

REPUBLIC OF CROATIA

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Progress made since the last extension request



Key Performance Indicators (2019-2021)

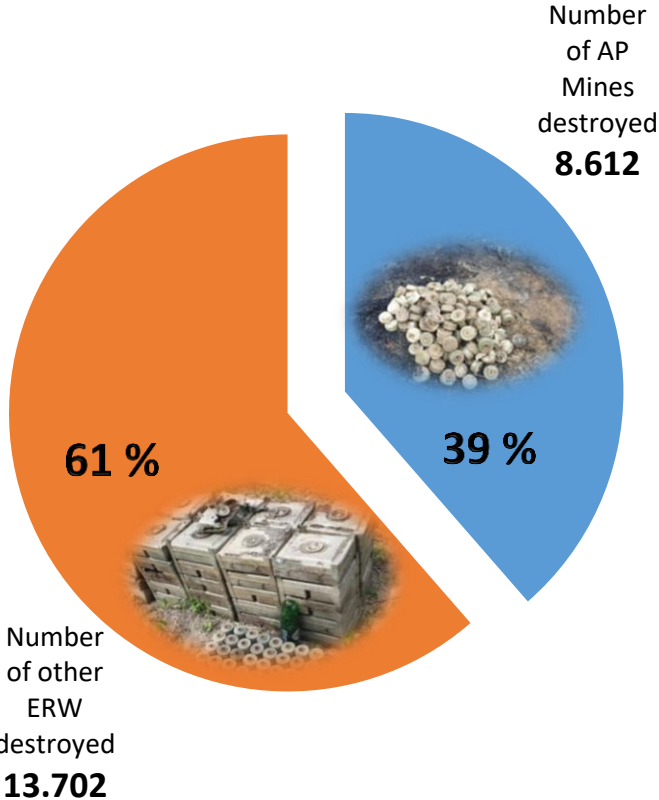
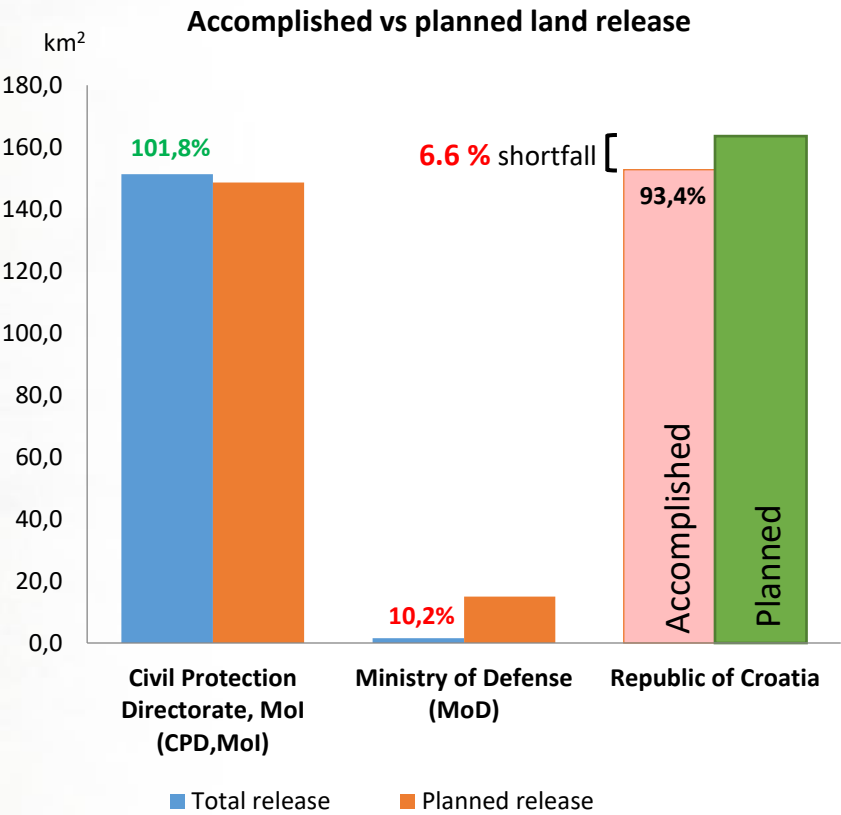
152,8 km² of released land

