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

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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 the territory under its jurisdiction or control".

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Measures	Supplementary information
<p>On October 1, 2004 Croatian Parliament passed a Law on Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction.</p> <p>On October 6, 2004 Croatian President signed a DECISION on the proclamation of the Law on Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction.</p> <p>Having recognized that mine/CM/UXO contamination is a problem of domestic security, economic development and environmental pollution, the current Croatian Government decided to strengthen the existing system of mine action by creating its own Office for Mine Action as a focal point in 2012. Office for Mine Action was established as a governmental body in charge of expert, analytical, counseling, and coordinative and other activities regarding the mine action in the Republic of Croatia. As such, the Office also monitors the work, activities and operations of the Croatian Mine Action Center.</p>	<p><i>Law on Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction ("OG", 141/04)</i></p> <p><i>Decree on the Office for Mine Action ("OG", 21/12)</i></p>

<p>Together with the participation in intergovernmental cooperation in the field of mine action, the Office also cooperates with different authorities in implementation of obligations under international treaties and conventions on prohibitions or restrictions on the use of certain types of conventional weapons that have unacceptable humanitarian impact, such as landmines, cluster munitions and other.</p>	
<p>The Act on Mine Action has been declared on 21 October 2015 and incorporates: Governing the wider scope of activities (ERW victims assistance, information and education about the dangers of mines, UXO and their parts, socio-economic integration of the demined areas), introduction of a new procedure – Supplementary general survey, enabled exclusion of SHAs which have undergone technical survey, SOPs have been removed, CROMAC no longer performs the assessment activities of authorized legal entities for conducting demining operations and other changes in QA/QC procedures, accreditation of legal entities and misdemeanor law regulations.</p>	<p><i>The Act on Mine Action has been enacted on 21 October 2015</i></p>
<p>In 2016, pursuant to the new Law on Mine Action, which entered into force Oct. 21, 2015, on 21 May 2016, “Regulations on how demining, quality control, non-technical and technical surveys and marking of suspected hazardous areas” have entered into force, and on 29 June 2016, “Regulations on personal supervisory booklet and ID card of mine action employees and record forms” have entered into force.</p>	
<p>As of August 2018, the Government of the Republic of Croatia had issued a Conclusion to integrate some 54 government agencies, including CROMAC and GOMA, within existing State administration bodies. This meant CROMAC and GOMA ceased to exist as a legal entity/Government Office from 1 January 2019 and were integrated into the Ministry of the Interior.</p> <p>The intentions of this formal Conclusion were formalized through the Act on Amendments to the Act on Mine Action (OG No. 118/2018) and Act on amendment to the Act on the Government (OG No. 116/2018), enacted in December 2018, entered into force on 1 January 2019 where CROMAC became an operational sector within the Civil Protection Directorate – under the Ministry of the Interior.</p>	<p><i>Act on Amendments to the Act on Mine Action (OG No. 118/2018), Act on amendment to the Act on the Government (OG No. 116/2018) entered into force on 1 January 2019</i></p>

<p>In July 2021 a new Law on Civilian Victims of the Homeland War was officially adopted by the Croatian Parliament. The new Law enables the application for the status of a war-disabled civilian, based on a disability caused by a disease correlating with the Homeland War, due among other things to disabilities caused by explosions of EO left over after the end of war operations.</p>	<p><i>Act on Civilian Victims of the Homeland War (OG No. 84/21)</i> https://www.zakon.hr/z/2851/Zakon-o-civilnim-stradalnicima-iz-Domovinskog-rata</p>
<p>In February 2023, the Croatian Parliament had officially adopted the National Mine Action Programme until 2026 as the main strategic document that clearly presents the goals and guidelines of the Mine Action in the period until 2026.</p>	<p>National Mine Action Programme until 2026 (OG 21/2023) https://narodne-novine.nn.hr/clanci/sluzbeni/2023_02_21_352.html</p>
<p>On May 26, 2023, the Croatian National Parliament had passed an amendment of the Act on Mine Action (OG 59/2003) which changes some of the regulations of the original law with a goal of increased effectiveness in land release operations.</p>	<p><i>Act on Amendments to the Act on Mine Action (OG 59/2003)</i> https://narodne-novine.nn.hr/clanci/sluzbeni/2023_06_59_999.html</p>
<p>On 18 September 2024, a new Regulation on the method of performing clearance operations, quality control, non-technical and technical survey and marking of mine suspected areas has been established by the Ministry of the Interior establishing changes and improvements especially in the terms of Open Burning and Open Detonation (OBOD) stockpile destruction clearance operations.</p>	<p>Regulation on the method of performing clearance operations, quality control, non-technical and technical survey and marking of mine suspected areas (OG 108/2024) https://narodne-novine.nn.hr/clanci/sluzbeni/2024_09_108_1855.html</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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Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information
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-	-	-	-
TOTAL	-		

The Republic of Croatia destroyed its entire stockpile of anti-personnel landmines according to Article 4 of the Convention (with the exception of a small quantity retained under Article 3 of the Convention). The last amount of stockpiled anti-personnel landmines was destroyed at the Military Exercise Area "Crvena zemlja" near Knin on October 23, 2002 and was observed by a number of international observers. More detailed explanation is contained in Form "F".

