Kingdom of Thailand

Request for an extension of the deadline for completing the destruction of antipersonnel mines in mined areas in accordance with Article 5, paragraph 1 of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Antipersonnel Mines and on Their Destruction

Thailand’s active participation under the convention

• President of 5 MSP in 2002
• Co-chairs of several Standing committees
  • Standing Committee on Victim Assistance and Social Reintegration (2009)
  • Standing Committee on General Status and Operation (2011)
  • Standing Committee on Resources, Cooperation and Assistance (2012-2013)
• Chair of the Committee on Victim Assistance (2016)
The Beginning of Mine Action in Thailand

Landmine Impact Survey (2000) Reported 2,557 sq.km. of contamination

- 933 contaminated areas
- 27 provinces (530 villages in 84 districts)
- 503,682 people were affected
Thailand’s Mine Action Network

- Thailand Mine Action Center (TMAC)
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Ministry of Social Development and Human Security
- National Institute for Emergency Medicine
- Thai Civilian Deminer Association
- Japanese Government
- Norwegian People’s Aid
- US Humanitarian Demining Research and Development Program
- United States Pacific Command
- Peace Road Organization
- ICBL
- GICHD

Environmental and Terrain Challenges
The use of the term “AD” in the context of this Request as well as the demining operations to be conducted in implementing Thailand's obligations under this Convention shall be without prejudice to Thailand's rights and duties with regard to the land boundary under international law.

SUSPECTED HAZARDOUS AREA (SHA)
Classified as Area to be Demarcated (AD)
12 Provinces / 244 Areas / 359 sq.km.

*This sketch map is not to scale

*Border pillar survey

Border Areas

Trilateral EOD Training Level 1 (TMAC, NRA-Laos, USPACOM)

Support from International Friends
Operational Results

**Phase 1**
Now – end of First Extension (Nov ’18)
- All areas outside border areas will be completed (63.7 sq.km)
- Yala Province will be mine-free

**Phase 2**
Second Extension (Nov ’18 – Nov ’23)
- Remaining works only in border areas (358.8 sq.km)

Reduced by 2,144.8 sq.km.
Seminar on Universalizing Land Release

Shift in Methodology

Traditional Method (2000 - 2012)
- Expensive
- Time / Resource Consuming
- Clearance 2.4 sq.km. per year

Inexpensive Method (2012 - Present)
- Inexpensive
- More efficient / economical
- Clearance 30 sq.km. per year
Resurvey Pilot Project

- SHA identified by LIS (2000)
- Suspected to be grossly overestimated
- Resurvey through Land Release (2012 - present)
- Initial results shown only 0.22% – 13.5% of areas actually had contamination

- CHA (if 0.22%)
- CHA (if 13.5%)
- Cancelled (Mine – free)

When resurveying is completed in all areas, it is expected that nearly 86.5% could be cancelled.

Committed to VA
International Mine Awareness Day
4 April 2017