- 42.9 %

No. of Towns/Municipalities with HA reduced from 55 to 37
No. of Counties with HA reduced from 8 to 7

- 32.7 %

All cluster munition contaminated areas were released in accordance with CCM deadline (August, 2020)



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County	2019			2020			2021			Total release (km ²)	Planned release (km ²)	Difference %
	Cancelled	Reduced	Cleared	Cancelled	Reduced	Cleared	Cancelled	Reduced	Cleared			
Civil Protection Directorate, MoI (CPD, MoI)												
Karlovačka (KA)	0,00	0,00	1,70	0,83	0,43	1,07	0,52	0,00	3,59	8,13	12,5	65%
Ličko-senjska (LS)	0,18	0,69	8,30	0,00	0,33	17,82	0,90	0,10	6,23	34,54	48,0	72%
Osječko-baranjska (OB)	1,41	1,01	17,95	4,15	0,607	10,13	1,63	0,49	4,37	41,75	37,6	111%
Požeško-slavonska (PS)	0,00	0,44	0,85	0,03	1,27	0,71	0,01	1,44	4,87	9,61	6,0	160%
Splitsko-dalmatinska (SD)	0,00	0,00	0,43	0,00	0,00	0,42	0,11	0,00	1,01	1,88	2,5	75%
Sisačko-moslavačka (SM)	1,05	0,19	3,74	1,06	0,58	9,60	1,20	0,00	6,18	23,60	23,0	103%
Šibensko-kninska (ŠK)	0,48	0,43	1,50	0,88	0,14	1,79	1,61	0,00	1,77	8,69	8,8	99%
Zadarska (ZD)	0,00	1,13	4,33	0,00	0,82	7,7	0,00	2,95	6,10	23,03	10,2	226%
*TOTAL	3,12	3,89	38,80	6,9490	4,1660	49,24	5,99	4,97	34,11			
	7,01		38,86	11,08		49,24	10,95		34,11	151,24	148,6	101,8%

Ministry of Defense (MoD)	0,47	0,42	0,64	1,53	15,0	10,2%
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Number of AP Mines destroyed	Number of other ERW destroyed
264	941
1.252	2.493
2.254	4.132
53	41
7	45
3.889	2.346
242	155
551	1.115
8.512	11.268