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 details 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. Achievements of the Mine action in 2025

- Land released: **47.7 km²**
 - By clearance: **43.6 km²** (73 demining projects)
 - By survey: **4,1 km²**
 - ERW found and destroyed by Mine Action authorities during clearance activities (Civil Protection Directorate; CROMAC sector, along with clearance projects in cooperation with MoD):
1871 AP mines, 208 AT mines, 38.736 UXOs

In addition, certain amount of Croatian military facilities including, training areas and radar stations were still partially contaminated by ERW and under the direct responsibility of the Ministry of Defence, where the MoD Pioneer Company of the Engineering regiment was responsible for clearance of all military facilities. During 2025 and in the first 2 months of the 2026, an area of 4.828.934 m² under the authority of the MoD (military areas) was cleared which resulted with 141 AP mines found and destroyed along with 807 UXOs eliminated as well, which was completed in cooperation with CPD/MoI support (3.2 square kilometres). In addition to clearance efforts, additionally 5.306.324 square metres were reduced by survey activities. Altogether, during 2025 and until March 2026, 10.135.258 m² of HA were released concerning the MoD responsibility, majority of which in cooperation and support with the Ministry of the Interior, Civil Protection Directorate, CROMAC capacities and tendering process in the case of clearance efforts, where authorized LLC companies performed the clearance tasks.

At the end of 2025, the Republic of Croatia has reached a major milestone and finalized all its operational efforts concerning the clearance operations on mine hazardous areas under its jurisdiction and has thus successfully completed relevant obligations concerning the Article 5 of the Ottawa convention. Formal declaration will be issued during the course of 2026, and the next meeting of the State parties to the Convention.

All administrative actions that were planned until March 1 2026 have been finalized by the NMAA with respect to the issuance of official Land release Certificates for the cleared areas, with the last Certificate on Land Release published by the Ministry of the Interior on February 13th 2026.

As of 1 August 2020, the Republic of Croatia is declared free of all known CMR contaminated areas.

Areas returned to the community for civilian use:

The size of areas returned to the community for civilian use during 2025		47.727.934 m²
Mine clearance was conducted by:		
- Commercial demining companies		43.644.532 m²
- Survey reduction conducted by CROMAC (NTS, TS, sNTS)		4.083.402 m²
TOTAL:		47.727.934 m²

Until December 31, 2025, the areas that were included into HA by the Civil Protection Directorate, sector of CROMAC non-technical survey activities reached 272.004 m² (0.27 km²), for which clearance projects have been created and finalized until the end of 2025.

During clearance operations, within the reporting time period, the following devices were found and destroyed:

Anti-personnel mines		Anti-vehicle mines		Unexploded lethal ordnance		TOTAL
Civil Protection Directorate / CROMAC	Ministry of Defense (MoD)	Civil Protection Directorate / CROMAC	MoD	Civil Protection Directorate / CROMAC	MoD	Mol/CPD/CROMAC and MoD
1871	74	208	0	38.736	617	1.871 AP mines / 208 AT mines/ 39.353 UXOs

The Annual Mine Action Plan was realized using the following funding sources - State Budget funds and EU funds. It is important to mention that, like in the previous reporting year, in 2025, funds acquired for the mine action operations from the EU contribution were more than significant. In 2025 the EU funding had the biggest financing share with 63,6% of the realized funds while the State Budget funds contributed with 36,4% of annual mine action designated funds. This is due to the implementation and finalization of two of the last and major EU funded clearance projects – Croatian Safe Steps I – CROSS I and Croatian Safe Steps II – CROSS II, co-financed from the EU Operational Programme Competitiveness and Cohesion 2021-2027 (European Regional Development Fund).

Parallel with the implementation of the non-technical and technical survey activities and clearance operations, the control of marking system was conducted to create a clear boundary between safe and hazardous areas. The locations of mine danger signs were one of the basic elements of the Mine Information System (MIS) that is available to public via online platform and shown on the maps given to the local authorities, police administration units and individuals that have requested maps on the HA situation. On December 31, 2025 there were remaining 194 mine warning signs concerning the areas which were cleared until the end of 2025 but are awaiting administrative procedure of land release certificate issuance, after which they will be removed as well, in line with the prescribed deadline.

