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EXPLANATION TO ROUTE MAPS

ECOLOGY

The conservation status of species has been assessed by reference to the Red Data Book for Azerbaijan (1989), information from local scientists on proposed additions to the Red Book, European Bird Populations: Estimates and Trends (Birdlife International/ European Bird Census Council, 2000) and the 2000 IUCN Red List of Threatened Species. The status categories used in this volume are described in the Table 1, below.

| STATUS CATEGORY | DESCRIPTION |
|--------------------|--|
| le | Species of International Conservation Concern – endangered |
| lv | Species of International Conservation Concern – vulnerable |
| llr | Species of International Conservation Concern – low risk |
| Ee | Bird of European Conservation Concern - endangered |
| Ev | Bird of European Conservation Concern - vulnerable |
| Er | Bird of European Conservation Concern – rare |
| Ed | Bird of European Conservation Concern - declining |
| RDB | Listed in Red Data Book of Azerbaijan Republic |
| PRDB | Proposed for inclusion in Red Data Book of Azerbaijan Republic |

| Table 1 Threatened | l species status | categories |
|--------------------|------------------|------------|
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Where vegetation data has been collected during field surveys, community types for each broad habitat type have been identified. Their structure and species composition are described below in Table 2.

| DESERT | | |
|--------|---|--|
| D1 | Artemisia fragrans | |
| D2 | Artemisia fragrans + Salsola nodulosa | |
| D3 | Artemisia fragrans + Salsola dendroides | |
| D4 | Artemisia fragrans + Suaeda dendroides | |
| D5 | Salsola nodulosa | |
| D6 | Salsola dendroides | |
| D7 | Suaeda dendroides | |
| D8 | Kalidium caspicum | |
| D9 | Halocnemum strobilaceum | |
| D10 | Capparis spinosa | |
| D11 | Ephemeral desert | |
| D12 | Interzone | |
| D13 | Salsola nodulosa + Artemisia fragrans | |
| D14 | Salsola ericoides | |
| | SEMI-DESERT | |
| SD1 | Artemisia fragrans | |
| SD2 | Artemisia fragrans + Salsola nodulosa | |
| SD3 | Artemisia fragrans + Salsola dendroides | |
| SD4 | Salsola dendroides | |

Table 2 Vegetation communities with broad habitat categories

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| SD5 | Interzone |
|--------------------|------------------------------|
| | AGRICULTURAL |
| A1 | Fields |
| A2 | Old Fields |
| | WOODLAND AND SCRUB |
| WS1 | Plantations |
| WS2 | Scrub |
| | WETLAND |
| W1 | River |
| W2 | Lake |
| W3 | Canals (Major) |
| W4 | Marsh |
| W5 | Seasonal marsh / Chal meadow |
| | OTHER |
| Individually Named | |

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ARCHAEOLOGY

The following archaeological sites will be subject to trial trenching investigation prior to construction:

Gobustan (KP9-11) Sites 4, 5, 6 Kazi-Magomed (KP54) Sites 21, 22 Yevlakh (KP221) Sites 52, 53, 54 Neymatabad (KP236) Site 56 Mingechaur (KP248) Site 57 Nadirkand (KP276) Site 59 Dalimamedli (KP280) Site 60 Zayamchai (KP355) Sites 111, 112, 113 Girag Salakhli (KP 05) Site 138































