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The Stewardship Report on the U.S. Army Europe Integrated Training Area Management program is published annually and reports performance and accomplishments for all program components. The report covers the period January 1 to December 31, 2015. For further information and an electronic version of this and our previous reports, visit our website or Facebook site:

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## JOINT MULTINATIONAL **TRAINING COMMAND**

#### **OUR MISSION**

7th Army Joint Multinational Training Command provides dynamic training, preparing U.S., NATO and partner-nation forces to execute Unified Land Operations and contingency missions.

As the U.S. Army's only unified training command, JMTC has an organic ability to provide training from the individual Soldie to the Joint Task Force headquarters.





- » Digital live-fire ranges, shoothouses and convoy training lanes
- » Small arms to major weapon systems (armor, artillery, aerial gunnery / close air support)
- » Seamless integration of live, virtual constructive training
- » Tailored to the needs of U.S., NATO and partner-nation forces



Joint Multinational Readiness Center



Training Center

7th Army

NCO Academy



**Training Center** 

#### THE CROWN JEWELS OF U.S. ARMY EUROPE



- » Replicated towns and role-players to increase training realism
  - » World-class Opposing Force
  - Veteran Observer Coach-Trainers
  - » Cutting-edge After-Action Review

#### LOCATION MATTERS

We are centrally located among the highest concentration of U.S. allies and partners in the world.

By routinely training together at JMTC, U.S. and multinational forces build trust, develop interoperability and set the conditions that will guarantee peace and security in the region.

#### **EXPORTABLE TRAINING** ANYWHERE, ANYTIME

JMTC's robust and dynamic expeditionary training teams bring efficient and effective training solutions anywhere it's needed in Europe, Africa and beyond.

#### SUSTAINING OUR ENVIRONMENT

Alongside our allies and partners, JMTC is committed to preserving and protecting training lands and the plants and animals who share those habitats.

The Grafenwoehr Training Area alone provides sanctuary to 138 distinct types of flora and almost 800 endangered species.

### MULTINATIONAL TRAINING

	Number of Soldiers				
Saber Junction 15	4,710				
Swift Response 15	4,691				
Combined Resolve III	3,928				
Allied Spirit II	3,841				
Saber Junction 14	3,668				
Allied Spirit I	1,977				
Kosovo Force XIX	1,381				
Georgia Mission Regional Exercise 14	1,212				
Georgia Mission Regional Exercise 15	1,058		ITAM is actively involved in the		
Royal Military Academy Sandhurst VI	505		planning and after-action review of all Command exercises. Following are a few examples with links to the report on ITAM's critical role to these important training events:  » Planning		
Royal Military Academy Sandhurst V	494				
Netherlands Exercise	429		Tap In (p. 14) and suite of GIS planning aids (p. 24)		
Royal Military Academy Sandhurst IV	238		» After-Action Review  Training Land Projects (p. 18) and Post Exercise Assessments (p. 28)		
* Select JMRC Hohenfels training 6	events September 2014	- August 2015	, ,		

Total number of Multinational Soldiers trained in 2015:

#### JMRC HOHENFELS

#### GRAFENWOEHR

Total number of nations training in 2015:

HOHENFELS

**GRAFENWOEHR** 

# LETTER FROM THE COMMANDER

I am pleased to present the annual Stewardship Report on the U.S. Army Europe (USAREUR) Integrated Training Area Management (ITAM) program for 2015.

The 7th Army Joint Multinational Training Command (JMTC) is the U.S. Army's largest overseas training command. Our combat maneuver and simulation centers, live-fire ranges, classrooms and facilities provide realistic training solutions tailored to U.S., NATO and partner-nation units and leaders.

JMTC is conscious of a very special and a very certain responsibility. Simply put, we must sustain the training land platform and continually enhance training realism for the Soldier.

Because we know that managing land for sustained training and for biodiverse ecosystems are not mutually exclusive principles, we strive to achieve the highest possible standards of land management.

We cannot achieve this mission alone. Partnerships with external agencies, host nations, landowners, NGOs and other organizations are of paramount importance. None of these accomplishments cited in this report could have been achieved without the dedication of our valued partners.

This report marks a watershed moment - 30 years of ITAM support to U.S. Army Europe. JMTC's commitment to stewardship remains steadfast. The Command's intention is to provide a candid assessment of our achievements and challenges. We are always pleased to receive any feedback; the ITAM contact details can be found on the contents page.

