



Explanatory Notes - OSPAR Reporting Format on Encounters with Conventional and Chemical Munitions

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The corresponding Reporting Format spreadsheet is available via: <https://www.ospar.org/work-areas/eiha/other/reporting-formats>

When completing the reporting spreadsheet, Contracting Parties are kindly requested to report only those encounters that occur within their own jurisdiction (Encounters in areas beyond national jurisdiction should be reported by the flag state of the vessel involved).

Guidance for reporting:

Date	Date of the encounter; DD/MM/YYYY
Contracting Party	Name of applicable Contracting Party
Contracting Party ID	Unique ID reference from the Contracting Party
Latitude	Latitude of the encounter, WGS84, decimal degrees
Longitude	Longitude of the encounter, WGS84, decimal degrees
Nature of encounter	Select from: Diving, Dredging, Fishing, Underwater construction, Surveying, Mine hunting, Found on Shore Other. If 'Other' add explanatory information in the 'Notes' field.
Munition type	Select from: Chemical, Conventional, Firebomb, Unknown Definitions: - Chemical - chemical warfare agent; - Conventional - explosive; - Firebomb – white/red phosphorous; - Unknown - information not available Details on the type of munition (i.e. shells, sea mines, artillery projectile, etc) should be added if available under 'Notes'
State of munition	Select from: Good, Heavily corroded, Partly corroded, Unknown

	<p>Definitions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Good condition - case integrity intact; - Heavily corroded - where most of the contents could escape; - Partly corroded - where the contents cannot yet escape; - Unknown - information not available
Action taken	<p>Select from: Destroyed/blasted, Destroyed/other, Released at Sea, Disposed of on Land, Unknown, Other</p> <p>If 'Other' add explanatory information in the 'Notes' field</p>
Action Latitude	Enter the removal/destruction latitude, WGS84, decimal degrees
Action Longitude	Enter the removal/destruction longitude, WGS84, decimal degrees
Notes	<p>Additional information, including where appropriate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the proximity of the location of encounters to the nearest known dumping site; - explosive power if known (in TNT equivalent where possible); - any video or images available; - known activities that may have resulted in disturbance of dumping e.g. pipe/cable laying, changes in fishing practices; - type of shell housing, if known (i.e. thick or thin); - other information deemed relevant