



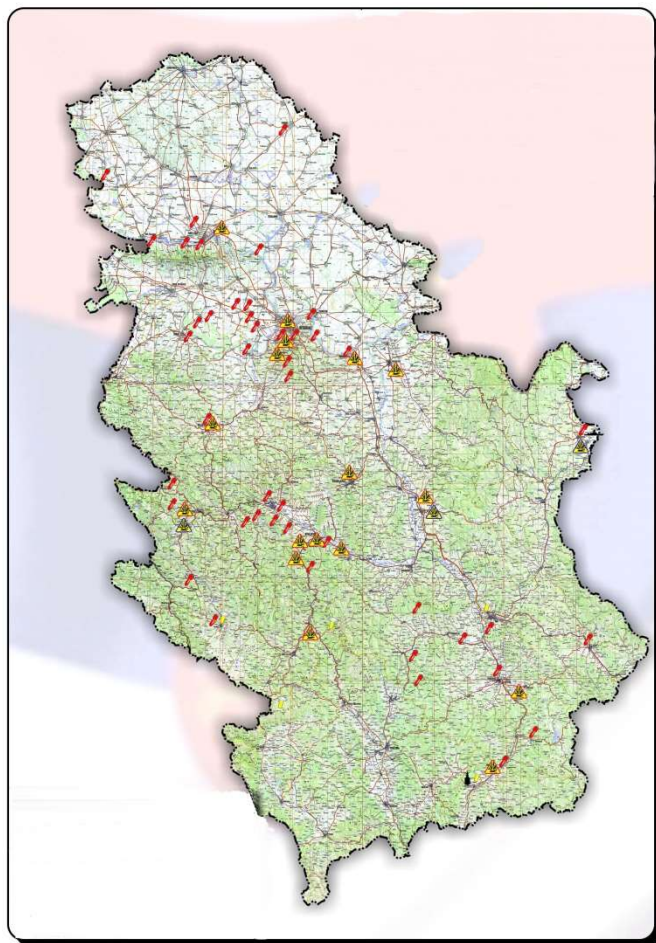
**REPUBLIC OF SERBIA  
MINE ACTION CENTRE**

**MINE ACTION PROGRAMME OF SERBIA**

**STATUS AND CHALLENGES IN IMPLEMENTATION OF THE  
OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE ANTI - PERSONNEL MINE BAN  
CONVENTION**