Army Strong, Strong Europe!

CHRISTOPHER G. CAVOLI Brigadier General, USA Commanding





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U.S. Army Europe trains and leads Army Forces in support of U.S. European Command and Headquarters, Department of the Army by:

- » Training and preparing full-spectrum capable forces for global employment
- » Strengthening alliances and building partner capacity and capability
- » Providing Army Service Component Command and Title 10 support
- » Continually seeking to improve the readiness and quality of life of our Soldiers, Army Families and Civilian workforce

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Joint Multinational Training Command (JMTC)

The 7th Army Joint Multinational Training Command provides dynamic training, preparing forces to execute Unified Land Operations and contingencies in support of the Combatant Commands, NATO and other national requirements.

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#### Training Support Activity Europe (TSAE)

Identifies, acquires, manages and provides state-of-the-art home station, rotational and expeditionary training support and visual information capability as directed by USAREUR, in order to prepare Joint and Multinational forces to win in any operating environment, and serves as the JMTC point of contact for training support at installations outside the Grafenwoehr Military Community.

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Sustainable Range Program (SRP)

The ITAM program and the Range and Training Land Program (RTLP) comprise the U.S. Army's Sustainable Range Program. The mission of the SRP is to maximize the capability, availability and accessibility of ranges and training land to support doctrinal training, mobilization and deployments.

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#### Integrated Training Area Management (ITAM)

ITAM is a management and decision-making process that integrates training and other mission requirements for land use with sound natural resource management practices.

ITAM is a core program under the Army's Sustainable Range Program under the direction of the Chief, Training Support Systems Division, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3/5/7.

ITAM develops methods to maintain natural environments that are resilient and resistant to military use, provides capabilities to establish land condition monitoring on training lands (Range and Training Land Assessment), provides an awareness program for land users (Sustainable Range Awareness), provides means to apply training loads to land capabilities resulting in land management that avoids non-compliance with environmental laws that stop training (Training Requirement Integration and Geographic Information System) and sustains the Army's live training capability (Land Rehabilitation and Maintenance).

**USAREUR ITAM is proud** to support:



























Maximize the capability, availability and accessibility of training land to support doctrinal training, mobilization and deployments.

## LINES OF EFFORT

- 1 Training Requirements Integration
- 2 Range and Training Land Assessment
- 3 Land Rehabilitation and Maintenance
- 4 Sustainable Range Awareness
- Geographic Information System

## **OBJECTIVES**

requirements with management of natural and cultural resources.

geospatially and temporally.

stewardship ethic among unit commanders, ground troops and neighboring communities.

Provide accurate, complete and standardized spatial data. GIS data and

Provide a training support procedure that integrates training

Characterize and monitor an installation's natural resources.

Implement preventive and corrective land repair projects that ensure availability, accessibility and capability of training lands.

Promote visibility of environmentally sensitive issues and instill a

products adhere to Federal, DoD and Army spatial data standards.

**TENETS** »

OUTREACH

INTEGRATED **MANAGEMENT**  **INFORMATION** EXCELLENCE



## **EVENT CASE STUDIES**

From the Baltics to Israel, ITAM supported a wide range of partnership activities on the topic of sustainable training area management.

Partner nations share similar range and training area management challenges. Working together is the strongest approach to maximizing the training land platform!











#### U.S. - ITALY SUSTAINABLE TRAINING AREA MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

Event included representatives from the Friuli Venezia Giulia (FVG) regional government, local Pordenone provincial government, Italian Army FVG Regional Command, Italian Army HQ Rome, U.S. TRADOC Liaison Officer to the Italian Army, U.S. Office of Defense Cooperation Rome, U.S. Air Force Aviano units, U.S. Army Vicenza units and 7th Army JMTC. Sponsored by EUCOM, this event achieved its primary objective of constructive dialogue and relationship building with Italian military and civilian representatives.









### **7** TEL AVIV, ISRAEL GRAFENWOEHR, GERMANY

26 - 30 January 2015 13 - 15 October 2015

#### ISRAEL THEATER SECURITY COOPERATION EVENTS

The Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) and Israeli Ministry of Defense (MoD) hosted a familiarization visit in support of the Israel -U.S. Environmental Protection Working Group.

JMTC also hosted IDF / MoD representatives in October for visits to Grafenwoehr and Hohenfels Training Areas.

