

**CONVENTION ON THE PROHIBITION OF THE USE, STOCKPILING, PRODUCTION AND TRANSFER OF
ANTI-PERSONNEL MINES AND ON THEIR DESTRUCTION**

Reporting Formats for Article 7

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Form A National implementation measures

Article 7.1 "Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:
 a) The national implementation measures referred to in Article 9."

Remark: In accordance with Article 9, "Each State Party shall take all appropriate legal, administrative and other measures, including the imposition of penal sanctions, to prevent and suppress any activity prohibited to a State Party under this Convention undertaken by persons or on territory under its jurisdiction or control". Oversee

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Measures	Supplementary information (e.g., effective date of implementation & text of legislation attached).
<p>Existing Legislations:</p> <p>The Palau Constitution prohibits use, production and transhipment of anti personnel mine.</p> <p>Progress of Work:</p> <p>The Ministry of State administers a Technical UXO Workgroup with members consist of all government agencies with interest to UXO, including land and sea mines, clearance to oversee the clearance work Palau is undergoing.</p> <p>In the process of drafting a Presidential Executive Order to formalize a national authority to oversee development of Palau’s national clearance standard to oversee and manage clearance activities. Palau expresses the need for development of underwater clearance standards.</p> <p>Palau recently has undergone a national general election, which changed its political leaders, including the Republic’s Executive and Legislative Branch. With such change in composition of the President’s Cabinet and the National Congress’ membership, the Ministry of State continues its dialouge with the Executive and Legislative Branch toward national legislation.</p>	

Form B Stockpiled anti-personnel mines

Article 7.1 "Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:

b) The total of all stockpiled anti-personnel mines owned or possessed by it, or under its jurisdiction or control, to include a breakdown of the type, quantity and, if possible, lot numbers of each type of anti-personnel mine stockpiled."

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1. Total of stockpiled anti-personnel mines

Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information
			Palau do not own or possess any Anti Personnel Mine under its jurisdiction or control.
TOTAL			

2. Previously unknown stockpiles of anti-personnel mines discovered after the deadlines have passed. (*Action #15 of Nairobi Action Plan*)*

Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information
			Palau do not own or possess any Anti Personnel Mine under its jurisdiction or control.
TOTAL			

* Pursuant to the decision of the 8MSP, as contained in paragraph 29 of the Final Report of the Meeting, document APLC/MSP.8/2007/6.

Form C Location of mined areas

Article 7.1 "Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:
c) To the extent possible, the location of all mined areas that contain, or are suspected to contain, anti-personnel mines under its jurisdiction or control, to include as much detail as possible regarding the type and quantity of each type of anti-personnel mine in each mined area and when they were emplaced."

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1. Areas that contain mines*

Location	Type	Quantity	Date of emplacement	Supplementary information
Bloody Nose Ridge, Peleliu State	Type 97 Anti Personnel, HE Blast – Japanese	Unknown	1944	AP Landmines have been found on Bloody Nose during the course of ERW clearance over the past 3 years. The AP Landmines have been found emplaced and fused but unarmed in the ground as well as stored within defensive cave and tunnel complexes. Ongoing clearance operations are removing these AP Landmines.

* If necessary, a separate table for each mined area may be provided

Ngerusar Hamlet, Airai State

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Type JE Sea Mine - Japanese	Unknown	1944	An initial community risk awareness program with follow survey has located mangrove areas within Airai State that contain emplaced Sea Mines that have been utilised in both anti boat and anti personnel roles.
Type JE Sea Mine - Japanese	Unknown	1944	As above
			The contamination in Palau was a result of a fiercest battle fought in the Pacific during WWII. With such circumstance, Palau is seeking assistance toward island wide survey to know its mine areas and or suspected mine areas.

2. Areas suspected to contain mines*

Location	Type	Quantity	Date of emplacement	Supplementary information
				Palau continues to seek assistance in information exchange on war historical data to further the assessment and understanding toward clearance activity.

Form D APMs retained or transferred

Article 7.1 "Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:

d) The types, quantities and, if possible, lot numbers of all anti-personnel mines retained or transferred for the development of and training in mine detection, mine clearance or mine destruction techniques, or transferred for the purpose of destruction, as well as the institutions authorized by a State Party to retain or transfer anti-personnel mines, in accordance with Article 3"

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1a. **Compulsory:** Retained for development of and training in (*Article 3, para.1*)

Institution authorized by State Party	Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information
		0		Not applicable to Palau
TOTAL	-----			

1b. **Voluntary information** (*Action #54 of Nairobi Action Plan*)

Objectives	Activity / Project	Supplementary information
		<i>(Description of programs or activities, their objectives and progress, types of mines, time period if and when appropriate...)</i>
		Continue progress to implement plans to open a regional EOD Clearance Training School, which aims to increase local clearance capacity and build local stake ownership of clearance activities. Long term aim to pluralize the training opportunities to Pacific Island Forum members with similar cases as Palau. EOD Clearance Training School uses existing contaminated sites for practical training, thus Palau do not use or bring any mines into Palau for training purposes.