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TOTAL	152,77	163,6	-6,6%	8.612	13.702
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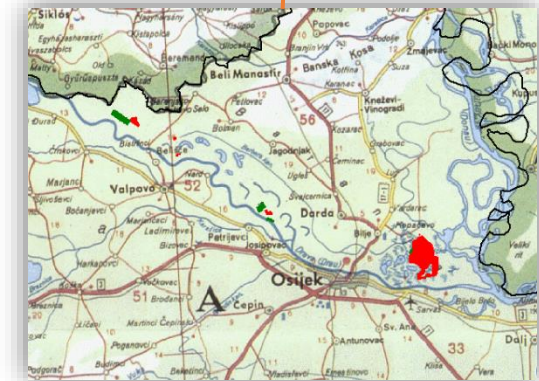
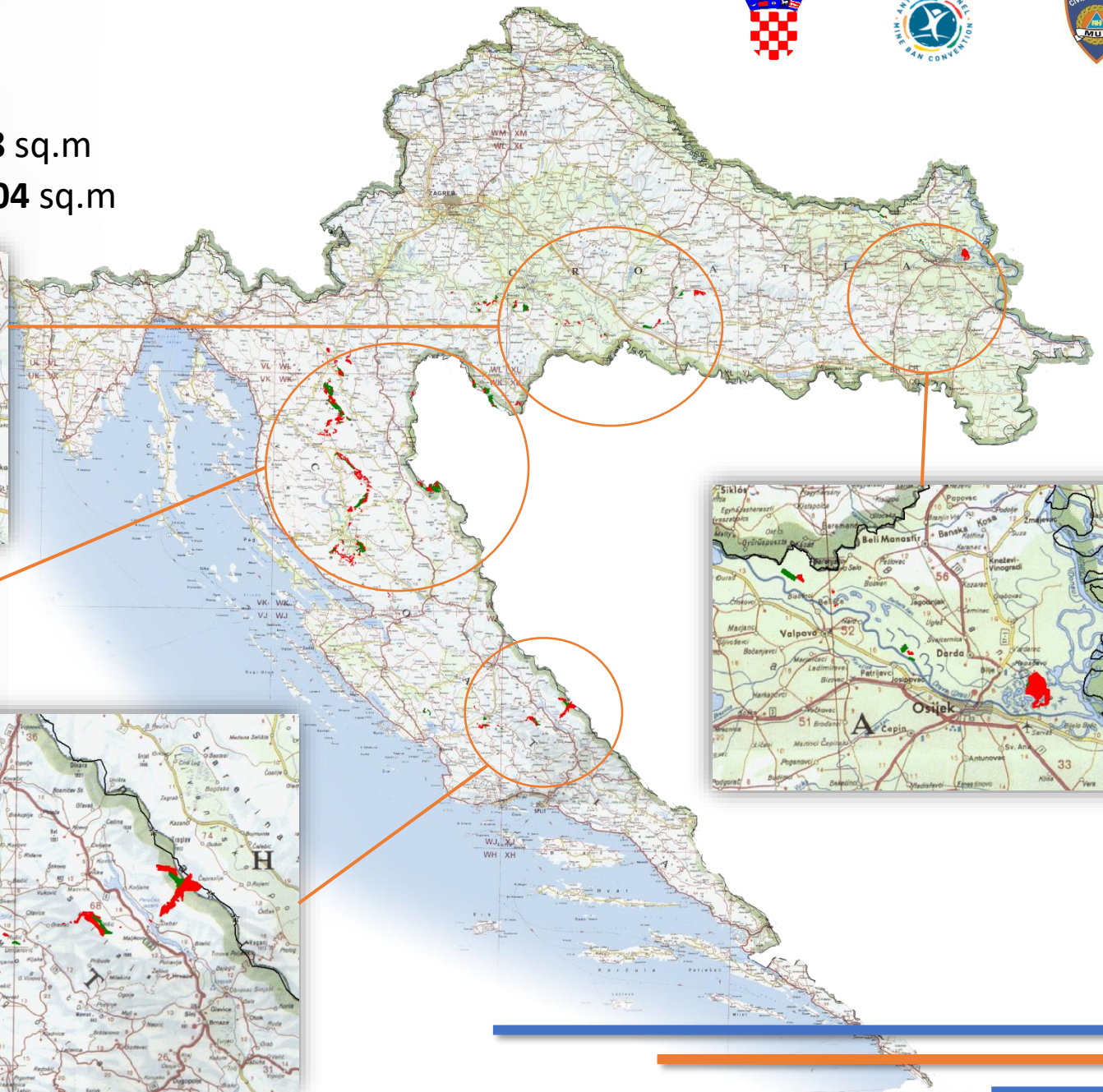
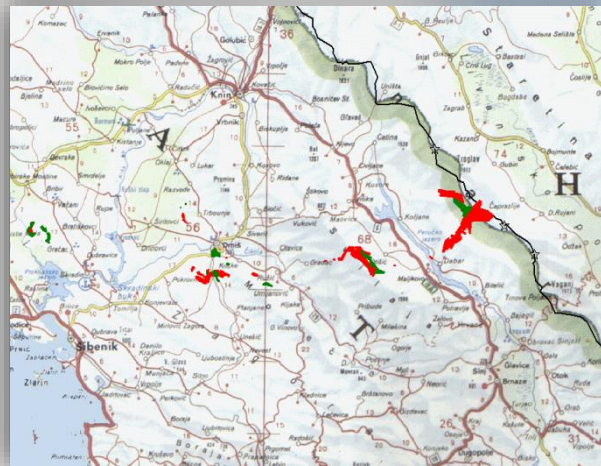
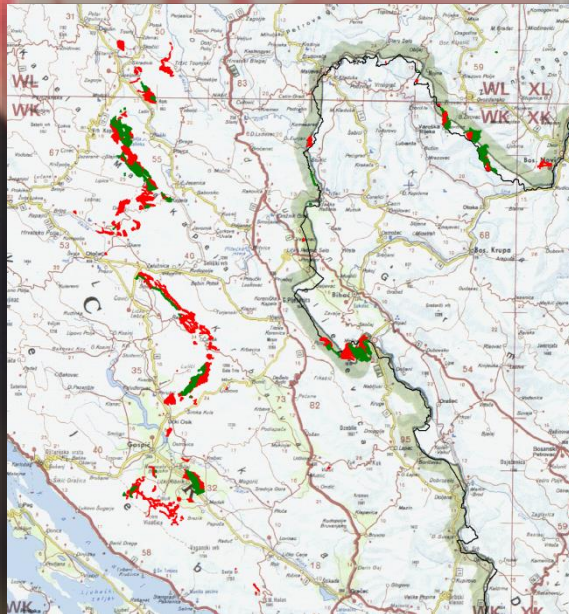
	(km ²)	(km ²)	(km ²)
Remaining HA (CPD, MoI)	309,7	249,4	204,4
Remaining HA (MoD)	30,61	30,14	29,50
TOTAL	340,3	279,52	233,88