The events covered topics such as environmental security challenges, partnership between military and civilian stakeholders, military training land sustainability and environmental considerations in realignment of the IDF base infrastructure.

The event in Israel included representatives from the IDF, Israeli MoD, SIBAT (Israeli Defense Export and Defense Cooperation), Israeli National Parks Authority and contractors specializing in environmental protection related to defense applications.



### **GERMAN FEDERAL AGENCY FOR NATURE CONSERVATION WORKSHOP**

ON NATURA 2000

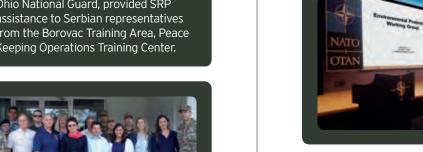
28 September - 2 October 2015

The German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation hosted a workshop on "Management of Natura 2000 sites on Military Training Areas". Workshop explored the special importance of military training grounds for the protection and maintenance of biodiversity in Europe.



#### SERBIA THEATER SECURITY **COOPERATION EVENT**

JMTC, in cooperation with the Ohio National Guard, provided SRP assistance to Serbian representatives from the Borovac Training Area, Peace Keeping Operations Training Center.



# **Australian Government** Department of Defence





1 - 2 December 2015

#### **AUSTRALIA FAMILIARIZATION VISIT**

This visit familiarized Australia DoD Environmental representative with USAREUR ITAM, Garrison Environmental and Federal Forestry programs and best management practices.



#### FRANCE FAMILIARIZATION VISIT

JMTC site visit provided support for the French MoD LIFE Defense Nature 2mil project. French MoD is interested in how USAREUR manages training areas to meet training requirements and sustain biodiversity. The site visit familiarized French representatives with USAREUR SRP components and best management practices.



#### **MONTENEGRO THEATER SECURITY COOPERATION EVENT**

ITAM event provided support for the EUCOM **Environmental Considerations in Military** Operations Workshop in Podgorica, Montenegro. The event covered topics such as environmental security challenges, range and training area sustainability and environmental training.



#### **JOINT GEOSPATIAL STANDARDS WORKING GROUP**

The JGSWG functions to progress, develop and coordinate standardization and/or interoperability in geomatics, geospatial information and services, with the goal of improving the effectiveness of NATO forces.

8 NATO HQ

7 - 11 December 2015



### 25 - 29 May 2015

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WORKING GROUP** The NATO EPWG covers all aspects of joint environmental standardization, security monitoring, awareness in personnel, protection training, protection during exercises and operations, Environmental Management Systems, sustainability of military

training areas and synergies with Smart Energy.

21 - 25 September 2015

**COOPERATION EVENT** 

the Minnesota National

management and range

Training Area.

development to Croatian

representatives from the Slunj

JMTC, in cooperation with

Guard, provided assistance

on sustainable training area

**CROATIA THEATER SECURITY** 

#### LATVIA NATURA 2000 WORKSHOP

ITAM supported the Seminar on the LIFE + project on improving the conservation status of specially protected bird species in Natura 2000 site "Adazi" hosted by the Latvian MoD.





13 - 15 July 2015

**POLAND** 

17 - 26 June 2015



7 - 11 December 2015

6 - 10 July 2015



- 6 May 2015

Matter Experts (SMEs) from Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia. Purpose of visit was: 1) increase awareness of USAREUR sustainable range and training area management best practices; and 2) develop partnerships in order to facilitate future coordination, information sharing and cooperation.

#### **EUROPEAN REASSURANCE INITIATIVE SITE VISITS**

ITAM provided mapping and survey site visits to multiple training areas and ranges in support of planned European Reassurance Initiative (ERI) projects. Over 20 ERI training sites were surveyed by ITAM Geographic Information System Analysts in 2015 which supported creation of training area maps and Soldier Field Cards.







### **BALTICS FAMILIARIZATION VISIT**

JMTC hosted environmental protection Subject

The ITAM program continued to support a variety of awareness events throughout USAREUR in 2015. ITAM's participation ranged from event hosting to providing presentations and/or training sessions.