**GENEVA, 7 JUNE 2018**

# ARTICLE 5 CHALLENGE



GROUPS OF MINES 2.240.940 sqm



CLUSTER MUNITIONS around 2.500.000 sqm



UNEXPLODED ORDNANCE (UXO) ON LAND  
around 18.500.000 sqm



AIR BOMBS – ROCKETS around 150 DIFFERENT  
SUSPECTED LOCATIONS ON LAND



SUNKEN GERMAN FLEET (WWII) NEAR  
PRAHOVO PORT

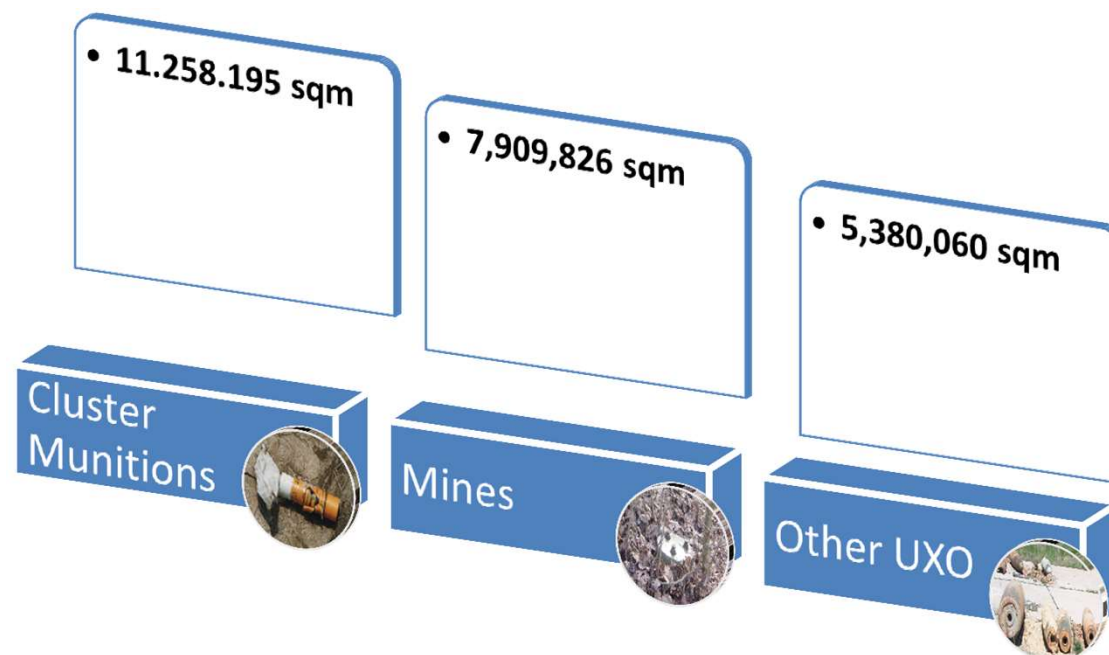


UNDER WATER UXO-12 DIFFERENT SUSPECTED  
LOCATIONS ON SAVA RIVER AND DANUBE  
RIVER



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# OVERALL CLEARANCE RESULTS



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# MINE CLEARANCE WITH RESULTS



- **2009 ORIGINAL CONTAMINATION:**
    - Groups of mines in Municipalities of Bujanovac and Preševo, area of around 3.300.000 sqm
  - ✓ **COMPLETED:**
    - ✓ Area of 434.635 sqm cleared (Preševo, Bujanovac)
    - ✓ Land released area by an integrated approach, area of 1.179.000 sqm (Bujanovac)
  - ✓ **PREŠEVO MUNICIPALITY MINE FREE** 
  - **IN 2015, SERBIAN GOVERNMENT ALLOCATED FUNDS FOR DEMINING OPERATIONS FOR THE FIRST TIME**
  - **CLEARANCE OPERATIONS FUNDED:**
    - ❖ Through ITF - USA, Germany
    - ❖ Matching funds programme (National Funds and US Funds)
  - **IN 2017/2018, TECHNICAL SURVEY PROJECTS IMPLEMENTED, AREA OF 389,400 SQM (Bujanovac)**
  - **TECHNICAL SURVEY FUNDED:**
    - Through ITF - Serbian National Funds matched with US Donation
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- **METHODS APPLIED:**
    - Non Technical/Technical Survey
    - Manual Demining
    - Canine Demining
    - Mechanical Demining



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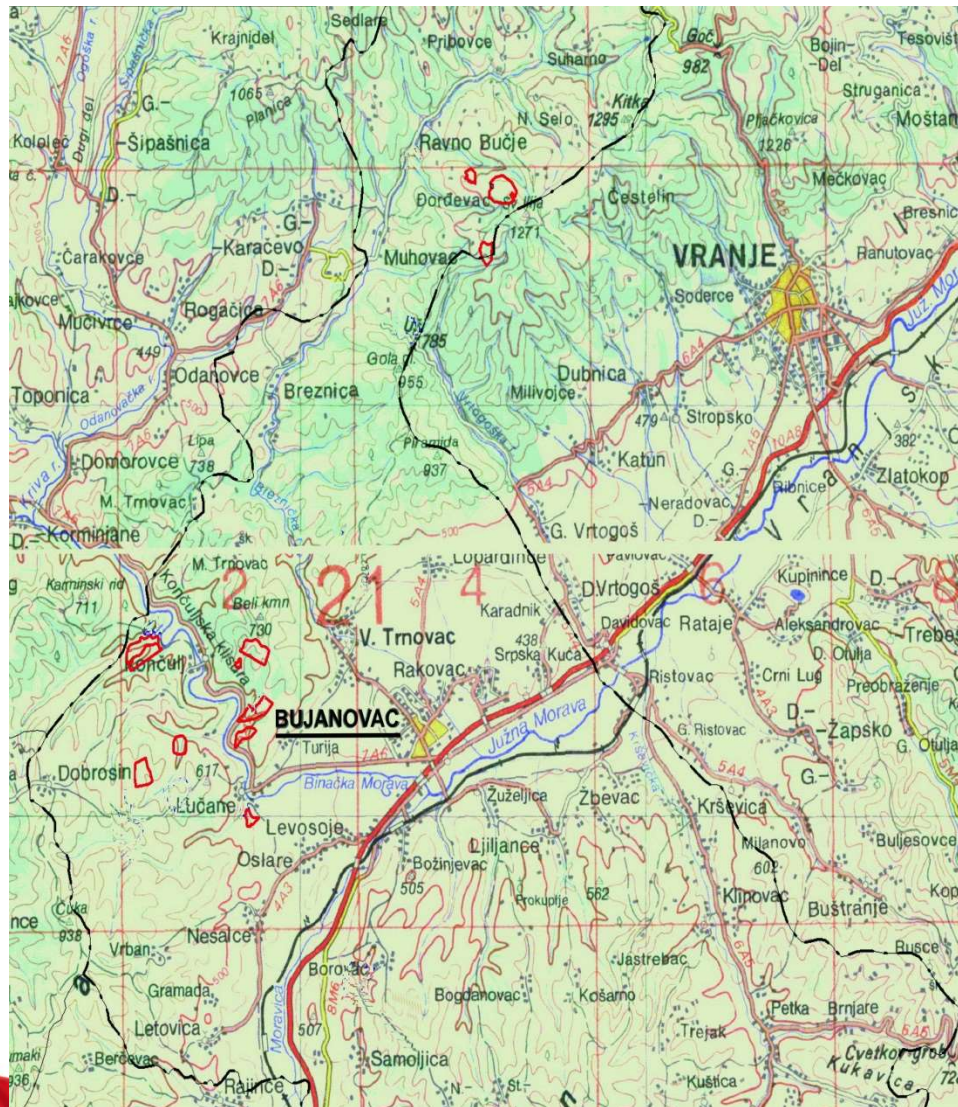
# BENEFITS OF DEMINING



