.	CR	No
ASTERACEAE	Cotula turbinata L.	LC	No
ASTERACEAE	Didelta carnosa (L.f.) Aiton var. carnosa	LC	No
ASTERACEAE	Didelta carnosa (L.f.) Aiton var. tomentosa (Less.) Roessler	LC	No
ASTERACEAE	Dimorphotheca sinuata DC.	LC	No
ASTERACEAE	Dimorphotheca tragus (Aiton) B.Nord.	LC	No
ASTERACEAE	Eriocephalus africanus L. var. paniculatus (Cass.) M.A.N.Müll.,P.P.J.Herman & Kolberg	LC	No
ASTERACEAE	Eriocephalus racemosus L. var. affinis (DC.) Harv.	LC	No
ASTERACEAE	Eriocephalus racemosus L. var. racemosus	LC	No
ASTERACEAE	Euryops linifolius (L.) DC.	LC	No
ASTERACEAE	Euryops multifidus (Thunb.) DC.	LC	No
ASTERACEAE	Felicia bergeriana (Spreng.) O.Hoffm.	LC	No
ASTERACEAE	Felicia dregei DC.	LC	No
ASTERACEAE	Felicia elongata (Thunb.) O.Hoffm.	VU	No
ASTERACEAE	Felicia elongata (Thunb.) O.Hoffm.	VU	No
ASTERACEAE	Felicia filifolia (Vent.) Burtt Davy subsp. schlechteri (Compton) Grau	LC	No
ASTERACEAE	Felicia heterophylla (Cass.) Grau	LC	No
ASTERACEAE	Felicia hyssopifolia (P.J.Bergius) Nees subsp. glabra (DC.) Grau	LC	No
ASTERACEAE	Felicia merxmuelleri Grau	LC	No
ASTERACEAE	Felicia merxmuelleri Grau	LC	No
ASTERACEAE	Felicia tenella (L.) Nees subsp. pusilla (Harv.) Grau	LC	No
ASTERACEAE	Foveolina tenella (DC.) Källersjö	LC	No
ASTERACEAE	Gymnodiscus capillaris (L.f.) DC.	LC	No
ASTERACEAE	Helichrysum bachmannii Klatt	VU	No
ASTERACEAE	Helichrysum cochleariforme DC.	NT	No
ASTERACEAE	Helichrysum indicum (L.) Grierson	LC	No
ASTERACEAE	Helichrysum litorale Bolus	LC	No
ASTERACEAE	Helichrysum niveum (L.) Less.	LC	No
ASTERACEAE	Helichrysum patulum (L.) D.Don	LC	No
ASTERACEAE	Helichrysum revolutum (Thunb.) Less.	LC	No
ASTERACEAE	Helichrysum tricostatum (Thunb.) Less.	NT	No
ASTERACEAE	Ifloga ambigua (L.) Druce	LC	No
ASTERACEAE	Ifloga verticillata (L.f.) Fenzl	LC	No
ASTERACEAE	Leucanthemum vulgare Lam.	Not Evaluated	No
ASTERACEAE	Leysera qnaphalodes (L.) L.	LC	No
ASTERACEAE	Metalasia densa (Lam.) P.O.Karis	LC	No
ASTERACEAE	Metalasia muricata (L.) D.Don	LC	No
ASTERACEAE	Nidorella foetida (L.) DC.	LC	No
ASTERACEAE	Oedera imbricata Lam.	LC	No
ASTERACEAE	Oedera uniflora (L.f.) Anderb. & K.Bremer	LC	No



