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PROGRESS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE 5 OF THE OTTAWA CONVENTION

Meetings of the Standing Committees

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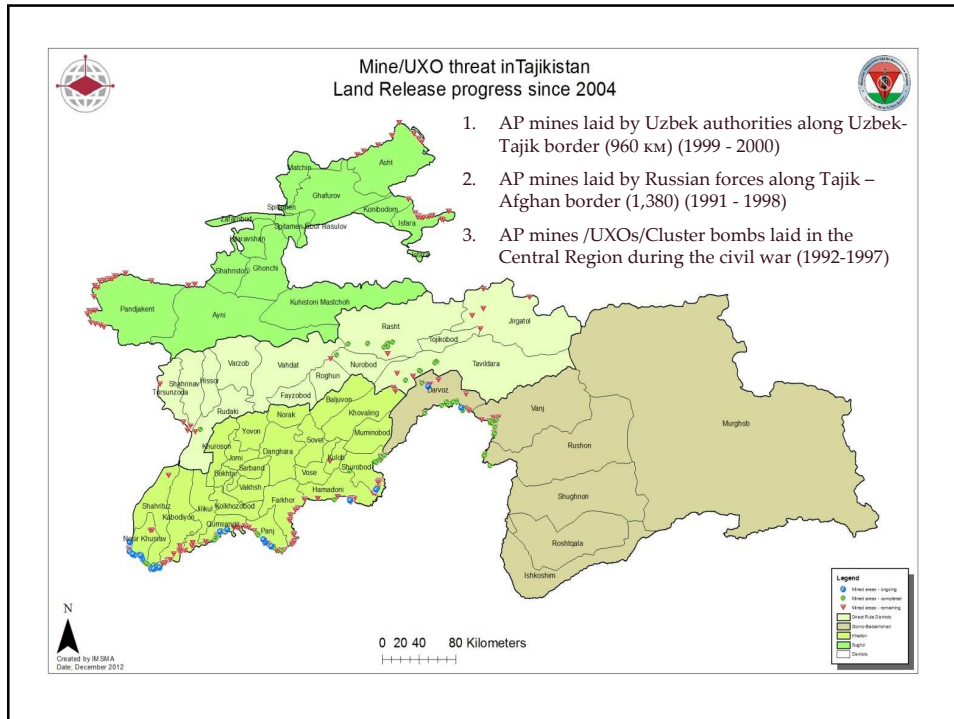


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Status of work to be conducted

Assumptions for 2012 in accordance with Work Plan of Extension Request

	Land release by	Number of areas to be cleared or reduced	Size to be cleared or reduced, m ²
Tajik Afghan border	Mine Detection Dogs	17	400,000
	Manual clearance	9	200,000
Central Region	Mechanical Demining	1	200,000
	Manual	1	100,000
		28	900,000

Status of work conducted

Progress made in 2012

	Land released by	Number of cleared areas	Cleared size, m ²
Tajik-Afghan border	Mine Detection Dogs	4	1,100,000
	Manual clearance	20	760 000
	Reduced by Technical Survey	-	290,000
Central Region	Manual clearance	-	-
		-	-
		24	2 150 000

Area prepared by Mechanical Demining Machines - 1,200,000 m²

Tajik-Uzbek border

Non-technical survey preliminary results



Since the Tajik-Uzbek border area issues are politically sensitive, the final decision should be made by senior management staff and officially agreed and accepted by the GoT

Task

1. Analysis of the 2011 NTS data (4 most affected districts)
2. Quality check of the landmines casualties information
3. Comparing the analysis based on the new border delimitation information
4. Identify the location of landmines accidents

Participants

- TMAC
- FSD survey team
- State Committee on Land and Geodesy
- Border Forces
- Committee of Emergency Situation
- Local authorities

Preliminary results

- 63 accident locations with involvement of 140 casualties
- All of the accident locations belong to Uzbek side of the border, except one
- No evidences that accidents occurred in Tajik side of the border, except one

Available capacity in 2013

More than 250 deminers including team leaders, supervisors etc.

- 15 Multipurpose Teams
- 6 MDD Teams (12 dogs)
- 3 Mechanical demining teams (2 MV-4 and 1 Mini MineWolf)

Detail:

- 1 FSD Survey Team
- 5 FSD Multipurpose Teams
- 6 FSD MDD Teams (12 dogs)
- 2 FSD mechanical demining teams with 2 MV-4 machines
- 1 MoD mechanical demining team with 1 Mini MineWolf machine
- 2 MoD Multipurpose Teams
- 8 NPA Multipurpose Teams

Remaining contaminated land as of May 2013

Region	Number of areas to be cleared or reduced	Size to be cleared or reduced, m ²
Tajik Afghan border	134	4,890,000
Central Region	30	2,280,000
	164	7,170,000

Operational plans for 2013-2014

- Conduct joint (IP and TMAP) Non-technical survey in all challenged areas to better define perimeters and land release methodologies
- Release not less than 1,500,000 m² of the contaminated land
- Create a clear prioritization system and prepare an updated work plan to address all remaining contaminated areas (Art. 5 Completion Plan)
- Review and update all chapters of NMAP, development of new required chapters of NMAP
- Development of TMAP SOP and process maps for the need of TMAP
- Establish a centralized training area and facilities for TMAP

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Conclusion

- From 2003 - to date 10,5 km² released by demining efforts (manual, MDD and support by machines)
- Remaining task approx. 7,2 km² - but most of this will really have to be demined and cannot be canceled through NTS
- Time frame to clear 4,5 km² by end of 2015, possibly up to 6 km²
- Clearance until 1 April 2020 doable (Extension deadline)

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Thank you for your attention

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