



## Swiss Armed Forces Unexploded Ordnance Call Center

# Statistics 2019

The UXO Call Center and its partners are responsible for the disposal of unexploded ordnance, abandoned ordnance and ammunition scrap metal throughout Switzerland. The Swiss EOD Center works in cooperation with the Regional Division Commands in regularly conducted range area clearances (RAC) on firing ranges of the Swiss Armed Forces.

The following pages provide an overview of the activities in 2019 and a comparison of the last ten years.

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## Reported unexploded ordnance

Number of reports	738
Disposed UXO / AXO / Inert ordnance and FFE (in item numbers) *	2241
Performed work in hours (EOD, Infra Centre, Military Police and other partners)	4727
Kilometers driven with service vehicles (EOD, Infra Centre, Military Police and other partners)	108168
Financial Compensations (in CHF)	5050

## Battle area clearance (BAC) campaigns (with support of personnel of Swiss EOD Centre)

Number of RAC campaigns	4
Disposed UXO	50
Inert munitions or FFE (in kilograms)	45890
Number of involved persons (EOD, partners and military units)	91
Helicopter operations (in hours)	51.38

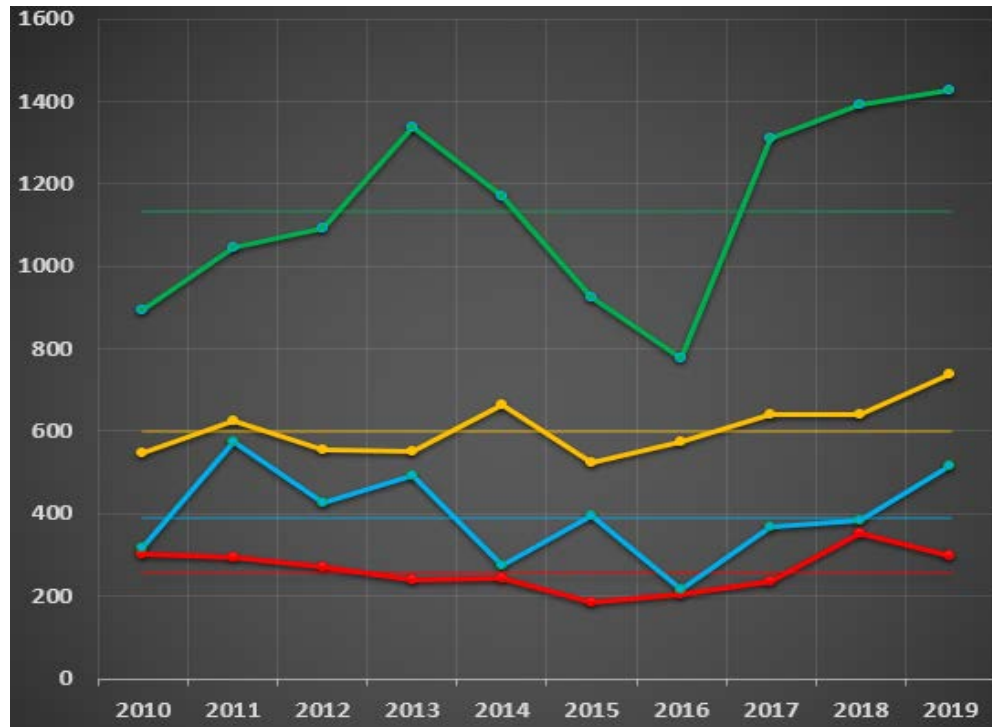
UXO	unexploded ordnance	ammunition may have been fired, dropped, launched or projected yet remains unexploded through malfunction, design or for other reason.
AXO	abandoned ordnance	Explosive ordnance that has not been used. It may or may not have been primed, fuzed, armed or otherwise prepared for use
FFE	free from explosives	Inert ammunition or parts without explosives



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## Comparison of the last ten years of UXO reports



- Annual value
- Average over the past 10 years

### UXO Reports

Received reports: 738 (24% above 10-year average). Reasons could be:

- Increasing outdoor activities within former firing ranges;
- Favorable weather;
- Melting snow and receding glaciers;
- Increasing police/ law enforcement agencies requests.

### UXO

Destroyed UXO: 297 (16% above 10-year average). Despite reduced live firing exercises, UXOs can surge locally depending on range conditions and ordnance used. On the long term the amount of UXO is expected to sink.

