

IMAS Review Board Progress Update

18th June 2020

Meeting Minutes

- IMAS Review Board (10th February 2020)
https://www.mineactionstandards.org/fileadmin/MAS/review-board/Meeting_Minutes/20200310_Minutes_IMAS_Review_Board_Meeting_Feb_2020_FIN_AL.pdf
- IMAS Steering Group (12th February 2020) – minutes not yet released

IMAS Governance Evaluation

An external evaluation of the governance of IMAS was completed on 17th January 2020. The findings and recommendations are currently under consideration by the IMAS Steering Group. The report was circulated to the Review Board for information on 30th January.

Revised Standards

The following new/updated standards have been approved by the IMAS Review Board in 2020. These standards have been uploaded to the IMAS Website as draft documents and will be considered by the Steering Group for forwarding to the IACG-MA.

- IMAS 04.10 Glossary of Mine Action Terms and Definitions (Ed. 2, Am.10)
- IMAS 05.10 Information Management for Mine Action (Ed. 2. Am 1 – including Annex B ‘Minimum Data Requirements’)
- IMAS 07.31 Accreditation and Operational Testing of ADS and Handlers (Ed.1)
- IMAS 09.41 Operational Procedures for ADS (Ed.4)
- IMAS 13.10 Victim Assistance (Ed. 1)

The following standard updates have been received positively by the Board and are likely to be published as draft documents in Q2.

- IMAS 10.40 Medical Support to Demining Operations (Ed. 2)
- IMAS 10.60 Investigation and reporting of accidents and incidents (Ed. 2)

Substantive Amendments:

IMAS 12.10 – “Explosive Ordnance Risk Education”

The working draft document has been updated by the Review Board Secretariat and is undergoing a final review by the focal point for the EORE technical working group. It will then be distributed for an electronic vote in the coming weeks.

IMAS “Management of Human Remains”

An updated version has been submitted following feedback provided by the Boards at its meeting in February. This document will be distributed for an electronic vote in June.

Expert Technical Working Groups (TWG)

Working groups were established in 2018 and 2019 and have been coordinated by member focal points (FP). The IEDD Competencies, Victim Assistance, Risk Education. Building/IEDD and Land Release working groups completed their mandate in were disbanded ahead of the Review Board meeting on 10th February.

ADS Working Group (focal point: Mr. Stanislav Damjanovic)

Having delivered two new/updated IMAS standards the ADS TWG is waiting for approval from the Steering Group to continue existing streams of work on developing Test and Evaluation Protocols for: the establishment of ADS test areas, and ADS handler competencies.

Technical Notes for Mine Action

- The final draft of TNMA 07.10/01 (Residual Risk Management) was approved by the Review Board on 10th February and is available on the IMAS Website.
- Two TNMA are being further developed based on feedback from the Board in February.
 - 07.10/02 *All Reasonable Effort*
 - TNMA *Land Release KPIs*

IMAS Proposals

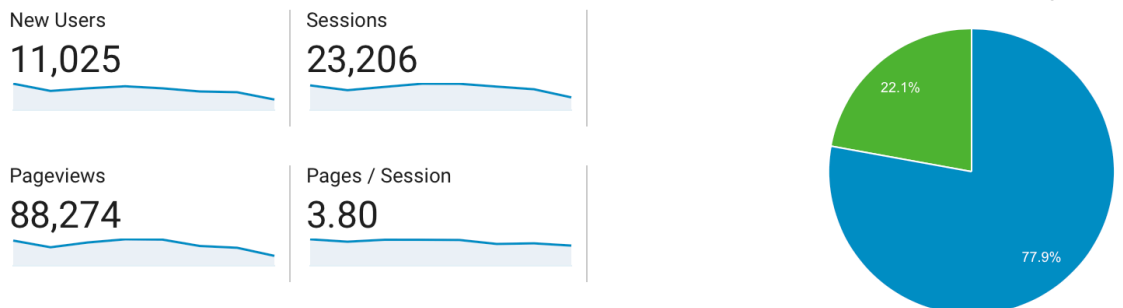
- All proposals for IMAS and TNMA have been parked while the governance evaluation is considered.

AOB/Outstanding Issues

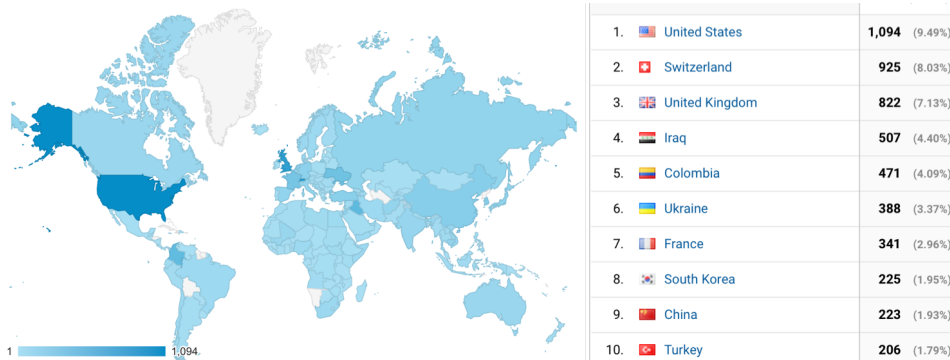
IMAS Website

The public facing elements of the new IMAS website was launched in 2019 <https://www.mineactionstandards.org/>. The analytic component that was incorporated has returned the following statistics since 01st November 2019.

- The site has been used by over 11,000 users (average 5 users per day)



- IMAS have been accessed from 176 countries (the top 10 are listed below)



Website analytics also allow the Review Board to see which standards are accessed most often. Analysis of the data will be used to inform recommendations regarding the IMAS Workplan.



Since March 2020 the website is sending out news alerts to registered subscribers.

The back-end part of the website, which will facilitate the Review Board's deliberations on standards is currently being piloted with selected members, some feedback has already been provided discussions with the developer are ongoing.

IMAS Translations

The standards approved by the IACG-MA in 2019 were translated into Arabic in Q4. A validation workshop with the Directors of Arabic speaking national mine action authorities was held in Amman on 8-10th December 2019, the translations are now available on the IMAS website.

Minor Amendments

- TNMA 12.10/01/2018 Risk Education for Improvised Explosive Devices (provisional draft) will be updated based on the terminology agreed by the Board in 2018 and 2019.
- Minor amendments such as formatting and updated referencing will be conducted in parallel with any updates to the governance system.