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EVENT	DATES	LOCATION
Israel Theater Security Cooperation Event	26 - 30 January	Israel
Slovenian Armed Forces Familiarization Visit	2 - 4 February	Grafenwoehr
Montenegro Theater Security Cooperation Event	11 - 15 May	Montenegro
Latvia Natura 2000 Workshop	25 - 29 May	Adazi, Latvia
EUCOM / AFRICOM Defense & Intel User Group	1 - 2 June	Wiesbaden, Germany
U.S Italy Sustainable Training Area Management Workshop	9 - 10 June	Udine, Italy
U.S. Army Africa Familiarization Visit	25 June	Grafenwoehr, Germany
Serbia Theater Security Cooperation Event	7 - 11 September	Belgrade, Serbia
Croatia Theater Security Cooperation Event	21 - 25 September	Slunj, Croatia
Israel Familiarization Visit	13 - 15 October	Grafenwoehr, Germany
France Familiarization Visit	17 - 19 November	Grafenwoehr, Germany
Spain Mapping / Site Survey	14 - 18 December	Chinchilla, Spain
Hungary European Reassurance Initiative Site Visit	7 - 11 December	Hungary
European Reassurance Initiative Site Visits	11 - 25 January; 9 - 13 February	Baltics
Romania Mapping Site Visit	9 - 13 March	Romania
Poland European Reassurance Initiative Site Visit	23 - 27 March	Poland
Latvia European Reassurance Initiative Site Visit	11 - 15 May	Latvia
Lithuania European Reassurance Initiative Site Visit	25 - 28 May	Lithuania
Bulgaria European Reassurance Initiative Site Visit	6 - 8 July	Novo Selo, Bulgaria
Romania European Reassurance Initiative Site Visit	13 - 15 July	Cincu, Romania
Unit Training Management Leader Development Course	15 July	Vilseck, Germany
Slovenia Combat Training Center Familiarization Visit	27 October	JMRC Hohenfels
USAREUR 06 JMTC Familiarization Visit	4 November	Grafenwoehr, Germany
Company Commander and First Sergeant Course	28 January; 25 March; 22 April; 23 September; 21 October	Grafenwoehr, Germany
ITAM Viewer Training	30 January	Grafenwoehr, Germany
Italy Mapping Site Visit	23 - 25 February	Italy
Bundeswehr Geoinformation Centre Site Visit	17 - 19 March	Euskirchen, Germany
Grafenwoehr Range and Training Area Working Group	17 March; 8 July; 14 October	Grafenwoehr, Germany
Baumholder MTA Site Survey	30 March - 3 April	Baumholder, Germany
JMRC Hohenfels Training Area Working Group	5 March; 21 March; 2 June ; 21 July; 11 August	JMRC Hohenfels
Rugged Terrain Obstacle Run	11 April	Grafenwoehr, Germany
STEM Night Hohenfels High School	14 April	JMRC Hohenfels
Bundeswehr Geoinformation Centre Familiarization Visit	11 May	Grafenwoehr, Germany
JMRC Community Leader Day	22 May	JMRC Hohenfels
Slovenia Drop Zone Mapping Site Visit	26 - 30 July	Slovenia
Baumholder Mapping Site Visit	25 - 28 August	Baumholder, Germany
Training Area Management, Open Areas and Nature Conservation Workshop	1 - 4 September	Mallnitz, Austria
Eschenbach Community College Ecological Display	10 October	Eschenbach, Germany
Australia MoD Familiarization Visit	1 - 2 December	Grafenwoehr, Germany

PARTNERS







NATO Environmental Training Panel

NATO Geospatial Orientation Course

Joint Geospatial Standards Working Group's Technical Management Panel

NATO School Instruction

NATO Environmental Protection Working Group

National Geospatial Intelligence Agency Familiarization Visit

Romania National Geospatial Intelligence Agency Bilateral Site Visit

ESRI User Conference

DATES

9 - 13 March

20 - 24 April

EVENT

NATO Environmental Aspects of Military Compounds Panel

NATO Joint Geospatial Standards Working Group

20th Baltic Military Geospatial Conference

Sustainable Range Program Management Review

5 - 7 May

13 May; October 19

21 - 26 September

9 - 12 November

7 - 11 December

2 July

21 - 26 September

7 - 9 December

16 - 20 March; 31 August - 4 September

20 - 24 July

LOCATION

PARTNERS



Oberammergau, Germany

Brussels, Belgium Brussels, Belgium

Salzburg, Austria

Ingolstadt, Germany

Rome, Italy

Oberammergau, Germany

Grafenwoehr, Germany

Bucharest, Romania

Kaunas, Lithuania

Fort Eustis, Virginia

San Diego, CA





## SUSTAINABLE **RANGE PROGRAM WORKSHOP** 2016

18 - 20 APRIL 2016

GRAFENWOEHR, GERMANY



#### **TARGET**

The Theme of the 2016 USAREUR Sustainable Range Program Workshop is "**Enabling Readiness**". Training support personnel have the challenging mission to provide a training base that guarantees realistic training conditions, while providing ambiguous training scenarios allowing a variety of opportunities to employ problem solving techniques.

