

Dive Team Seeks to Remove UXO from Australian Harbor

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Darwin Harbour, Australia A specialist dive team is conducting a complex operation to remove a suspected UXO that may have sat on the sea floor of Darwin Harbour for 80 years.

The Royal Australian Navy's Clearance Diving Team One was deployed to Darwin to retrieve the munition, suspected to be a WWII mortar shell. The 60-80 centimeters long item was discovered by commercial divers during a survey of the planned site of the Darwin Ship Lift project.

A Defence spokesperson said a team of five divers were using sonar equipment to search for the "unexploded ordnance" after failing to locate it on previous attempts.