*survey numbers include NTS inclusion

Remaining challenge



-  Suspected Hazardous Areas measuring **67.600.158 sq.m**
-  Confirmed Hazardous Areas measuring **136.785.504 sq.m**



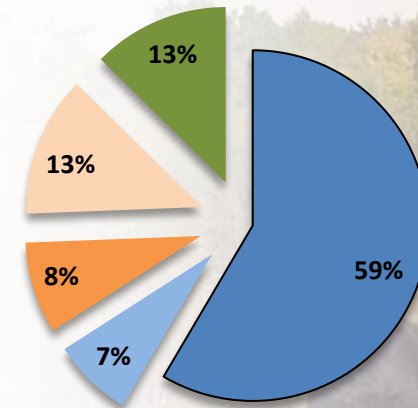
Remaining challenge



Areas known and suspected to contain anti-personnel mines as of 31 December 2021, and the estimated date of completion

	County	No. of HA areas	Remaining HA (km ²)	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
1	Karlovačka (KA)	6	38,1	19,6	11,5	7,0	0	0
2	Ličko-senjska (LS)	9	86,7	13,6	17,4	24,4	31,3	0
3	Osječko-baranjska (OB)	6	11,1	4,0	7,1	0	0	0
4	Požeško-slavonska (PS)	1	6,3	6,3	0	0	0	0
5	Sisačko-moslavačka (SM)	10	34,8	8,7	9,5	11,1	5,5	0
6	Splitsko-dalmatinska (SD)	2	18,1	2,4	7,1	8,6	0	0
7	Šibensko-kninska (ŠK)	3	9,3	1,3	8,0	0	0	0
TOTAL (CPD, Mol)		37	204,4	55,9	60,6	51,1	36,8	0
Ministry of Defense			29,5	7,4	3,1	8,8	10,2	0
TOTAL Croatia			233,9	63,3	63,7	59,9	47,0	0

Reduction of HA through clearance, clearance /technical survey, technical and non-technical survey until 2025



- Clearance
- Clearance in combination with TS
- Technical survey
- Non-technical survey
- Clearance, TS, NTS - MoD



Circumstances impeding completion



Challenges in the previous period

Covid-19 pandemic impacted clearance and survey operations with the complete shutdown of activities during March, April and May 2020

Limited capacities of the Ministry of Defense influenced planned land release numbers, hampering the overall results

