



Presentation of progress in the implementation of Article 5 to the Twentieth Meeting of the States Parties

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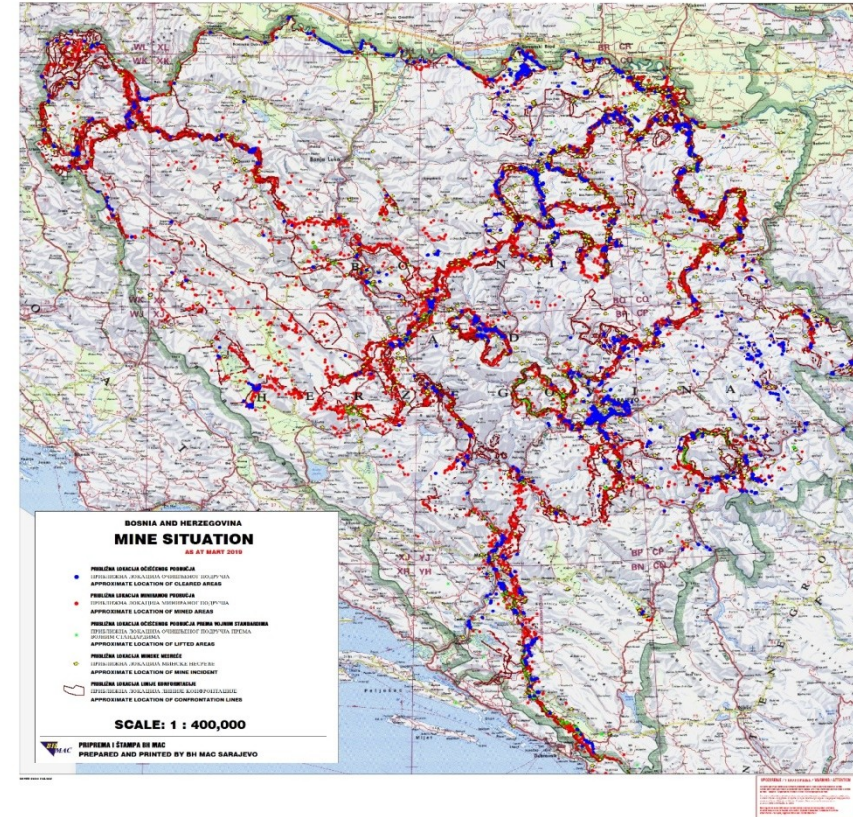
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Remaining Challenge

Meeting of the States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Landmines and their Destruction (November 2020), when Bosnia and Herzegovina was approved a continuation of deadline according to Article 5. of the Convention, until March 2027.



Progress made since the 2021

In 2021, SHA was reduced for 34 square km (additionally 9,81 square km cancelled through NTS).

Summary of area and areas released and devices destroyed, 1 January – 31 December 2021

Province	District	Cancelled area (square metres)	Reduced area (square metres)	Cleared area (square metres)	Total area released (square metres)	Number of anti-personnel mines destroyed
FBiH	Tuzlanski	2,192,369	1,614,789	89,025	3,896,183	576
	Posavski	1,001,178	97,381	397	1,098,956	1
	Sarajevo	2,650,089	1,302,489	47,194	3,999,772	281
	Zeničko- dobojski	308,395	328,649	28,854	665,898	64
	Kanton 10	5,841,317	2,398,840	418,519	8,658,675	1,717
	Bosansko- podrinjski	2,098,408	685,956	43,306	2,827,670	172
	Srednje- bosanski	0	59,922	5,200	65,122	2
	Hercegovačko- neretvanski	0	378,795	9,336	388,131	23
	Unsko-sanski	0	147,947	1,546	149,493	33
Republika Srpska		288,160	872,277	47,119	1,207,556	196
Brčko Distrikt		0	1,229,074	4,365	1,233,439	31
Bosna i Hercegovina	Total	14,379,916	9,116,119	694,860	24,190,895	3,096

Task in progress

Completed in 2022

- 16 MSAs – released area of 39,31 square km
- Targeted and systematic investigation completed at 7 MSAs - 10 square km (database entry)
- 57 individual technical survey and clearance tasks - 1,36 square km

There is an ongoing realization of 29 MSAs with the area of 48,55 square km, and 13 individual tasks with the area of 0,64 square km.



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Overview of suspect area size per administrative regions

Administrative unit	Area in square km
UNSKO SANSKI	88.59
POSAVSKI	14.68
TUZLANSKI	75.39
ZENICKO DOBOJSKI	111.84
BOSANSKO PODRINJSKI	44.05
SREDNJE BOSANSKI	102.88
HERCEGOVACKO NERETVANSKI	138.74
ZAPADNO HERCEGOVACKI	0.82
SARAJEVO	50.18
KANTON 10	63.27
FEDERACIJA BIH	690.46
REPUBLIKA SRPSKA	180.00
BRCKO DISTRIKT	13.05
BOSNA I HERCEGOVINA	883.50

Circumstances impeding completion

- We are facing certain difficulties in the realization of the vision that entails Bosnia and Herzegovina free of mines and explosive remnants from war, and they relate to the following:
 - - Lack of financial means,
 - - Unexisting political will and support of higher instances of power on the level of Bosnia and Herzegovina (absence of law regulations, failure to appoint the representative of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the Board of Directors of Enhancing Human Security – ITF, certain projects for which the key role in their realization is held by the highest governing bodies in Bosnia and Herzegovina),
 - - Unavailable, i.e. nonfunctioning minefield records, even harder identification of remaining minefields mainly located in mountainous areas
 - - Insufficient human resources

Activities to be carried out

- Analyses of completed mine action activities, and the long-term application of positive experiences that would influence the efficiency of mine action, a faster and more effective manner of work, and achievement of strategic goals through improved and enhanced quality management,
- Application of all reasonable efforts into all the measures and activities within the framework of jurisdiction, to engage all available demining capacities (issuance and renewal of accreditations and certificates, review of equipment, etc.),
- Active participation in meetings to exchange experiences, and thoughts on solutions for technical and managerial issues, newest technologies, equipment, and methods of work on the ground.
- Contribution to the collective action of all state structures to timely act and develop imperative changes within laws and bylaws.

Mine Risk Education and Reduction efforts

Various mine awareness programs for all impacted population, based on their needs and assessed threats, have been conducting targeted mine awareness through presentations and materials modified and gender-diversified for various age groups, according to data from the general assessment, or according to analyses of mine accidents that occurred in the recent period.

Integration of mine awareness and ongoing mine action operations is aiming to warn about threats, consequences, and risks that the impacted population faces in daily activities, to contribute through land release to the development of better living potentials where the inhabitants would not have to expose to risk out of existential reasons.

Coordination and integration of
all mine action components
into one integrated process

Lack of finance

Absence of law and finance regulations

Insufficient support of the highest instances of
government in BiH

Insufficient human resources

Financial means

Equipment

Support from all the levels of power in Bosnia and
Herzegovina