In addition, the Police departments have, during the course of 2025, as a part of their regular activities, Counter explosive unit (EOD) activities and annual public campaign “Less arms, less tragedies” (where the citizens are being educated as a part of EORE activities and in the same time encouraged to turn in their ERW and SALW leftovers from the Homeland War without legal penalty) collected and destroyed 214 AP and 42 AV landmines with different 3.236 pieces of UXO's. This includes Air bombs, Naval bombs, hand grenades, cluster bomblets, artillery shells (20 mm and larger), mortar shells in addition to other ERW such as different types of explosives (555 kg) and SALW ammunition (up to 14.5 mm – 571.802 pieces). The Police department will continue to implement these programs and activities in the future. The weapons and ordinances collected by the Police department were transported and destroyed at Croatia's military facilities.

2. Areas suspected to contain mines

Location	Type	Quantity	Date of emplacement	Supplementary information
THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA Total hazardous area at the end of 2025 was 5,1* km² out of which: 1,8 km² of confirmed hazardous areas (CHAs) of Mol responsibility, and 3,2 km² of confirmed hazardous areas (CHAs) of MoD responsibility	Anti-personnel mines	0		n/a
	Anti-vehicle mines	0		n/a

Hazardous areas in the Republic of Croatia on December 31, 2025, remained on 4 Municipalities/ 2 Counties and amounted to **5.104.967 m²** (1.8 km² Mol / 3.2 km² MoD). All clearance efforts on these areas have been completed until the end of 2025 and resulted with 5.1 sq. kilometres of released land that was officially declared free of contamination after administrative procedure of Land release Certificate issuance was finalized, until the beginning of March 2026. These projects resulted with 241 AP mines and 35 UXOs found and destroyed and are included in findings inside this year's report.

All administrative actions that were planned until March 1 2026 have been finalized by the NMAA with respect to the issuance of official Land release Certificates for the cleared areas, with the last Certificate on Land Release published by the Ministry of the Interior on February 13th 2026.

3. Remaining challenges

At the end of 2025 there are no known AP contaminated areas under the Republic of Croatia jurisdiction. Republic of Croatia has reached a major milestone using all reasonable effort in accordance with IMAS and national standards and finalized all

clearance operations on the mine contaminated areas and so successfully completed relevant obligations concerning the Article 5 of the Ottawa convention.

Formal declaration will be issued during the course of 2026 at the next meeting of the State parties to the Convention.

Mine Action in the Republic of Croatia has been defined by well-established priorities and sustainable development throughout the three major components: Economic growth, Environmental stewardship and social inclusion. After the Homeland War, Republic of Croatia had prioritized the identification and release of the areas that are crucial for the safety and economic growth / development of the war affected Counties, establishing preconditions for any economic activity whatsoever. After this had been finalized, priorities have turned towards the agricultural production and environmental protection.

Remaining Hazardous area land structure at the beginning of the 2025 was classified as **1.4%** as agricultural areas, **0.1%** various areas, and remaining **98.5%** as forest areas. This means prioritization has changed towards the remaining challenges in the last couple of years, so mine action activities and clearance projects have been incorporated into various larger and sustainable society efforts.

Example of these actions are especially highlighted within the clearance projects that are financed from the EU Cross border cooperation or Cohesion fund, targeting nature protected parks or Nature 2000 areas. Such projects, such as “Naturavita”, “Fearless Velebit” and “Karlovac Karst” have been and are performed within the highest possible EU and National nature protection regulations, e.g. defining the strict time frames when the clearance activities and certain methods are allowed to be performed, so the various species and habitats are not to be aggravated in any means whatsoever. Sustainable development and environmental stewardship were one of the core purposes of these projects which was continued in the sense of implementing two additional EU funded projects “Croatian Safe Steps” and “Croatian Safe Steps II” during 2025 timeframe so the clearance of these and other NATURE 2000 areas in Croatia by the end of 2025 enabled proficient protection of forests, incorporating preservation, rehabilitation and development in the ecological and economic sense as well.

4. Military facilities containing mines

Location	Type	Quantity	Date of emplacement	Supplementary information
Barracks (Total: 0 barrack)	APM	0	1991-1995	n/a
	AVM	0	1991-1995	
Training Sites (Total: 2 training sites)	APM	0	1991-1995	n/a
	AVM	0	1991-1995	
Storage Sites (Total: 0 storage sites)	APM	0	1991-1995	n/a
	AVM	0	1991-1995	
Radar station (Total: 1 radar station)	APM	-	WW II,1991-1995	n/a
	AVM	-		
Shooting range (Total: 0 shooting range)	APM	-	1991-1995	n/a
	AVM	-		n/a
Other object (Total: 0 other object)	APM	-	1991-1995	n/a
	AVM	-		n/a
TOTAL	APMs (anti-personnel mines)	0	1991-1995	n/a
	AVMs (anti-vehicle mines)	0	1991-1995	n/a
			TOTAL	0 m²