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ASTERACEAE	Oncosiphon sabulosum (Wolley-Dod) Källersjö	LC	No
ASTERACEAE	Oncosiphon suffruticosum (L.) Källersjö	LC	No
ASTERACEAE	Osteospermum grandiflorum DC.	LC	No
ASTERACEAE	Osteospermum pinnatum (Thunb.) Norl. var. pinnatum	LC	No
ASTERACEAE	Othonna arborescens L.	LC	No
ASTERACEAE	Othonna coronopifolia L.	LC	No
ASTERACEAE	Othonna cylindrica (Lam.) DC.	LC	No
ASTERACEAE	Othonna frutescens L.	LC	No
ASTERACEAE	Othonna mucronata Harv.	LC	No
ASTERACEAE	Othonna perfoliata (L.f.) Jacq.	LC	No
ASTERACEAE	Othonna quercifolia DC.	LC	No
ASTERACEAE	Poecilolepis ficoidea (DC.) Grau	LC	No
ASTERACEAE	Pseudognaphalium luteo-album (L.) Hilliard & B.L.Burtt		No
ASTERACEAE	Pteronia divaricata (P.J.Bergius) Less.	LC	No
ASTERACEAE	Pteronia incana (Burm.) DC.	LC	No
ASTERACEAE	Pteronia onobromoides DC.	LC	No
ASTERACEAE	Pteronia onobromoides DC.	LC	No
ASTERACEAE	Pteronia uncinata DC.	LC	No
ASTERACEAE	Rhynchopsidium pumilum (L.f.) DC.	LC	No
ASTERACEAE	Senecio arenarius Thunb.	LC	No
ASTERACEAE	Senecio arniciflorus DC.	LC	No
ASTERACEAE	Senecio burchellii DC.	LC	No
ASTERACEAE	Senecio elegans L.	LC	No
ASTERACEAE	Senecio littoreus Thunb. var. hispidulus Harv.	LC	No
ASTERACEAE	Senecio littoreus Thunb. var. littoreus	LC	No
ASTERACEAE	Senecio maritimus L.	LC	No
ASTERACEAE	Senecio pterophorus DC.	LC	No
ASTERACEAE	Senecio sarcoides C.Jeffrey	LC	No
ASTERACEAE	Steirodiscus tagetes (L.) Schltr.	VU	No
ASTERACEAE	Tripteris calcicola J.C.Manning & Goldblatt	VU	No
ASTERACEAE	Tripteris sinuata DC. var. sinuata	LC	No
ASTERACEAE	Ursinia anethoides (DC.) N.E.Br.	LC	No
ASTERACEAE	Ursinia anthemoides (L.) Poir. subsp. anthemoides	LC	No
BORAGINACEAE	Amsinckia retrorsa Suksd.	Not Evaluated	No
BORAGINACEAE	Echiostachys spicatus (Burm.f.) Levyns	EN	No
BORAGINACEAE	Echiostachys spicatus (Burm.f.) Levyns	EN	No
BORAGINACEAE	Heliotropium supinum L.	Not Evaluated	No
BORAGINACEAE	Myosotis discolor Pers.	Not Evaluated Not	No
BRASSICACEAE	Barbarea verna (Mill.) Asch.	Evaluated	No
BRASSICACEAE	Heliophila acuminata (Eckl. & Zeyh.) Steud.	LC	No