### Ammunition scrap

Disposes ordnance scrap: 1426 Items (25% above 10-year average). Reasons could be:

- Favorable weather;
- Melting snow and receding glaciers;
- Clearance of former firing ranges

### Abandoned Explosive Ordnance (AXO)

Disposed AXO: 518 Items (30% above 10-year average). Reasons could be:

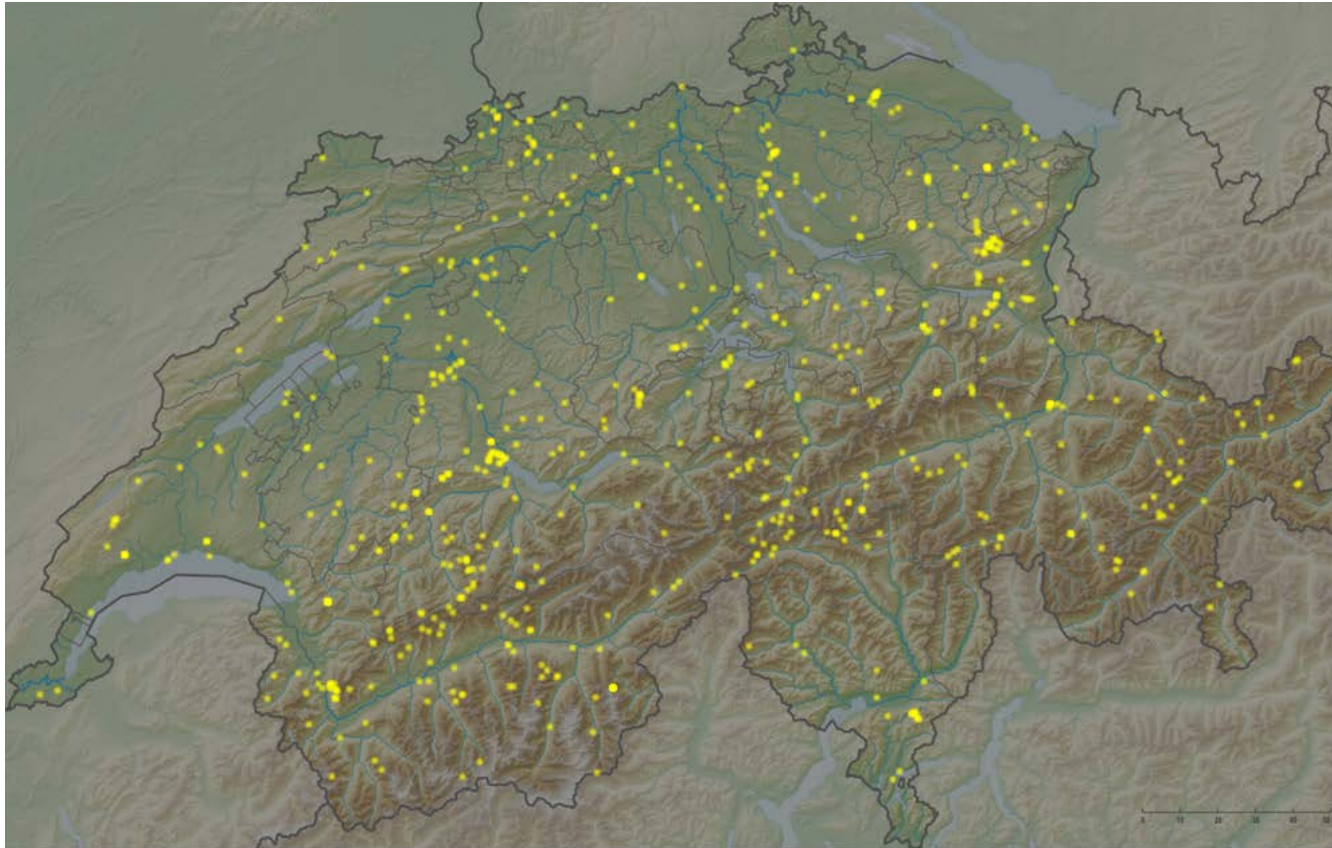
- Increasing police/ law enforcement agencies requests.
- Increasing turn-ins from civilians.