During 2025 and until the end of February 2026, an area of 4.828.934 m² under the authority of the MoD (military areas) was cleared. In projects where the MoD Pioneer Company of the Engineering regiment was responsible for clearance of military facilities these activities resulted with 74 AP mines found and destroyed along with 617 UXOs eliminated as well. In addition to clearance efforts, 5.306.324 square metres were reduced by survey activities as well. Altogether, during 2025, 10.135.258 m² of HA were released concerning the MoD responsibility. These numbers include the 3.2 sq. kilometres that were cleared until the end of 2025 in cooperation with CPD/MoI support, but due to administrative procedures of issuing a Land release certificate were officially released until 1 March 2026.

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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1. Retained for development of and training in (Article 3, para.1)

Institution authorized by State Party	Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information
Mines are stored at the Croatian Armed Forces storage site "Borik" Velika Buna, and are used or going to be used by the Croatian Mine Action Centre-Center for testing, development and training	PMA-1	406	-	No serial mark on the mine or on the package
	PMA-2	462	SRB 6741, 6743, 6745, 6746, 6748,6749, 6750	
	PMA-3	65	SRB 8702	
	PMR-2A	762	-	No serial mark on the mine or on the package
	PMR3	70	PIG-8900	

Institution authorized by State Party	Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information
	PROM-1	1.725	KV 00/64, 01/64, 05/65, 06/65, 07/65, 08/65, 11/65, 12/65, 03/65, 04/65, 02/66, 01/68, 02/68, 03/70, 03/70, 03/76	
TOTAL	-----	3.490		

Based on the Agreement on the transfer of tasks, Article 2, signed between Croatian Mine Action Center and Center for Testing, Development and Training (HCR-CTRO Ltd.) on October 30, 2003 HCR-CTRO Ltd. took over the activities and projects focused on performing administrative and technical tasks related to testing of machines, dogs and detectors, as well as scientific and research activities.

Total number of anti-personnel mines used in 2025 in accordance with Article 3 is the following:

Institution authorized by State Party	Type	Quantity	Used in Military training for deminers	2025
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HCR-CTRO Ltd. used AP mines for testing in 2025 	PMA-1	30	0	
	PMA-2	30	0	
	PMA-3	15	0	
	PMR-2A	9	0	
	PROM-1	9	0	
TOTAL:		93		

2. Estimate of the use of mines in year 2026

In year 2025, the number of anti-personnel landmines that will be used (and consequently destroyed) will be based on the needs for testing of demining machines. CAF will use only “inert” APMs for training purposes.

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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Indicates if to "convert" or "decommission"	Status (indicates if "in process" or "completed")	Supplementary information
-	-	-
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The Republic of Croatia did not produce any anti-personnel landmines.

Form F Status of programs for the destruction of APMs

Article 7.1 "Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:
 f) The status of programs for the destruction of anti-personnel mines in accordance with Articles 4 and 5, including details of the methods which will be used in destruction, the location of all destruction sites and the applicable safety and environmental standards to be observed."

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1. Status of programs for destruction of stockpiled APMs (Article 4)

The Republic of Croatia met its commitments by destruction of all its stockpiled anti-personnel landmines, except those retained under Article 3.	
Description of the status of programs including:	Details of:
Location of destruction sites: Military training area "Oštarski dolovi" near Slunj and "Crvena zemlja" near Knin.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mines destroyed by: - Explosion (PMA-3, PMA-2, PROM-1) - Disassembling (PMA-1, PMR-2A) 	Methods
National safety standards are applied according to Ministry of Defense regulations, taking into account international standards for humanitarian demining.	Applicable safety standards
Mines were destroyed at military training areas away from inhabited areas (minimal distance 5 - 8 kilometers).	Applicable environmental standards

The destruction of stockpiled anti-personnel landmines was conducted in three phases and the following quantities of anti-personnel landmines were destroyed:

No	Type	Phase I (Sep 4 – Oct 26, 2001, and earlier)	Phase II (April 8 – July 5, 2002)	Phase III (Sep 9 – Oct 24, 2002)	TOTAL
1.	AP landmine PMA-1	7.875	3.831	2.574	14.280
2.	AP landmine PMA-2	9.979	21.032	13.865	44.876
3.	AP landmine PMA-3	19.372	23.667	16.662	59.701
4.	AP landmine PMR-2A, 2AS	21.364	32.027	20.649	74.040
7.	AP landmine PMR-3	-	4	-	4
8.	AP landmine PROM-1	2.144	3.382	576	6.102
TOTAL		60.734	83.943	54.326*	199.003

* During the Phase III, 53.908 anti-personnel landmines were initially destroyed. Additional 418 anti-personnel landmines were delivered by the Ministry of Interior after the successful completion of their "Farewell to Arms" campaign whose aim was to collect weapons and other explosive remnants of war. The total number of destroyed stockpiled anti-personnel landmines in Phase III was 54.326.