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BRASSICACEAE	Heliophila adpressa O.E.Schulz	LC	No
BRASSICACEAE	Heliophila africana (L.) Marais	LC	No
BRASSICACEAE	Heliophila elata Sond. var. elata	Not Evaluated	No
BRASSICACEAE	Heliophila linearis (Thunb.) DC. var. linearifolia (Burch. ex DC.) Marais	LC	No
BRASSICACEAE	Heliophila macowaniana Schltr.	LC	No
BRASSICACEAE	Raphanus raphanistrum L.	Not Evaluated	No
BRYACEAE	Bryum torquescens Bruch ex De Not.	Evaluated	No
BUDDLEJACEAE	Buddleja glomerata H.L.Wendl.	LC	No
		LC	
CAMPANULACEAE	Microcodon glomeratum A.DC.		No
CAMPANULACEAE	Prismatocarpus crispus L'Hér.	LC	No
CAMPANULACEAE	Roella prostrata E.Mey. ex A.DC.	LC	No
CAMPANULACEAE	Wahlenbergia adpressa (Thunb.) Sond.	LC	No
CAMPANULACEAE	Wahlenbergia androsacea A.DC.	LC	No
CAMPANULACEAE	Wahlenbergia capensis (L.) A.DC.	LC	No
CAMPANULACEAE	Wahlenbergia exilis A.DC.	LC	No
CAMPANULACEAE	Wahlenbergia hispidula (Thunb.) A.DC.	LC	No
CAMPANULACEAE	Wahlenbergia obovata Brehmer	LC	No
CAMPANULACEAE	Wahlenbergia paniculata (Thunb.) A.DC.	LC	No
CAMPANULACEAE	Wahlenbergia suffruticosa C.N.Cupido		No
CARYOPHYLLACEAE	Silene burchellii Otth var. angustifolia Sond.	Not Evaluated	No
CARYOPHYLLACEAE	Silene ornata Aiton	DDT	No
CARYOPHYLLACEAE	Silene undulata Aiton	LC	No
CARYOPHYLLACEAE	Spergularia media (L.) C.Presl	Not Evaluated	No
CELASTRACEAE	Cassine peragua L. subsp. barbara (L.) R.H.Archer	LC	No
CELASTRACEAE	Gymnosporia buxifolia (L.) Szyszyl.	LC	No
CELASTRACEAE	Maytenus lucida (L.) Loes.	LC	No
CELASTRACEAE	Pterocelastrus tricuspidatus (Lam.) Walp.	LC	No
CELASTRACEAE	Putterlickia pyracantha (L.) Szyszyl.	LC	No
CELASTRACEAE	Putterlickia pyracantha (L.) Szyszyl.	LC	No
CHENOPODIACEAE	Atriplex cinerea Poir. subsp. bolusii (C.H.Wright) Aellen var. adamsonii Aellen	LC	No
CHENOPODIACEAE	Atriplex lindleyi Moq. subsp. inflata (F.Muell.) Paul G.Wilson	Not Evaluated	No
CHENOPODIACEAE	Atriplex semibaccata R.Br. var. appendiculata Aellen	LC	No
CHENOPODIACEAE	Bassia diffusa (Thunb.) Kuntze	LC	No
CHENOPODIACEAE	Chenopodium ambrosioides L.	Not Evaluated	No
CHENOPODIACEAE	Salicornia meyeriana Moss	LC	
	Sarcocornia capensis (Moss) A.J.Scott	LC	No
CHENOPODIACEAE			No
CHENOPODIACEAE	Sarcocornia littorea (Moss) A.J.Scott	LC	No
CHENOPODIACEAE	Sarcocornia mossiana (Toelken) A.J.Scott	LC	No
CHENOPODIACEAE	Sarcocornia natalensis (Bunge ex UngSternb.) A.J.Scott var. natalensis	LC	No



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CHENOPODIACEAE	Sarcocornia perennis (Mill.) A.J.Scott var. perennis	LC	No
CHENOPODIACEAE	Sarcocornia pillansii (Moss) A.J.Scott var. pillansii	LC	No
COMMELINACEAE	Tradescantia fluminensis Vell.	Not Evaluated	No
CONVOLVULACEAE	Cuscuta nitida Choisy	LC	No
CRASSULACEAE	Crassula decumbens Thunb. var. brachyphylla (Adamson) Toelken	NT	No
CRASSULACEAE	Crassula dejecta Jacq.	LC	No
CRASSULACEAE	Crassula dichotoma L.	LC	No
CRASSULACEAE	Crassula expansa Dryand. subsp. expansa	LC	No
CRASSULACEAE	Crassula glomerata P.J.Bergius	LC	No
CRASSULACEAE	Crassula nudicaulis L. var. nudicaulis	LC	No
CRASSULACEAE	Crassula thunbergiana Schult. subsp. thunbergiana	LC	No
CRASSULACEAE	Crassula tomentosa Thunb. var. tomentosa	LC	No
CUCURBITACEAE	Kedrostis psammophylla Bruyns	LC	No
CYPERACEAE	Bolboschoenus maritimus (L.) Palla	LC	No
CYPERACEAE	Ficinia bulbosa (L.) Nees	LC	No
CYPERACEAE	Ficinia secunda (Vahl) Kunth	LC	No
CYPERACEAE	Isolepis levynsiana Muasya & D.A.Simpson	LC	No
CYPERACEAE	Isolepis marginata (Thunb.) A.Dietr.	LC	No
CYPERACEAE	Isolepis rubicunda (Nees) Kunth	LC	No
CYPERACEAE	Schoenoplectus corymbosus (Roth ex Roem. & Schult.) J.Raynal	LC	No
CYPERACEAE	Schoenoplectus triqueter (L.) Palla	Not Evaluated	No
EBENACEAE	Diospyros austro-africana De Winter var. austro-africana	LC	No
EBENACEAE	Euclea natalensis A.DC. subsp. capensis F.White	LC	No
EBENACEAE	Euclea racemosa Murray subsp. racemosa	LC	No
ERICACEAE	Erica flacca E.Mey. ex Benth.	LC	No
ERICACEAE	Erica inaequalis (N.E.Br.) E.G.H.Oliv.	LC	No
ERICACEAE	Erica mammosa L.	LC	No
ERICACEAE	Erica plumosa Thunb.	LC	No
ERICACEAE	Erica subdivaricata P.J.Bergius	LC	No
ERICACEAE	Erica trichostigma Salter	VU	No
ERICACEAE	Erica tristis Bartl.	LC	No
EUPHORBIACEAE	Adenocline violifolia (Kuntze) Prain	LC	No
EUPHORBIACEAE	Clutia affinis Sond.	LC	No
EUPHORBIACEAE	Clutia alaternoides L. var. alaternoides	LC	No
EUPHORBIACEAE	Clutia daphnoides Lam.	LC	No
EUPHORBIACEAE	Clutia ericoides Thunb. var. ericoides	LC	No
EUPHORBIACEAE	Euphorbia burmannii E.Mey. ex Boiss.	LC	No
EUPHORBIACEAE	Euphorbia mauritanica L. var. mauritanica	LC	No
EUPHORBIACEAE	Euphorbia peplus L.	Not Evaluated	No
FABACEAE	Acacia mearnsii De Wild.	Not Evaluated	No



