

HABITAT AND SPECIES MANAGEMENT AREA

Description

HSMA is intended to protect, maintain, conserve and restore areas containing significant flora and fauna species and/or habitats across the Emirate. Many of these areas may need regular, active management interventions to address the requirements of particular species or to maintain habitats, but this is not a mandate per this base district. The following are the examples of areas that are designated under this base district:

1. Al Wathba Wetland Reserve
2. Arabian Oryx Protected Area
3. Al Houbara Protected Area
4. Qaser Al Sarab Protected Area
5. Al Ghadha Protected Area
6. Al Beda'a Protected Area
7. Al Delfaowiyah Protected Area
8. Al Tawi Protected Area
9. Bida' Hazza' Protected Area
10. Barqa Al Soqour Protected Area
11. Yaou Al Debsa Protected Area
12. Al Ramlah Protected Area
13. Ras Granada Marine Protected Area
14. Bul Sayayef Marine Protected Area

The map on the next page shows the geographical areas in the Emirate identified under this designation.

Use Regulations

Uses	Use Status Key: P = Permitted L = See Limitations Table
6000 Religious	
6100 Mosque	P
7000 Open Space & Recreation	
7300 Developed Open Space	L-1, L-2
8000 Services/Transportation/Infrastructure	P
9000 Agriculture, Forestry & Aquaculture	L-3

Limitations

L-1	Subject to scale/size review for compatibility with the surrounding area.
L-2	Only passive recreational, educational and research activities consistent with respective Management Plan's of the Environment Agency (EAD) and the Tourism and Culture Authority (TCA) of Abu Dhabi are permitted.
L-3	Industrial uses are not permitted.

Development Regulations

The development regulations for the HSMA base district shall be established in consultation with the EAD and UPC through the planning review process, based on the operational requirements of the proposal.

Note: Compliance with the Rural Code does not negate the need to comply with all other regulatory, statutory and permitting requirements within the Emirate of Abu Dhabi.

Note: The Allocated Use on any current affection plan must accord with one of the permitted or limited uses within the Use Regulations table above.