



Assessment Report: Cape Nature

Project Summary:

The construction of the weir on the Rondegat forms part of an approved project that is now managed by the CAPE Invasive Alien Animals Working Group is the River Rehabilitation Project, which seeks to eradicate alien fishes from four priority rivers in the Fynbos Biome using chemical and physical means. The Rondegat River is home to an important population of endemic freshwater fish species that are unique to the river systems of the Cederberg. In our environmental assessment we concluded that while there will be some short term manageable negative environmental impacts associated with the construction phase the overall objective of the proposal is significantly positive and will have an important and very high impact on a national conservation priority. Finally the following conditions should be met with regards to this development.

1. An Environmental Management Programme for the Construction Phase should be prepared to ensure that effective guidelines are provided to mitigate environmental impact through appropriate management intervention.
2. An appropriately qualified Environmental Control Officer should be appointed by the proponent to ensure that the conditions of the EMP are fulfilled.
3. That the appointed ECO provide a final report to DEA&DP on completion of the activity to report on adherence to the conditions of the Environmental Authorisation.

Client:

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