

Underwater UXO Training Focuses on WWII UXO

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Solomon Islands Divers from Australian EOD Clearance Dive Team Four and a Bomb Disposal team from the Solomon Islands Police Force are working together to clear underwater UXO remaining from WWII. The clearance effort is part of a training cooperation program between Australia and the Solomon Islands designed to train and educate the Solomon Islands Bomb Disposal Force in finding, recovering, and disposing of UXO including underwater munitions.

The underwater portion of the training, which is in its third week, has resulted in more than 400 UXO being recovered and disposed of. Thousands of UXO remain scattered throughout the Solomon Islands and the associated waterways from the fierce battles fought there between Japanese and U.S. & Australian forces during WWII.