Apart from anti-personnel mines, during Phase III, the following additional quantities of fuses for anti-personnel landmines were destroyed:

No	Type	Phase I (Sep 4 – Oct 26, 2001)	Phase II (April 8 – July 5, 2002)	Phase III (Sep 9 – Oct 24, 2002)	TOTAL
1.	AP landmine fuse UPMR-2A, 2AS	2.390	13.063	23	15.476
2.	AP landmine fuse UPMR-3	1.840	11.136	280	13.256
3.	AP landmine fuse UPROM-1	1.474	10.250	146	11.870
4.	AP landmine fuse UPMAH-1	1.086	1.328	100	2.514
5.	AP landmine fuse UPMAH-2	936	830	194	1.960
6.	AP landmine fuse UPMAH-3	237	133	133	503
TOTAL		7.963	36.740	743	45.579

The process of destroying stockpiled anti-personnel landmines was observed by international monitors/observers on September 12 and 25, 2001 and on October 22/23, 2002. During the observation, the Republic of Croatia was praised for meeting its commitments pursuant to the Ottawa Convention. After an extensive overview, the increased number of stockpiled anti-personnel landmines was evidenced chronologically as follows:

First notified amount of stockpiled APMs	189.251
Collected after first MI action "Farewell to Arms"	3.531
TOTAL	192.782
Collected after second MI action "Farewell to Arms"	3.098
TOTAL	195.871
Military stocks inventory check evidenced a larger number of stockpiled APMs	9.460
TOTAL	205.331
Collected after third MI action "Farewell to Arms"	418
TOTAL	205.749
Total amount of APMs possessed by the Republic of Croatia	205.749
Total amount of destroyed APMs	199.003
Amount retained under Article 3 of the Convention²	7.000

The cost of destroying stockpiled APMs is provided (in Euros) as follows:

² 268 anti-personnel landmines were destroyed during 2003 for the purposes according to Article 3 of the Convention.

No	Purpose	Phase I (Sep 4 – Oct 26, 2001)	Phase II (April 8 – July 5, 2002)	Phase III (Sep 9 – Oct 24, 2002)	TOTAL
1.	Daily payment to technicians	3.821	5.879	3.135	12.835 €
2.	Daily payment to supervisors	1.274	980	523	2.777 €
3.	Additional payment to technicians	3.821	5.879	3.135	12.835 €
4.	Accommodation costs for technicians	4.039	6.213	4.843	15.095 €
5.	Accommodation costs for supervisors	1.346	1.036	807	3.189 €
6.	Daily payment for drivers	1.274	1.952	1.045	4.271 €
7.	Costs of machines and vehicles	15.984	24.575	13.115	53.674 €
8.	Costs for explosive ordinance for ignition	2.175	3.346	446	5.967 €
TOTAL*		33.734 €	49.860 €	27.049 €	110.643 €*

*Salaries for all personnel involved in the process are not included in the abovementioned.

The cost of destruction per anti-personnel landmine was 0.56 €.

2. Status of programs for destruction of APMs in mined areas (Article 5)

Description of the status of programs including:	Details of:
Location of destruction sites	
	Methods
	Applicable safety standards
	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
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TOTAL			

Information is provided in Form "F".

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

Type	Quantity	Supplementary information
PMA-1	0	
PMA-2	191	
PMA-3	126	
PMR-2A	692	

PMR-2AS	71
PROM-1	21
MRUD	2
Other	768
TOTAL	1.871

***Apart from the destroyed AP mines during clearance activities under responsibility of the MoI/CPD, throughout 2025, additionally 74 AP mines have been found and destroyed as well, under the Ministry of Defence clearance activities.**

Form H Technical characteristics of each type produced/owned or possessed

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

h) The technical characteristics of each type of anti-personnel mine produced, to the extent known, and those currently owned or possessed by a State Party, giving, where reasonably possible, such categories of information as may facilitate identification and clearance of anti-personnel mines; at a minimum, this information shall include the dimensions, fusing, explosive content, metallic content, colour photographs and other information which may facilitate mine clearance"

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Technical characteristics of each APM-type currently owned or possessed

Type	Dimensions	Fusing	Explosive content		Metallic content	Colour photo attached	Supplementary information to facilitate mine clearance.
			Type	Grams			

At the end of 2025, the Republic of Croatia was in possession of 3.490 anti-personnel landmines retained under Article 3 of the Convention, as described in form "D".

