

EOD Works With Wildlife Team To Recover UXO in Sensitive Area

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O'ahu, Hawaii An Army EOD team was called out to recover and dispose of four (4) unexploded 37mm projectiles found on Manana Island. The ordnance items were found during a recent FUDS Site Inspection (SI) effort. Manana Island, a Hawaii state bird sanctuary, is home to nesting seabirds and endangered monk seals. Although no humans live on the island, the ordnance items were determined to be hazardous to the island's natural resources and authorized personnel who monitor its wildlife.

EOD safely transported the unexploded projectiles off the island for disposal while a team from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), assisted by Division of Forestry and Wildlife, provided support to ensure that no harm was done to monk seals in the area.

Manana Island, owned by the Department of Land and Natural Resources, is located on the Windward side of O'ahu, north of Makapu'u Point. The island is also known as Rabbit Island because of its shape.