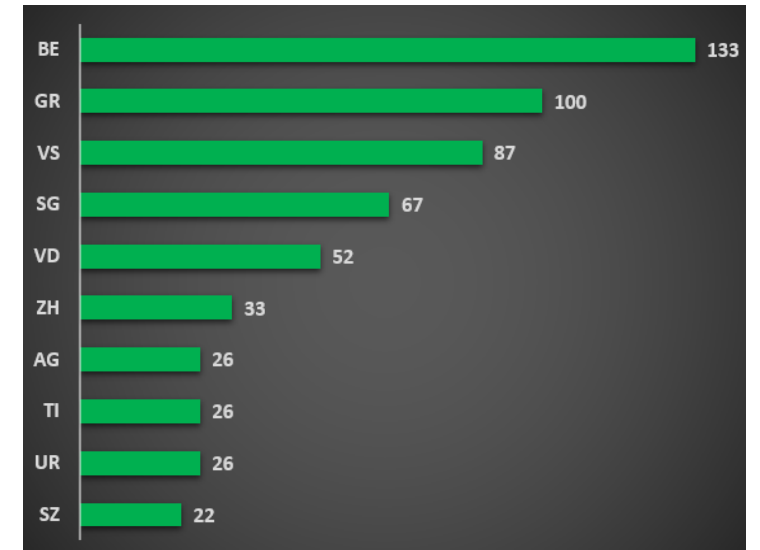
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## UXO locations according reports