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FABACEAE	Amphithalea ericifolia (L.) Eckl. & Zeyh. subsp. erecta Granby	CR	No
FABACEAE	Argyrolobium velutinum Eckl. & Zeyh.	EN	No
FABACEAE	Calobota angustifolia (E.Mey.) Boatwr. & BE.van Wyk	LC	No
FABACEAE	Calobota cytisoides (Berg.) Eckl. & Zeyh.	LC	No
FABACEAE	Calobota lotononoides (Schltr.) Boatwr. & BE.van Wyk	NT	No
FABACEAE	Calobota spinescens (Harv.) Boatwr. & BE.van Wyk	LC	No
FABACEAE	Crotalaria excisa (Thunb.) Baker f. subsp. excisa	LC	No
FABACEAE	Dipogon lignosus (L.) Verdc.	LC	No
FABACEAE	Indigofera heterophylla Thunb.	LC	No
FABACEAE	Indigofera incana Thunb.	LC	No
FABACEAE	Indigofera meyeriana Eckl. & Zeyh.	LC	No
FABACEAE	Indigofera platypoda E.Mey.	EN	No
FABACEAE	Indigofera procumbens L.	LC	No
FABACEAE	Indigofera venusta Eckl. & Zeyh.	LC	No
FABACEAE	Lebeckia ambigua E.Mey.	LC	No
FABACEAE	Lebeckia plukenetiana E.Mey.	EN	No
FABACEAE	Lessertia herbacea (L.) Druce	LC	No
FABACEAE	Lessertia rigida E.Mey.	LC	No
FABACEAE	Liparia splendens (Burm.f.) Bos & de Wit subsp. splendens	VU	No
FABACEAE	Lotononis involucrata (P.J.Bergius) Benth. subsp. involucrata	LC	No
FABACEAE	Lotononis sabulosa T.M.Salter	LC	No
FABACEAE	Medicago polymorpha L.	Not Evaluated	No
FABACEAE	Melilotus indicus (L.) All.	Not Evaluated	No
FABACEAE	Melolobium aethiopicum (L.) Druce	LC	No
FABACEAE	Melolobium candicans (E.Mey.) Eckl. & Zeyh.	LC	No
FABACEAE	Melolobium exudans Harv.	LC	No
FABACEAE	Otholobium bolusii (H.M.L.Forbes) C.H.Stirt.	NT	No
FABACEAE	Otholobium bracteolatum (Eckl. & Zeyh.) C.H.Stirt.	LC	No
FABACEAE	Otholobium venustum (Eckl. & Zeyh.) C.H.Stirt.	VU	No
FABACEAE	Podalyria sericea (Andrews) R.Br. ex Aiton f.	VU	No
FABACEAE	Podalyria sericea (Andrews) R.Br. ex Aiton f.	VU	No
FABACEAE	Rafnia angulata Thunb. subsp. angulata	LC	No
FABACEAE	Rafnia capensis (L.) Schinz subsp. capensis	LC	No
FABACEAE	Sutherlandia frutescens (L.) R.Br.	LC	No
FABACEAE	Vicia benghalensis L.	Not Evaluated	No
FABACEAE	Vicia sativa L. subsp. sativa	Not Evaluated	No
FABACEAE	Wiborgia fusca Thunb. subsp. fusca	LC	No
FABACEAE	Wiborgia fusca Thunb. subsp. macrocarpa R.Dahlgren	EN	No
FABACEAE	Wiborgia leptoptera R.Dahlgren subsp. leptoptera	LC	No
FABACEAE	Wiborqia obcordata (P.J.Berqius) Thunb.	LC	No