Technical description and photographs of all the relevant AP mines used/emplaced in the Republic of Croatia can be seen in the previous Article 7 reports and are not a part of 2025 report.

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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The activities by Croatia to disseminate information about the Convention and the Protocols to the civilian population take place at several levels. The texts of the Convention and all Protocols to the Convention ratified by the Republic of Croatia were published in Official Gazette of the Republic of Croatia (International Agreements Section) and are hence available to public as a bulletin in printed version and on website: www.nn.hr.

Dissemination of information about the Ottawa Convention to civilian population also includes Explosive Ordnances Risk Education (EORE) activities. Croatian ministries, government and state administrative offices as well as professional groups working with and for adults and children in Croatia, including NGOs and international organizations, pass specific training according to their role in the national implementation of the Convention and Protocols. Croatian Red Cross with its branches (in local communities), Civil Protection Directorate of the MoI and the Association of Civil Victims of Homeland War are active in events and lectures where EORE messages are given. The lectures always bear in mind that EORE is effective in terms of reducing the number of mine casualties. Interesting presentations (lectures) on mine/UXO risk education were organized for children, adults, and especially for target groups (hunters, fishermen, etc.) The purpose of these educations was to preserve the awareness and knowledge on danger of mines and other Explosive Remnants of War (ERW).

Different EORE activities, systematic marking of the Hazardous Areas (HA), possibility of getting an insight into mine situation throughout submission of HA maps as well as using Civil Protection Directorate / CROMAC web portal had a highly positive effect on the prevention of mine incidents or accidents, but also required additional activities of informing the public and media of different mine action aspects throughout 2025.

1. Explosive Ordnance Risk Education (EORE) in 2025

In 2025, all EORE activities were coordinated within the Civil Protection Directorate (CPD) of the Ministry of Interior, and directly provided or with the support of the National educational centre of Civil protection - which is an organizational sector within the CPD. In 2025, a total of 85 EORE were held in 4 Counties. The EORE activities covered a total of about 2740 people, mostly elementary school age, as well as the target population of the local inhabitants of municipalities and cities within the previously classified hazardous areas. The trainings were conducted by the officers of the Civil Protection Directorate in cooperation with officials of the authorized police precincts. The number of activities related to the education about dangers of mines and UXO were done in cooperation with the Ministry of the Interior relevant police departments through the "Less arms, less tragedy" campaign. The cooperation was also achieved with the city and municipal governments and other non-governmental organizations and associations.

April 4th, International day of Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action was held in the usual capacity dispatching major public media messages by the Civil Protection Directorate of the Ministry of the Interior, along with the established promotion and awareness incentives sent to various offline and online media channels highlighting the importance of mine risk and awareness.

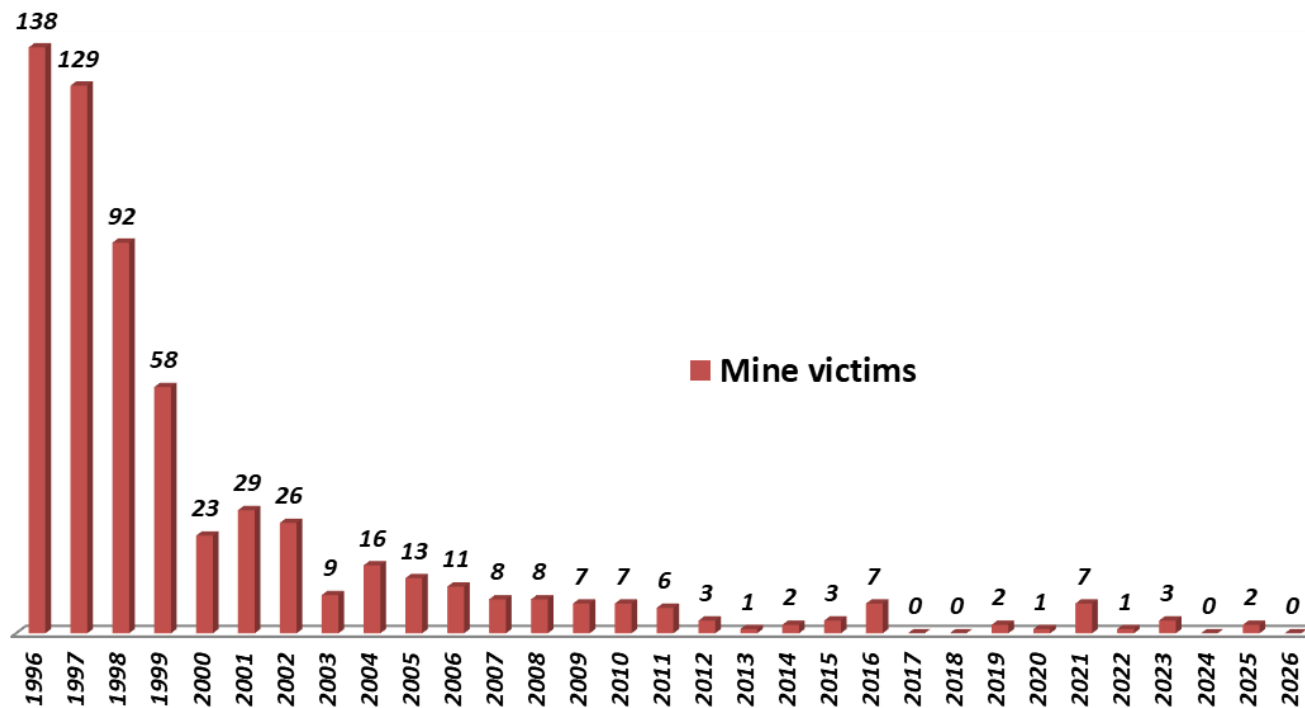
All important actions and activities of the Mine Action in the Republic of Croatia in 2025 were presented on web pages/social media channels of the Civil Protection Directorate of the Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Croatia.

