

MINUTES

IMAS REVIEW BOARD MEETING

Date of meeting:	16 February 2023
Start time (duration):	14:00 Central European Time (1½ hours)
Location:	Held remotely on Microsoft Teams
Meeting Chair:	Ms. Abigail Hartley, UNMAS
Meeting Secretary:	Mr. Sasha Logie, GICHD

1. Open and welcome

The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming all members, observers, and guests. New member and observer representatives were also welcomed, including:

- Mr. Valon Kumnova (GICHD) – in absentia
- Ms. Djadranka Gillesen (MAG)
- Mr. Louis Maresca (ICRC)

2. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Approve new Review Board workplan

Prior to the meeting, Review Board (RB) members submitted IMAS documents to be considered for the workplan. (See full list in Annex B). During the meeting, the RB discussed the proposals and decided which items to approve to be included in the workplan.

The RB concluded that further consultation within the sector was required prior to the RB deciding whether to review land release related IMAS. It noted that a revision of land release related IMAS would have a far-reaching impact on mine action programmes and that land release, quality and risk management are intrinsically linked and any revision of these IMAS should be coordinated and sequenced. It was also noted that a number of national mine action standards are yet to fully adopt the existing land release IMAS and so a revision of the IMAS might further impact the adoption at the national level. The RB concluded not to add these IMAS to the workplan at this stage.

The RB agreed to add IMAS 09.44 to the workplan, given the existing technical working group (TWG) that has worked on animal detection system (ADS) IMAS would be able to finalize this, the final ADS related IMAS document, fairly easily.

Reviewing IMAS 01.10 was also approved, with the scope of review limited to procedures for archiving old IMAS. A TWG would also begin reviewing IMAS to archive.

It was proposed to add IMAS 11.20 to the workplan upon completion of the revision of IMAS 07.13 environmental management in mine action, to ensure consistency. The latter is not likely to be complete before the end of the year, so IMAS 11.20 is expected to be worked on in 2024.

The RB agreed to add a revision of IMAS 14.10 to the workplan, with the aim of providing better guidance on a results based management framework, reinforce national ownership, support the development of national strategies and feed into later IMAS revisions.

The RB also agreed to add a review of TNMA 10.20/02/09 on field risk assessment, following the completion of the ongoing revision of the related IMAS 10.20 demining worksite safety.

It was clarified that the workplan is not locked and that new activities and amendments can be proposed during the workplan period.

The Chair strongly encouraged wide and committed participation in the TWGs.

Action point: GICHD conduct consultation on whether there is a need to review land release related IMAS.

Action point: IMAS activities to be added to the RB workplan include:

- **IMAS 01.10 (with a limited scope to address process for archiving IMAS)**
- **IMAS 09.44**
- **IMAS 14.10**
- **TNMA 10.20/02/09**

GICHD volunteered to coordinate technical working groups for IMAS 01.10, 14.10 and, IMAS 09.44 and HALO for TNMA 10.20/02/09.

4. Any other business

The next RB meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wed 21 June 2021 to take place in person in Geneva, during the week of the APMBC Intersessionals and the National Directors meetings.

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Annex A - Record of attendance.

Category	#	Name	Country / Org	Present
Chair	1	Abigail Hartley	UNMAS	Yes
Secretary	2	Sasha Logie	GICHD	Yes
Donor	3	Katherine Baker	USA	Yes
Donor	4	Ian Mansfield	MASG	Yes
Commercial	5	Todd Biggs	Tetra Tech, Inc.	Yes
Commercial	6	Stephen Saffin	TDI	Yes
National	7	Prum Sophakmokol	Cambodia	No
National	8	Dejan Rendulić	Croatia	Yes
National	9	Nguyen Ngoc Thuy	Vietnam	Yes
National	10	Yang Li	China	No
Nat./NGO/Operator	11	Betsy Janneth Castro Gómez	Colombia	No
INGO	12	Fatmire Uka	DRC	No
INGO	13	Djadranka Gillesen	MAG	Yes
INGO	14	Eva Veble	NPA	Yes
INGO	15	Elke Hottentot	HI Federation	Yes
INGO	16	Adam Jasinski	HALO	Yes
INGO	17	Mark Wilkinson*	DanChurchAid	Yes
INGO	18	Alex van Roy	FSD	Yes
UN	19	Mark Buswell	UNDP	No
UN	20	Hugues Laurence	UNICEF	Yes
UN	21	Joseph Huber	UNOPS	Yes
UN	22	Mark Connelly	UNMAS	Yes
Military	23	Maarten Verburg	Military- Belgium	Yes
GICHD	24	Lionel Pechera*	GICHD	Yes
Convention ISU	25	Juan Carlos Ruan	ISU APMBC	No
Demining School	26	Frédéric Mercury	CREG	Yes
Demining School	27	Angel Belen	HDTC	No
Non-Affiliated	28	Suzanne Fiederlein	Independent	Yes
Observer	29	Louis Maresca	ICRC	Yes
Observer	30	Magnus Bengtsson	MSB	No
Observer	31	Michael Heiman	APOPO	Yes

*Proxy participants replacing fulltime member representatives

Annex B – Proposed IMAS considered for review

Nr.	IMAS Document		Current version	Last update
1	IMAS 01.10	Guide for the Application and Development of International Mine Action Standards (process to retire IMAS)		
2	<i>[Land release]</i> IMAS 07.10 IMAS 07.11	Guidelines and requirements for the management of land release and residual contamination operations Land release	Ed.1 / Am.7 Ed.1 / Am.5	Jun 2018 Feb 2019
3	<i>[Quality management]</i> IMAS 07.12 IMAS 07.30 IMAS 07.40	Quality management in mine action Accreditation of mine action organisations Monitoring of mine action organizations	Ed.1 Ed.3 Ed.2	Jul 2016 Jan 2016 Jun 2016
4	IMAS 07.14	Risk management in mine action	Ed.1	Feb 2019
5	TNMA 07.14/01	Residual risk management	Ed.1	Jan 2020
6	IMAS 08.30	Post clearance documentation	Ed.2 / Am.5	Jun 2013
7	IMAS 09.44	Guide to occupational health and general dog care	Ed.2 / Am.3	Jun 2013
8	IMAS 11.20	Principles and procedures for open burning and open detonation operations	Ed.2 / Am.6	Jun 2013
9	IMAS 14.10	Guide for the evaluation of mine action interventions	Ed.1 / Am.3	Jun 2013
10	TNMA 10.20-02/09	Field risk assessment	Ed.1 / Am.1	Jul 2023