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FABACEAE	Wiborgia obcordata (P.J.Bergius) Thunb.	LC	No
FABACEAE	Xiphotheca reflexa (Thunb.) A.L.Schutte & BE.van Wyk	EN	No
FABACEAE	Xiphotheca reflexa (Thunb.) A.L.Schutte & BE.van Wyk	EN	No
FUMARIACEAE	Cysticapnos vesicaria (L.) Fedde subsp. vesicaria	LC	No
GENTIANACEAE	Chironia baccifera L.	LC	No
GENTIANACEAE	Chironia decumbens Levyns	LC	No
GENTIANACEAE	Chironia linoides L. subsp. linoides	LC	No
GENTIANACEAE	Orphium frutescens (L.) E.Mey.	LC	No
GENTIANACEAE	Sebaea aurea (L.f.) Roem. & Schult.	LC	No
GERANIACEAE	Pelargonium carnosum (L.) L'Hér. subsp. carnosum	LC	No
GERANIACEAE	Pelargonium chelidonium (Houtt.) DC.	EN	No
GERANIACEAE	Pelargonium hirtum (Burm.f.) Jacq.	LC	No
HAEMODORACEAE	Wachendorfia multiflora (Klatt) J.C.Manning & Goldblatt	LC	No
HYACINTHACEAE	Daubenya zeyheri (Kunth) J.C.Manning & A.M.van der Merwe	VU	No
HYACINTHACEAE	Eucomis regia (L.) L'Hér.	LC	No
HYACINTHACEAE	Lachenalia mathewsii W.F.Barker	CR	No
HYACINTHACEAE	Lachenalia mediana Jacq. var. mediana	VU	No
HYACINTHACEAE	Lachenalia pustulata Jacq.	NT	No
HYACINTHACEAE	Lachenalia viridiflora W.F.Barker	CR	No
HYACINTHACEAE	Ornithogalum juncifolium Jacq. var. juncifolium	LC	No
HYACINTHACEAE	Ornithogalum maculatum Jacq.	LC	No
HYPOXIDACEAE	Empodium veratrifolium (Willd.) M.F.Thomps.	EN	No
HYPOXIDACEAE	Pauridia longituba M.F.Thomps.	EN	No
HYPOXIDACEAE	Spiloxene serrata (Thunb.) Garside var. serrata	LC	No
IRIDACEAE	Babiana ambiqua (Roem. & Schult.) G.J.Lewis	LC	No
IRIDACEAE	Babiana angustifolia Sweet	NT	No
IRIDACEAE	Babiana hirsuta (Lam.) Goldblatt & J.C.Manning	NT	No
IRIDACEAE	Babiana mucronata (Jacq.) Ker Gawl. subsp. mucronata	LC	No
IRIDACEAE	Babiana ringens (L.) Ker Gawl. subsp. ringens	LC	No
IRIDACEAE	Babiana tubiflora (L.f.) Ker Gawl.	Declining	No
IRIDACEAE	Ferraria densepunctulata M.P.de Vos	VU	No
IRIDACEAE	Ferraria foliosa G.J.Lewis	NT	No
IRIDACEAE	Geissorhiza lewisiae R.C.Foster	VU	No
IRIDACEAE	Geissorhiza monanthos Eckl.	EN	No
IRIDACEAE	Gladiolus alatus L.	LC	No
IRIDACEAE	Gladiolus floribundus Jacq.	LC	No
IRIDACEAE	Gladiolus gracilis Jacq.	LC	No
IRIDACEAE	Gladiolus orchidiflorus Andrews	LC	No
IRIDACEAE	Hesperantha erecta (Baker) Benth. ex Baker	NT	No
IRIDACEAE	Hesperantha radiata (Jacq.) Ker Gawl.	LC	No
IRIDACEAE	Lapeirousia anceps (L.f.) Ker Gawl.	LC	No