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The development and use of military training facilities must integrate mission requirements with environmental requirements and sound land management practices.

#### AUDIENCE

SRP Workshop was attended by members of the following organizations:

In the past years, the USAREUR >> USAREUR Tactical Units

» Multinational Partners » JMTC Training Support

» JMTC G3

» JMTC Safety

» HQ USAREUR

» DA G3

» ATSC TCM-R

» IMCOM - Europe

» Public Affairs

» German Federal Forestry

» Resource Management » Unit G3 / S3s

» DPWs

» Army Corp of Engineers

OVER **PARTICIPANTS**  **FROM NATIONS** 

# TAP IN

## THE TOOL FOR TRAINING PLANNERS

"Google Maps®" portal for USAREUR Training Support Resources



Visit » https://armyrangemapper.eur.army.mil/tapin

# 1,000+

Training capabilities in Europe and Africa



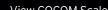
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- » AIRFIELDS
- » RANGES
- TADs
- » DZs
- » LZs
- >> ASPs

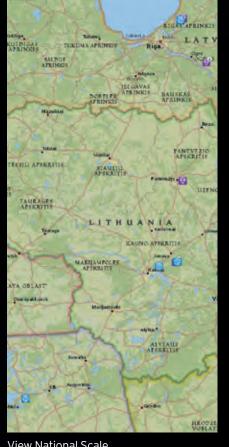
### Google...

JMTC Tap In









View National Scale



View Training Area / Range Scale

### WHAT'S NEW?



**Measurement Tools** 



Natura 2000 Data



Atlantic Resolve Data



RFMSS Capability and Events

Participants from 17 nations

iOS (Apple)

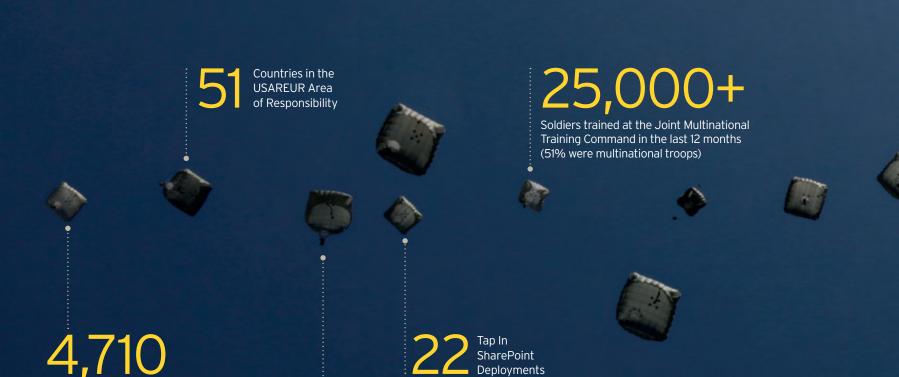
participated in exercise Saber Junction 15

2015 MOBILE APP DOWNLOAD STATISTICS

Environmental Total

Soldier's

# 2015 BY THE NUMBERS



#### 2015 TRAINING SUPPORT WEBSITE STATISTICS

SITES	Hits	Page views	Visits	Unique visitors	Avg. visit length (mins)
armyrangemapper.eur.army.mil	1,723,361	937,060	13,763	4,367	16.16
srp.usareur.army.mil	442,114	304,494	6,309	2,799	6.02
TOTAL	2,163,475	1,241,554	20,072	7,166	11.09
APPLICATIONS	Hits	Page views	Visits	Unique visitors	Avg. visit length (mins)
Tap In	427,501	121,129	6,548	2,809	4.60
Tap In (SharePoint)	183,346	48,770	4,067	1,962	2.99
Army Range Mapper*	54,146	16,342	795	346	3.39

\*Decommissioned 31 May 2015



stationed in Europe, plus the

rotating through for exercises

#### 18 // PROJECT CATALOG

## JMRC HOHENFELS

**USAREUR ITAM executed 13 high** impact projects in 2015. ITAM projects ensure the availability, accessibility and capability of USAREUR's training land platform remains maximized.



