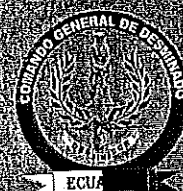


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**NATIONAL HUMANITARIAN DEMINING CENTER OF
ECUADOR**



Geneva, 24-28 November 2008

ECUADOR AND HUMANITARIAN DEMINING

• October 1998 Ecuador and Peru signed the Brasilia Peace Agreements

• April 1999 Ratification of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction



• September 1999 Creation of the Demining Center (CENDESMI) and the National Demining School (ESNADE)

• January 2000, Ecuador approved the National Demining Plan, aimed at planning, training, coordinating and directing the country's Humanitarian Demining programs through CENDESMI.

3. EXTENSION PERIOD

Ecuador needs EIGHT (8) additional years to completely eliminate antipersonnel mines in its jurisdiction, in Morona Santiago, Pastaza, Loja, El Oro and Zamora Chinchipe provinces.

The timetable for the 8-year extension period has been prepared taking into account each target, including area, natural features, number of existing mines, degree of difficulty getting there, weather conditions in work areas, logistic and operating conditions, and increase of personnel starting in October 2009. This has allowed us to determine the approximate time required in each target.



Satellite Image of Ecuador

MAIN FACTORS THAT INFLUENCE THE REQUEST FOR EXTENSION

ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS. Most demining targets are in the Amazon region, where it rains every month of the year, hindering the progress of demining tasks.

HUGE AMOUNT OF MINERALIZED STONES. Hinders progress as detector is always beeping.

HIGH, DENSE VEGETATION. Undergrowth must be cleared in order to demine the area, and this delays the advance of the work.



ICBL MONITORED MINE AREAS IN ECUADOR

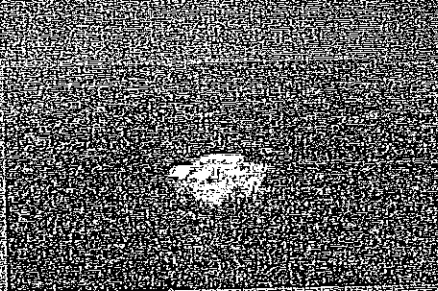


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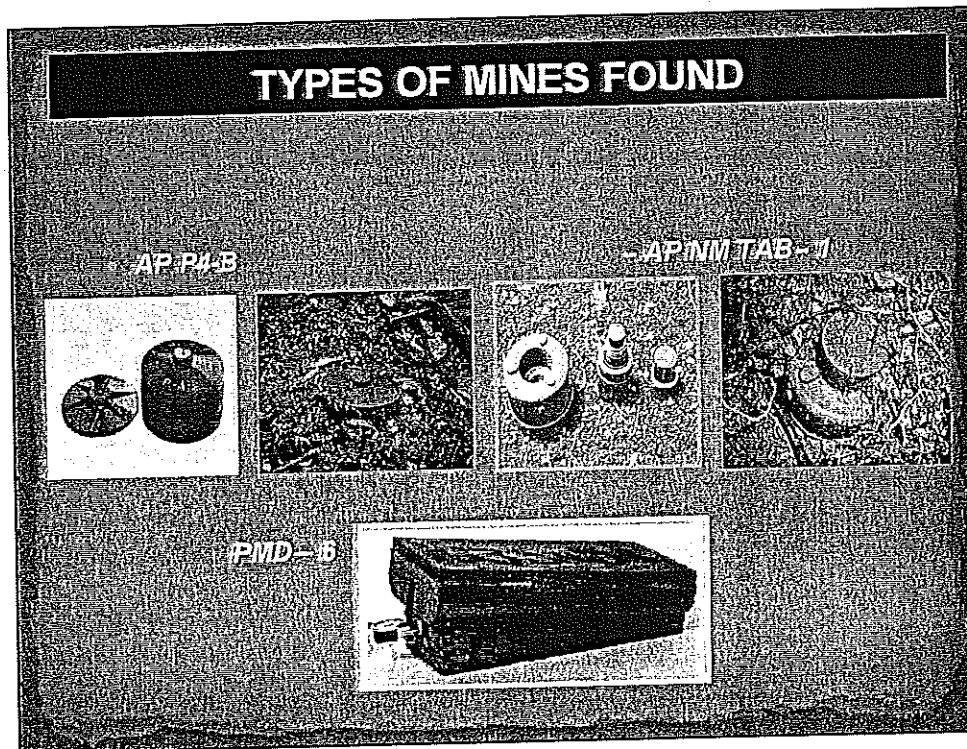
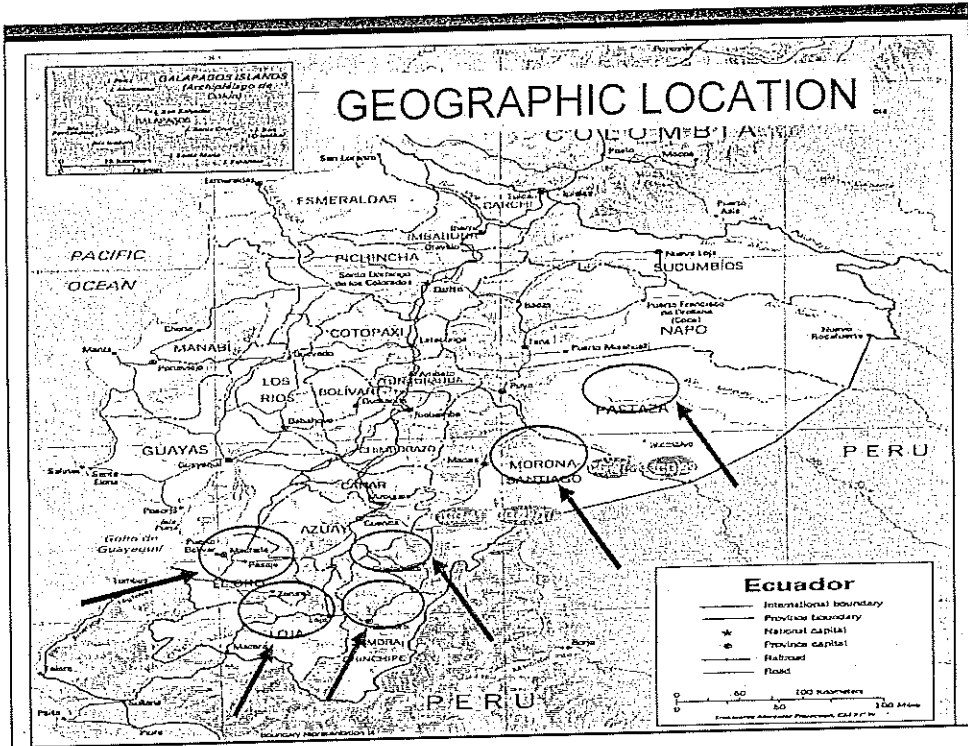


SANTIAGO RIVER

AERIAL VIEWS OF
ECUADORIAN AMAZON
REGION



MILITARY CAMP IN
PASTAZA



RESULTS OBTAINED					
NOVEMBER-2008					
PROVINCE	AREA (m ²)	A.P. MINES	A.T. MINES	UXO'S	METALLIC WASTE
EL ORO	46,418.75	195	63	1	3,389
LOJA	32,218.14	68	4	1	10,448
MORONA SANTIAGO	43,052.10	4,445	-	6	2,456
TOTAL	122,053.99	4,725	67	8	17,986

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