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IRIDACEAE	Lapeirousia jacquinii N.E.Br.	LC	No
IRIDACEAE	Melasphaerula ramosa (L.) N.E.Br.	LC	No
IRIDACEAE	Moraea albiflora (G.J.Lewis) Goldblatt	LC	No
IRIDACEAE	Moraea caeca Barnard ex Goldblatt	LC	No
IRIDACEAE	Moraea macrocarpa Goldblatt	LC	No
IRIDACEAE	Romulea barkerae M.P.de Vos	EN	No
IRIDACEAE	Romulea saldanhensis M.P.de Vos	EN	No
IRIDACEAE	Romulea tabularis Eckl. ex Bég.	LC	No
JUNCACEAE	Juncus effusus L.	LC	No
JUNCACEAE	Juncus tenuis Willd.	Not Evaluated	No
JUNCAGINACEAE	Triglochin bulbosa L.	LC	No
JUNCAGINACEAE	Triglochin striata Ruíz & Pav.	LC	No
LAMIACEAE	Salvia africana-caerulea L.	LC	No
LAMIACEAE	Salvia lanceolata Lam.	LC	No
LAMIACEAE	Stachys arvensis L.	Not Evaluated	No
LOBELIACEAE	Cyphia crenata (Thunb.) C.Presl var. crenata	LC	No
MALVACEAE	Anisodontea biflora (Desr.) Bates	LC	No
MALVACEAE	Hermannia heterophylla (Cav.) Thunb.	LC	No
MALVACEAE	Hermannia pinnata L.	LC	No
MALVACEAE	Hermannia prismatocarpa E.Mey. ex Harv.	LC	No
MALVACEAE	Hermannia procumbens Cav. subsp. myrrhifolia (Thunb.) De Winter	EN	No
MALVACEAE	Hermannia scordifolia Jacq.	LC	No
MALVACEAE	Hermannia trifurca L.	LC	No
MELIANTHACEAE	Melianthus elongatus Wijnands	LC	No
MESEMBRYANTHEMAC EAE	Amphibolia laevis (Aiton) H.E.K.Hartmann	LC	No
MESEMBRYANTHEMAC EAE	Apatesia helianthoides (Aiton) N.E.Br.	LC	No
MESEMBRYANTHEMAC EAE	Conicosia pugioniformis (L.) N.E.Br. subsp. pugioniformis	LC	No



#### APPENDIX B. PLANT RELOCATION PROCEDURES

#### 1. Timing

 If practicable plants shall be moved in autumn or winter when their growth rate is slowest and the soil is moist.

## 2. Weed Control

- Refer to the Alien Invasive Management Plan compiled for the weed control requirements.
- The areas where plants are to be relocated shall be eradicated of weeds before replanting commences. Any existing vegetative growth shall be slashed to a height of 1m;

## 3. Root Preparation

• If nominated, the ECO shall undertake root pruning in advance of relocating. The ECO shall cut the roots at the margins of the root ball, and shall allow the plant to 'adjust' whilst still in situ. For large plants (trees and shrubs) root cutting shall occur progressively commencing at least 4-8 weeks prior to the plant being dug from the ground. A section of the margin of the root ball shall be cut each week during the period leading up to the plant being relocated.