2. Mine accidents / incidents in 2025

During 2025, in the Republic of Croatia, there were two mine accidents occurred in Karlovac and Lika-Senj counties, in which one person was killed, and one was lightly injured.

On May 26, 2025, near the settlement of Široka Kula in Lika-Senj County, during the operation of a demining machine within the worksite during clearance operations, an anti-personnel fragmentation mine PROM-1 was activated and detonated, as a result of which the machine operator had suffered light injuries from landmine fragments.

On June 26, 2025, during clearance operations of an UXO contaminated area in the previously exploded military ammunition stockpile complex "Oštarije" in Karlovac County, a detonation of UXO killed a deminer during task activities.



Overview of Mine victims in the 1996-2026 periods

From 1996 (end of the Homeland war) till the end of 2022, the Republic of Croatia had accounted mine accidents or incidents where **612** people were harmed, out of which **208** with a fatal outcome. These unfortunate numbers also include **136** injured deminers, out of which **41** were fatalities.

Form J: Other relevant matters

Remark: State 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 victim.

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Highlights of Mine Victims' Assistance in 2025

The Republic of Croatia has developed public health care structure that includes clinics, clinical centers, specialized polyclinics, hospitals and rehabilitation centers. All persons being involved in the incidents are entitled to health protection and acquisition of orthopedic aids to the amount covered by the Croatian Health Insurance Institute. These rights are regulated by a number of laws, rules and regulations. Relevant state administration authorities are involved in solving the problems of mine victims relating to medical rehabilitation, socio-economic empowerment and other needs.

In addition, the Republic of Croatia has highly developed legal framework relating to the persons with disabilities in realizing their legitimate rights and status. The status and various forms of rights are being realized through over 200 different laws and by-laws. There are 4 basic forms of mine victim assistance in which ministries, institutions, non-governmental sector, a number of organizations and individual initiatives take part in, such as medical care, physical rehabilitation, psychological help and social reintegration and professional and economic rehabilitation. Additionally, we have to emphasize the strong determination of the Croatian Government and efforts to improve the inclusiveness and support for the EO victims continuously, even 20 years after the Homeland War ended. This is reflected through the enhancement of the legal framework when in July 2021 a new Law on Civilian Victims of the Homeland War was officially adopted by the Croatian Parliament. The new Law enables the application for the status of a war-disabled civilian, based on a disability caused by a disease correlating with the Homeland War, due among other things to disabilities caused by explosions of EO left over after the end of war operations. This means the Law will provide the same legal security to civilian victims as is already provided to the Croatian War Veterans, and among others, to EO survivors and families of individuals killed by EO, all with a goal to greatly improve socioeconomic status of the victims.

Finally, the victim assistance is currently and will be considered as a combined, cross-ministry and institutional effort which is to be coordinated by the **relevant Sector at the Civil Protection Directorate of the Ministry of the Interior** as a currently national contact point regarding the victims.

Highlights of International Cooperation, Technical Assistance and Advocacy in 2025 in line with the Article 6 of the Convention

The Ministry of the Interior, Civil Protection Directorate officials have continuously during 2025 provided thorough support and transparent information towards the international partners and organizations regarding the APMBC, CCM and CCW Conventions as well as Landmine Monitor, OSCE, Mine Action review (NPA), EU institutions Mine Action focal points and all other interested foreign Embassies and officials.