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# REMAINING MINE CONTAMINATION IN SERBIA



- **SERBIA SEEKING EXTENSION OF DEADLINE FOR THE PERIOD 2019-2023**
- **GROUPS OF MINES CONTAMINATING AREA OF 2,240,940 SQM IN THE BUJANOVAC MUNICIPALITY**
- **MOSTLY HILLY AND MOUNTAINOUS TERRAIN OF IMPORTANCE TO CIVILIANS CONCERNING**
  - Safety of people
  - Cattle breeding
  - Exploitation of woods
  - Mushroom picking
  - Tobacco production



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# CHALLENGES

➤ Vicinity of settlements:

Threat for locals who

- cultivate their nearby land
- pass by the area on a daily basis



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# CHALLENGES



- **Climactic conditions:** Contaminated areas are inaccessible during some periods of the year causing operation delays; most of the suspected area is not appropriate for the use of mine detection dogs or machinery.



- **Unregistered mine contaminated areas (groups of mines):** The remaining mine contaminated areas do not have registries and have not been planted in specific patterns, which aggravates demining efforts, namely survey results are subject to alterations (increase of SHA).



- **Lack of donor funds:** Funding from donors for mine action activities has severely diminished through the years. Furthermore, certain donors insisting on funding solely cluster munitions clearance and UXO clearance



- **Contamination other than mines:** Unexploded cluster munitions, air bombs – rockets and other UXO on land and underwater  
Priority given to: residential buildings, ski paths, airport runway, electricity transmission network, factories





# DEMINER AT WORK – VIDEO SHOT WITH A DRONE



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## COOPERATION

SMAC has been working closely with Donor Embassies in Belgrade and ITF to implement demining projects

Donors  
through



2004-2009



2012



2014, 2015, 2017



2018



(Series of meetings with Old/Potential Donor Embassy representatives resulted in a slight increase of donors in 2018)

Huge thanks to: US; Germany; Norway; Canada;  
Czech Republic, Spain, Japan, Korea



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# COOPERATION

- INTERNATIONAL (GICHD – ISU, NATIONAL MINE ACTION AUTHORITIES, ITF )
- REGIONAL (BHMAL, CROMAL, RCUD, AMAE, SEEMAL)
- STATE AUTHORITIES– MINISTRY OF INTERIOR– SECTOR FOR EMERGENCY SITUATIONS, MINISTRY OF DEFENSE, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, MINISTRY OF CONSTRUCTION, TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE, ETC.
- LOCAL AUTHORITIES
- PUBLIC COMPANIES
- DEMINING ORGANIZATIONS
- MEDIA



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# NEEDS



PROJECTS FOR CLEARANCE AND TECHNICAL SURVEY DEVELOPED  
**PENDING ON FUNDS (~2.500.000 EUR NEEDED)**

NATIONAL FUNDS(~ 600.000 EUR)    INTERNATIONAL FUNDS(~1.900.000 EUR)

**still pending**

**still pending**

Donations through ITF and other  
available funding

In 2018, Serbian Government  
allocated 200.000 EUR, double amount  
on an annual basis than previously



In 2018, donations, through  
confirmed by:



US



Japan



Republic of Korea



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# ADDRESSING FUNDING RELATED CHALLENGE

PROJECTS FOR CLEARANCE AND TECHNICAL SURVEY DEVELOPED BY SERBIAN MINE ACTION CENTRE (SMAC) TO BE IMPLEMENTED AS FOLLOWS:

SMAC project submitted to ITF to apply to donors for funds and conduct tender procedures for selection of a Contractor in accordance with the SMAC project and relevant laws of the Republic of Serbia.



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# QUESTIONS

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!**

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