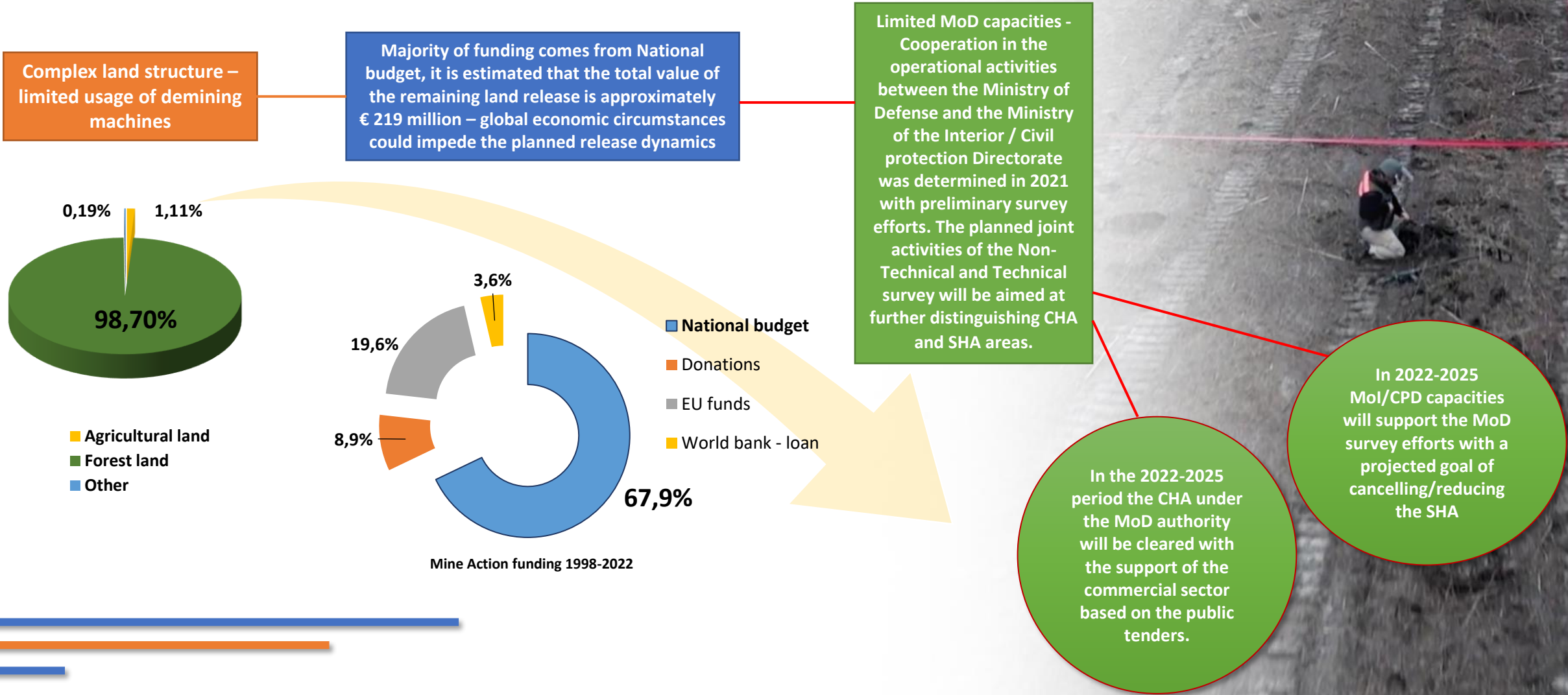
Annual National Government budget funds designated for the clearance activities in 2020 were reduced and reallocated to other areas towards the support of declining economic activities in the Country due to Covid-19 pandemic

11 km² of cleared land was not included in the results of the 2021 due to the fact there was very bad weather on the project area (*Karlovac Karst project, Velika Kapela mountain*) in the December 2021, therefore official Certificate of Land Release was published in the first quarter of 2022.