## Top Ten among the Cantons, related to the number of reports:



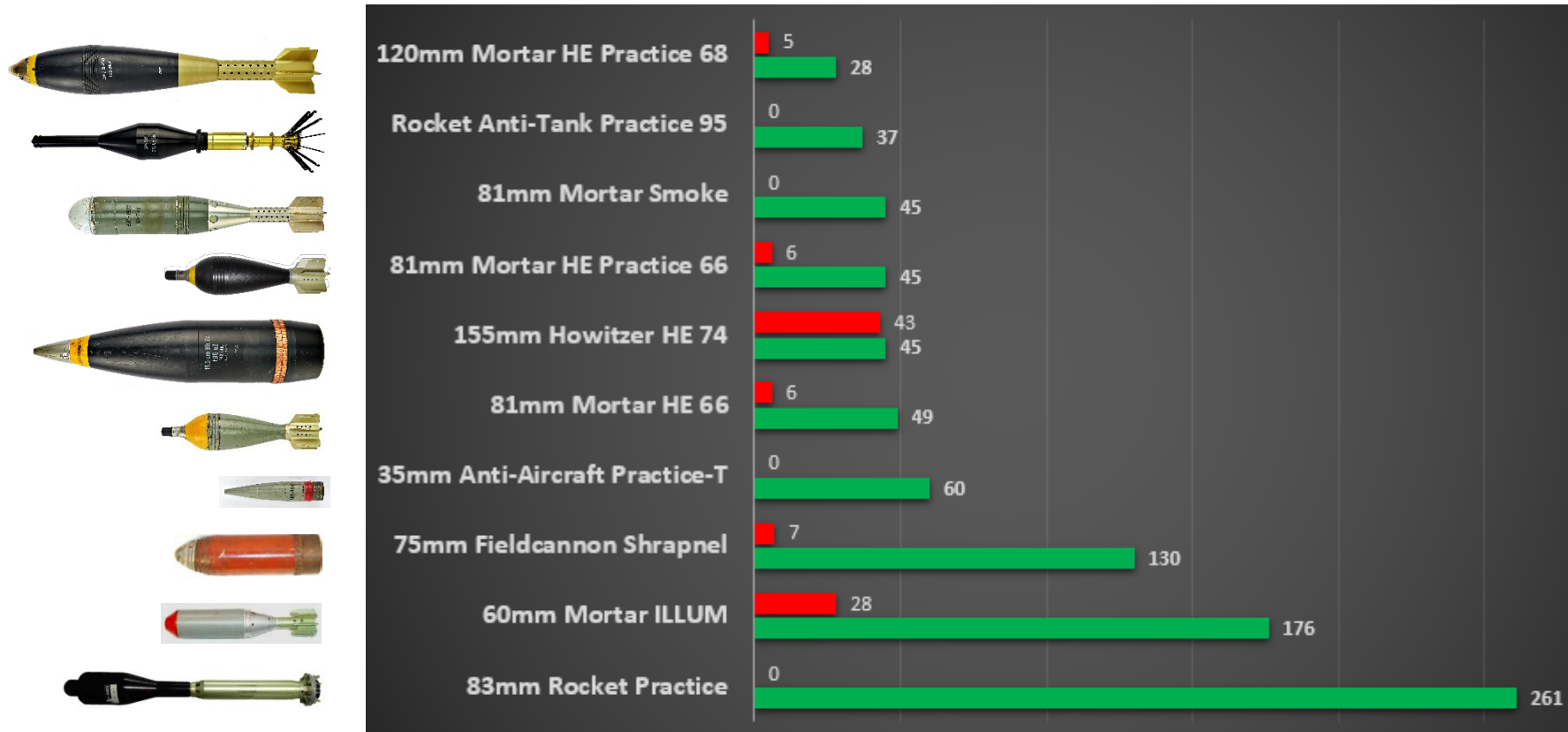


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## Top 10 most found ordnance

Total reported ordnance  
 Thereof UXO

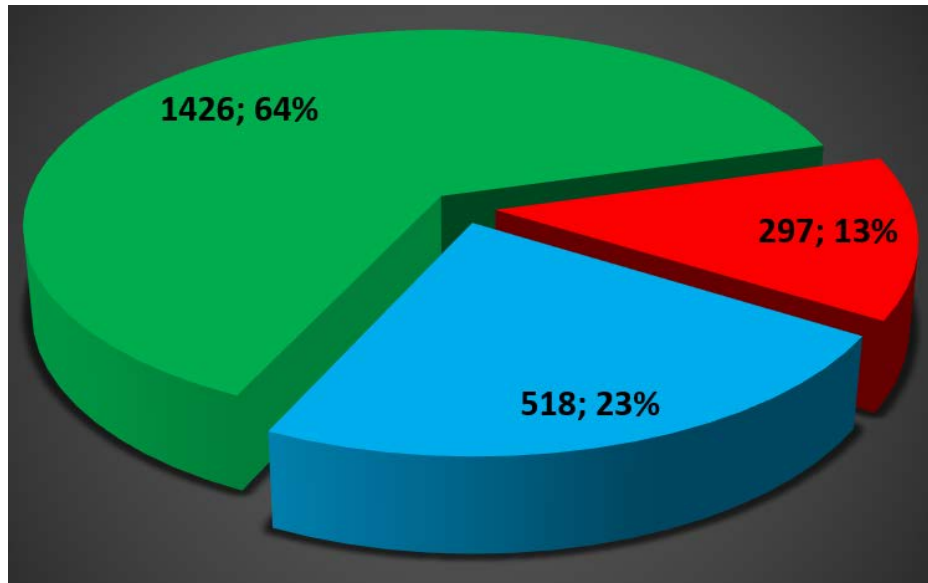


Other pictures of ammunition, click the link: [Identifizierungshilfe](#)



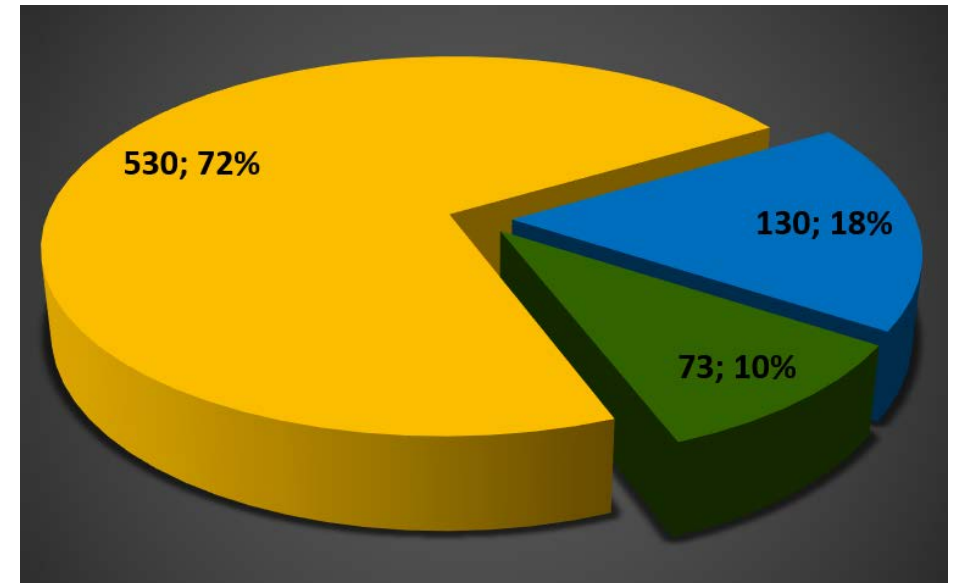
## Reports according to condition of ordnance, reporting persons and locations