## 4. Preparation of Planting Holes

- Planting holes shall be prepared before the plant to be relocated is dug up. As far as
  practicable, topsoil and subsoil shall be kept separate when preparing planting holes. The
  ECO shall remove from site any unsuitable material brought to the surface during
  excavation.
- The hole shall be at least twice the diameter of the root ball and no deeper than the height of the proposed root ball. If the depth of the hole exceeds the root ball height, compacted soil shall be added to the hole to prevent settling after transplanting. Sides of the hole shall be sloped and roughened to create an irregular surface that will facilitate root penetration.

## 5. Root Excavation Technique

- Before any excavation is carried out, the ECO shall thoroughly water the plants to be relocated and shall mark the proposed root ball size on the ground. In general, the root ball diameter for larger plants (trees and shrubs) should be 10 mm for every 1 mm of trunk diameter, measured at 300 mm above the ground.
- For tussock grasses and other strap leaf plants the root ball shall generally be twice the



diameter of the base of the tussock.

#### Spade Dug

- Plants shall be dug from the ground using a spade. Beyond the edge of the root ball, a sharp spade shall be driven into the ground, cutting all the way around the plant. Soil taken with the plants shall extend a minimum of 100mm beyond the root ball to minimise disturbance and/or root damage. Any exposed roots shall be pruned flush with the face of the root ball using sharp secateurs or loppers, ensuring the rootball is not loosened.
- o If necessary, the root ball shall be wrapped in natural fibre (e.g. hessian) to prevent soil being lost during relocation. Once the ball is securely wrapped and tied, the plant shall be undercut. (Small plants may not need to be wrapped, especially if the soil is moist and holds together).
- A spade shall be used to excavate roots in situations where the use of other machinery would cause undue damage to the remaining vegetation.
- This method is most suitable for relocating individual small plants or clumps of bulbous, grass or sedge species.

## Mini Excavator/Backhoe/Skid Steer Loader Excavated

- Plants shall be dug from the ground using a mini excavator, backhoe or skid steer loader. Soil taken with the plants shall extend a minimum of 150 mm beyond the root ball to minimise disturbance and/or root damage. Any exposed roots shall be pruned flush with the face of the root ball using sharp secateurs or loppers, ensuring the root ball is not loosened.
- o If necessary, the root ball shall be wrapped in natural fibre (e.g. hessian) to prevent soil being lost during relocation. Once the ball is securely wrapped and tied, the plant shall be undercut. (Small plants may not need to be wrapped especially if the soil is moist and holds together).
- This root excavation method shall only be used for sites that are sparsely vegetated and where the machinery will not cause undue damage to the remaining vegetation.

## 6. Lifting Technique

- Plants shall be lifted from their existing location and immediately placed in the preprepared planting holes;
- For small plants, the root ball shall be lifted from the hole by hand or by using a sling attached to a small machine;
- Lifting of plants shall be carried out or supervised by a qualified and/or suitably



experienced horticulturist and crane/machine operator;

- Appropriate lifting equipment shall be used;
- Suitable slings shall be attached around a balance point of the plant and shall provide a
  support system around the root ball. When a sling is attached to the plant, padding and
  protection is required to reduce possible damage. Plants shall not be lifted by the trunk
  alone. A qualified crane/machine operator shall determine the support system to be
  used.

## 7. Backfill

- Once the plant has been placed in the hole it shall be backfilled with site topsoil and lightly consolidated. The plant shall be set at a height such that the surface of root ball is at the same level as the surrounding soil surface.
- Only topsoil free from perennial weeds, stones, debris, clods of subsoil or other deleterious material may be used as backfill for planting. Topsoil stockpiled from the removal site also may be used as backfill.
- Where in the opinion of the Superintendent excavated material is unsuitable for backfill, imported soil shall be used. Imported soil shall be matched as closely as practicable to the existing site soil. Organic matter shall not be added to the backfill material.

#### 8. Soil Additives

- Water Retention Agents
  - Water retention agents (i.e. AquaBoost AG, Alcosorb Water Crystals) shall be applied in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and recommended rates. The watering regime during the maintenance period shall be closely monitored to ensure over watering does not occur.

## 9. Initial Watering

• Immediately following planting, each plant shall be watered with a volume of clean potable water.

## 10. Initial Fertiliser

 Aquasol, Thrive or Maxicrop shall be applied at the manufacturer's recommended rates once per month, for 6 months.