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Challenges for the remaining period

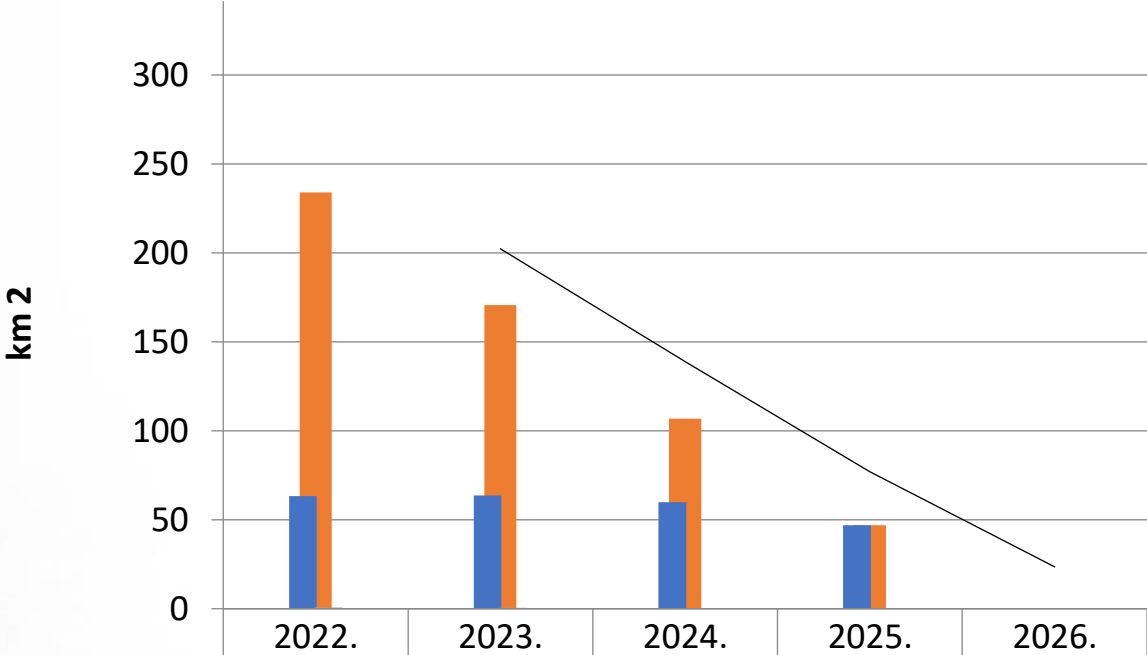


Expected Milestones



Expected timeline and milestones for completion

Remaining challenges will be released predominately trough clearance activities (59%) based on the amount of CHA, while the remaining areas (SHA) would be reduced or cancelled.



Remaining HA (km2)	233,9	170,6	106,9	47	0
Annual Land release	63,3	63,7	59,9	47	0
Remaining HA (%)	69%	50%	31%	14%	0%

Activities to be carried out



Completely remove mine danger from the territory of the Republic of Croatia in line with Article 5 deadline by 1 March 2026 at the latest

Maintain and improve the marking and mine warning system of the entire HA

Continue to Inform and implement EORE programs for the entire population gravitating towards /living and /or working in the vicinity of HA

Continue to provide care and rehabilitation, including psycho-social rehabilitation and economic reintegration of all mine and EO victims.

Advocacy and encouragement of International Cooperation in Humanitarian demining through exchange of Croatian skills, knowledge, experience and equipment used in Mine Action



EO Risk Education and Victim Assistance efforts



Highlights in the 2019-2021 period

Continuous EORE activities performed by the **Mol / CPD officials** in the landmine affected Counties/Municipalities

In the 2019-2021 period **268 EO risk educations** with more than **28.000 participants** were held

EORE activities at the specific EU project levels – project „**Naturavita**” construction of educational-visitor centre „**Podravlje**” where EORE education is provided as a part of wider nature protection educational efforts.

During 2021, **20 EO risk educations** were held with **750 participants** – preschool and school children

EORE and Mine Victim assistance efforts inside the **Swiss-Croatian Cooperation Programme** contribution, and a specific project named “**Demining and Socio-Economic Integration**”

- **National survey**
- **Victim database**
- **Psychosocial support**
- **Socio-economic support**

Enhancement of the legal framework - a **new Law on Civilian Victims of the Homeland War** was officially adopted by the Croatian Parliament **in 2021**. This 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, including injuries from the ERW.

This Law will provide the enhanced legal security to civilian victims of war including ERW survivors and families of individuals killed by ERW, all with a goal to greatly improve socioeconomic status of the victims.





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