

Land Release and Mine Action Standards



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- Background
- Overview of relevant IMAS
- Reasons to change
- Proposals
- Proposed new IMAS
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- Responsibilities for mine action standards
 - UNMAS – mandated by GA to develop and maintain standards for mine action
 - GICHD – Assist in the preparation and management of IMAS and maintain the Website through MAIC at JMU
 - IMAS Review Board – Broad spectrum of technical and general interest
 - IACG-MA Highest level of endorsement

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● Existing IMAS

- 38 IMAS in various aspects of mine action
- Replaced International Standards for Humanitarian Mine Clearance Operations
- “Endorsed’ in 2001

● Two IMAS cover Survey/Information

- 08.10 General Mine Action Assessment
- 08.20 Technical Survey

● No IMAS cover LIS or Emergency Survey etc.

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● IMAS 08.10 – General Mine Action Assessment

- Aimed to address the issue of information from start to finish of a programme
- Content is Programme specific and not site specific
- A GMAA is not a tasked activity but was interpreted as such by some
- Some confusion with old Level 1 Survey
- Not correctly understood by all.
- Therefore ready for an overhaul

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● IMAS 08.20 Technical Survey

- Aimed to be site specific
- Aim was to gather information about a site to be able decide 'what to do next'
- What to do next could be any number of things- including cancellation, clearance or re-survey
- Again, not understood this way by all.
- Technical Survey, to some, means physical intrusive survey into a SHA
- Not clear about 'cancelled' areas

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● What are the issues?

- Cancellation/release criteria not clearly covered in IMAS or understood uniformly
- Liability essentially not addressed in IMAS
- Terminology has been used and understood differently
- No clear statement that land could be released without physical intervention or clearance

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- Recent activities
 - Risk management studies
 - Land Release studies
 - SAC and GICHD
- So – need for review of both IMAS
 - Included in IMAS Review Board Work Plan
- Draft IMAS in production
 - Sub-working Group

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● Likely new framework

- Information Management
- General Overview of Land Release
- Land Release by General Survey
- Land Release by Technical Survey
- Land Release by Clearance (Existing)
- Land Release by BAC (Existing)

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● What will be new?

- A clearer explanation of the ‘process’ of dealing with a SHA.
- A clear statement that, in certain circumstances, it can be acceptable to cancel/release land without entering it.
- Clear guidance on the responsibilities for defining release criteria and liability.
- Some guidance on release criteria and liability issues

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● Time frame

- General overview draft on Land Release available now
- Draft on General Survey to follow
- Technical Survey later this summer
- Ready for endorsement by Review Board, Steering Group, IACG-MA, by end of the year, but.....
- All drafts will be available on the IMAS Website for consultation and guidance.

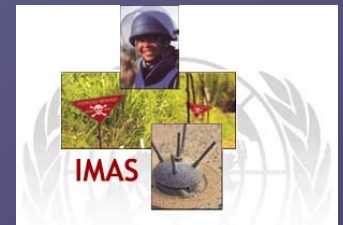
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● IMAS Review Procedure

- Draft agreed by Working Group/Expert Group and submitted to IMAS Review Board
- IMAS Review Board comment and agree/disagree
- Pass to IMAS Steering Group
- Onward to IACG – MA, at the Principal level
- Endorsed version published on the Mine Action Standards Web Site

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International Mine Action Standards

National Mine Action Standards

Technical Notes on Mine Action

Related Documents and Guides

IMAS Review Board

What's New

- New website design
- New registration feature

site map

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● Work Ahead.

- Draft IMAS on Land Release by General Survey
- Draft IMAS on Land Release by Technical Survey
- Pass through the Review Process

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Thank you

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