### Condition of ordnance



- Inert ordnance or free from explosives (FFE)
- Unexploded ordnance (UXO)
- Abandoned ordnance (AXO)

### Reporting persons and locations

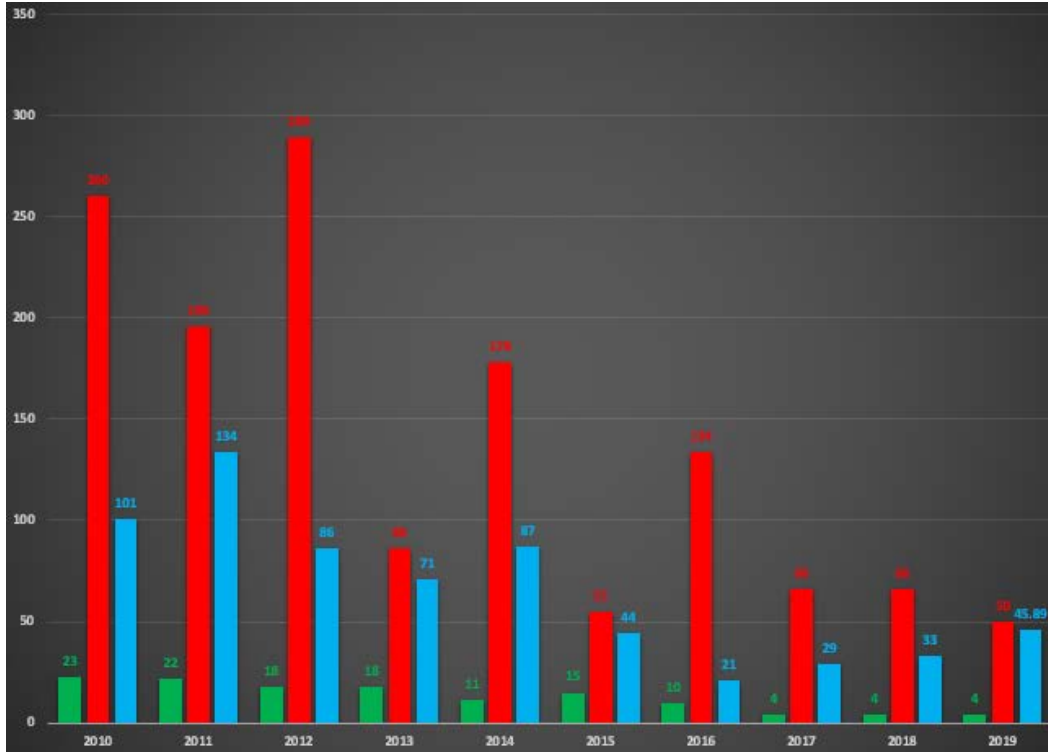


- Civilian (Shooting ranges, private buildings)
- Police (turn-in by civilians, house searches)
- Mil Units (UXO during training)



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## Comparing the last ten years of range area clearance (with support of personnel of the Swiss EOD Center)



### Number of BAC

Possible reasons:

- Reduced/ insufficient resources

### Number of found UXO

Possible reasons:

- Depending on type of firing range\*

### Number tons of scrap metal

Possible reasons:

- Depending on type of firing range\*

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The annual fluctuation of the quantity of UXOs and FFE depends on the type of firing range and weapon systems in use.



# Contact details

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## Do you have any questions?

The UXO Call Center is at your disposal

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Phone Police: 117

Or download our **unexploded ordnance app** from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store by searching for the term «Blindgänger»

## Reporting unexploded ordnance

Munition that has not or has only partially detonated is called unexploded ordnance; for instance because it has landed in water, snow or soft earth or been deviated by stones. Unexploded ordnance and munition remnants can frequently be found on shooting ranges, in mountain target areas, on glaciers – but also in the estate of deceased persons as military service souvenirs. Such 'souvenirs' are prohibited because unexploded ordnance is highly dangerous!

To prevent accidents, please observe the following principles:  
never touch unexploded ordnance – mark – report.