- The Ministry of Interior received a request from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Croatia to the UN and other international organizations in Geneva for amendments to the draft Resolution on the impact of landmines on human rights, and submitted the relevant opinion and amendments on 5 February 2025, with the Resolution being adopted on 4 April 2025. Following the previous request, on 17 December 2025, the Ministry of Interior submitted additional clarifications, based on the request of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and in accordance with the request of the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights in the context of the implementation of the Human Rights Council resolution "***The impact of anti-personnel mines on the enjoyment of all human rights***" (A/HRC/RES/58/22).
- In early April 2025, co-organized by the Ministry of the Interior and the CROMAC - Centre for Testing, Development and Training, under the high patronage of the President of the Croatian Parliament, the 21st International Symposium "***Mine Action 2025***" was held, which brought together more than 200 participants from 32 countries with the aim of exchanging experiences, discussing challenges and presenting the latest technologies and methods in the field of mine action.
- **Ukraine**
 - activities in the Advisory Board (MOI/CPD of Croatia representative as Vice President) of the Mine Action Centre of Ukraine
 - participation of the MOI/CPD representative at the Ukraine Mine Action Conference (UMAC 2025) hosted by Japan, and at the Demining Forum held in Ukraine (Kiev), presenting the institutional and market model of humanitarian demining in Croatia.
- **Republic of Azerbaijan**
 - several meetings of relevant stakeholders/NMAA on the topic of continuing assistance and support for the humanitarian demining activities in Azerbaijan

- **Republic of Armenia**
 - a meeting was held between representatives of the of relevant stakeholders/NMAA and a delegation of the Embassy of the Republic of Armenia, exploring the possibility of cooperation in the field of humanitarian demining
 - based on the request in the context of the "Team Europe" initiative, a detailed overview of the Ministry of Interior on the possibilities of cooperation in the field of humanitarian demining in Armenia was submitted.
- **United Nations - Ottawa Convention**
 - a meeting of the Mol/NMAA delegation with a representative of the Convention Implementation Unit (ISU) was held, during which information was exchanged on the progress of the Republic of Croatia in terms of fulfilling Article 5 of the Convention, and compliance with the Action Plan from Angkor Wat - Siem Reap, Cambodia
 - Mol/NMAA representatives participated at the 22nd Meeting of the States Parties to the Convention and presented reports on the progress and specific recent activities of the Croatian mine action system
 - Mol/NMAA submitted the annual **Report checklist on the Compliance** of the Republic of Croatia on the topic Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction and the Siem Reap-Angkor Action Plan 2025-2029, within the deadline.
 - Mol/NMAA submitted the annual **Report checklist on the Compliance** of the Republic of Croatia on the topic Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction and the Siem Reap-Angkor Action Plan 2025-2029 concerning the **Victim Assistance**, within the deadline.

Based on the Agreement on the transfer of tasks, Article 2, signed between the Croatian Mine Action Centre and CROMAC - Centre for Testing, Development and Training LLC (CROMAC-CTRO) on 30 October 2003, CROMAC-CTRO LLC took over the activities and projects focused on certification and testing of mine detection and mine clearance equipment, as well as research of new methods and technologies in Mine Action. Their main activities throughout 2025 regarding international support and cooperation involved activities such as:

- ***Testing as part of the AIDEDeX project at the Cerovac training ground***

From 16 to 20 June 2025, preparatory testing of the multisensor multiplatform system was carried out at the Cerovac training ground as part of the AIDEDeX project financed by the European Defence Fund. The activities were carried out in two phases, the first part on two test tracks for collecting information on UXO and IED, and in the second part, missions were carried out on parts of the training ground where not all target data was known.

- **Project GENIUS (EDF funded) with the participation of the CROMAC-CTRO LLC:**

Project activities have commenced in the early 2025 with a goal of:

- Increasing the probability of detecting threats in complex and high-risk environments.
- Providing reliable and adaptable threat management systems, adapted to the realities of modern warfare.

- Reducing the number of false alarms to improve operational confidence and effectiveness.

- **CROMAC-CTRO LLC at NATO EOD COE Demonstrations and Trials 2025**

At the event, CROMAC-CTRO representatives presented the Centre's activities and opportunities for cooperation in the area of testing new technologies in mine action.

Furthermore, Civil Protection Directorate (CROMAC sector) and CROMAC-CTRO LLC have actively, throughout 2025 offered and provided some of the following forms of assistance to the international Mine action community, stakeholders and MACs:

- Establishment of the National mine action centre,
- Legal, sub legal and normative regulations,
- Establishment of mine information system and geo-information system,
- Planning system – production of National strategies, annual and operative activity plans,
- Education of executors of humanitarian demining operations (deminers, auxiliary workers and management) and mine risk education,
- General survey, definition of suspected hazardous area and education of survey teams,
- Protective equipment and demining machines produced in the Republic of Croatia,
- Capacities and know-how of the Croatian demining companies,
- Capacities for testing demining machines, equipment and devices as well as new technologies of mine and UXO detection