NOTE: Each State Party should provide information on plans and future activities if and when appropriate and reserves the right to modify it at

any time

Form D (continued)

2. **Compulsory:** Transferred for development of and training in (*Article 3, para.1*)

Institution authorized by State Party	Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information: e.g. transferred from, transferred to
				Not applicable to Palau
TOTAL	-----			

3. **Compulsory:** Transferred for the purpose of destruction (*Article 3, para.2*)

Institution authorized by State Party	Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information: e.g. transferred from, transferred to
				Not applicable to Palau
TOTAL	-----			

Form E Status of programs for conversion or de-commissioning of APM production facilities

Article 7.1 "Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:
 e) The status of programs for the conversion or de-commissioning of anti-personnel mine production facilities."

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Indicate if to "convert" or "decommission"	Status (indicate if "in process" or "completed")	Supplementary information
		Not applicable to Palau

The demolition sites are permitted by the Palau Environmental Quality Protection Board.

Applicable environmental standards

Form G APMs destroyed after entry into force

Article 7.1 "Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:

g) The types and quantities of all anti-personnel mines destroyed after the entry into force of this Convention for that State Party, to include a breakdown of the quantity of each type of anti-personnel mine destroyed, in accordance with Articles 4 and 5, respectively, along with, if possible, the lot numbers of each type anti-personnel mine in the case of destruction in accordance with Article 4"

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1. Destruction of stockpiled APMs (*Article 4*)

Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information
Type 93 AP, HE Blast - Japanese	22		Stored within a defensive cave / tunnel complex
TOTAL	22		

2. Destruction of APMs in mined areas (*Article 5*)

Type	Quantity	Supplementary information
Type 93 AP, HE Blast – Japanese	11	
Type JE Sea Mine - Japanese	23	These have been included as the initiation mechanism can be activated by human contact.
TOTAL	34	

Form G (continued)

3. Previously unknown stockpiles of anti-personnel mines discovered and destroyed after the deadlines have passed. (*Action #15 of Nairobi Action Plan*)*

Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information
			Not applicable to Palau
TOTAL			

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Form I Measures to provide warning to the population

Article 7.1 "Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:
 i) The measures taken to provide an immediate and effective warning to the population in relation to all areas identified under paragraph 2 of Article 5."

Remark: In accordance with Article 5, para.2: "Each State Party shall make every effort to identify all areas under its jurisdiction or control in which anti-personnel mines are known or suspected to be emplaced and shall ensure as soon as possible that all anti-personnel mines in mined areas under its jurisdiction or control are perimeter-marked, monitored and protected by fencing or other means, to ensure the effective exclusion of civilians, until all anti-personnel mines contained therein have been destroyed. The marking shall at least be to the standards set out in the Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices, as amended on 3 May 1996, annexed to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects".

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[Narrative:]

Risk awareness is provided directly to schools, community and tour companies by Cleared Ground Demining on a regular basis as well as through local media.

Form J Other relevant matters

Remark: States Parties may use this form to report voluntarily on other relevant matters, including matters pertaining to compliance and implementation not covered by the formal reporting requirements contained in Article 7. States Parties are encouraged to use this form to report on activities undertaken with respect to Article 6, and in particular to report on assistance provided for the care and rehabilitation, and social and economic reintegration, of mine victims.

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[Narrative / reference to other reports:]

Palau's ERW problem is not limited to AP landmines and during 2012 a total of 9,002 items of ERW weighing 22,011kgs have been located and destroyed by Cleared Ground Demining.

In its attempt to eradicate UXO / ERW, including Land & Sea Mine, Palau continues to face great difficulties in addressing its underwater clearance however Cleared Ground has now trained eleven personnel in underwater search and clearance techniques and has in 2012 located and removed 20 items weighing 371kgs. Numerous underwater tasks have been identified by Cleared Ground Demining and preparations have been made for the removal in early 2013 of in excess 9 tonnes of ERW from the oceans of Palau from locations such as conservation areas and tourist dive sites. Much of this ERW has corroded and toxic chemicals are leaking into the environment.

The Australian Government through its Pacific Partnership program has in 2012 provided funding to Cleared Ground Demining to establish a Pacific Regional EOD training school on Peleliu Island, the school is aimed at increasing capacity within Palau as well as regionally.

To further its attempt to clear Palau of the hazardous items, Palau has invited a second clearance operator, the Japan Mine Action Services (JMAS). The Japan Ministry of Foreign Affairs through its development partnership with Palau has funded the JMAS to assist Palau clear one of Palau's historical diving destination, the Helmet Wreck.

In its attempt to eradicate UXO / ERW, including Land & Sea Mine, Palau continues to face great difficulties in addressing its underwater clearance; thus appeal to the relevant bodies toward assistance to address Palau's underwater clearance and lack of underwater SOP. Additionally, Palau is in the process of building its national capacity toward establishing its UXO national standards, including underwater SOP, overseeing and managing all clearance activities; therefore appealing for assistance.