#### 1 MANEUVER AREA REACTIVATION

5-10 km of maneuver trails were repaired and approximately Project included multiple 20 ha of open maneuver area were reactivated for maneuver training. Clearance included removal of unauthorized and/or superfluous barriers that block access to training lands. An additional 10 ha of open maneuver area was be reactivated through the removal of encroaching woody vegetation using mulching, mowing and cutting.



#### **2 RANGE AND TRAINING** LAND ASSESSMENT MONITORING

surveys and assessments at Grafenwoehr and JMRC Hohenfels. The surveys provide information about the overall land condition and trends found across the installation.



#### 3 LAND COVER RECONFIGURATION MAINTENANCE

Maintenance activities reconfigured approximately 15 ha of area adjacent to Urban Operations Sites Schwend and Mud Hut. Additional ditched fields were also constructed at Schwend.



#### 4 SETTLING BASIN REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE

This project included repair and maintenance of 16 erosion control settling basins. Work included removal of vegetation overgrowth, sludge/humus and other debris. Additional work included repair of concrete overflows, standpipes or other erosion control features.



#### **5** REPAIR TRAINING DAMAGES

Repaired damages along 3 km of maneuver trail, basins, dams and other erosion control infrastructure that resulted from heavy maneuver training activities. Damages included broken culvert aprons, damaged basin spillways or damage to clay lining caused by vehicles accidentally driving into basins.



#### **6** EROSION REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE **ASSOCIATED WITH FIELD** LANDING STRIP (FLS)

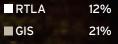
Project repaired and maintained adjacent areas to the FLS and included removal of encroaching vegetation, installation of erosion control best management practices and repair of associated maneuver trails.



#### JMRC HOHENFELS FUNDING







63%

21%

4%



## **GRAFENWOEHR**

#### 1 BULK MATERIALS

Land repair and maintenance bulk materials (e.g. stakes, top soil, seed and gravel) and signage were procured in support of tasks executed by in-house Directorate of Public Works Building and Grounds resources on maneuver land.



#### **2 LRAM HEAVY EQUIPMENT**

Purchase of equipment and attachments to ensure that LRAM initiatives are supported through in-house efforts.



## **USAREUR**

#### **3 AERIAL IMAGERY**

Project procured 2015 aerial imagery (0.25m resolution, true color) of JMRC Hohenfels and select LTAs in order to update the USAREUR Geographic Information System repository.



#### **4 TAP IN SUSTAINMENT**

Ensured sustainment of Tap In functionality, security and performance. Project also incorporated Command requested functionality.

### GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM

5 COMPREHENSIVE

Project included procurement of satellite imagery, land repair mapping surveys and off-limit area mapping surveys. Survey and imagery primarily covered Atlantic Resolve training sites.



## **6 KIOSK SUSTAINMENT**

Provided sustainment for the 5 ITAM Mapping / TSAE kiosks located at various **USAREUR Training Support** Centers. Sustainment included maintenance support and interface updates.



TSC STUTTGART

**BOEBLINGEN LTA** 

#### REPAIR MANEUVER TRAILS AND SERVICE DRAINAGE

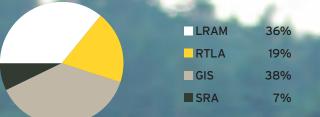
Approximately 1,800m of maneuver trail was resurfaced and repaired. Project also cleared encroaching vegetation, cleaned drainage system, repaired check dams and catch basins and culverts.



### LOCAL TRAINING AREAS FUNDING







**GRAFENWOEHR FUNDING** 

# EUROPEAN SECURITY

GERMANY

REGIONAL SUPPORT CENTER

ITALY

ATLANTIC RESOLVE

#### **USAREUR SRP REGIONAL** SUPPORT CENTER (RSC)

The USAREUR SRP RSC, located at Grafenwoehr Training Area, provides a centralized resource of authoritative geospatial data and professional GIS expertise to support the core SRP and ITAM programs and training activities in the European theater of operations.

The RSC currently provides geospatial support to over 400 U.S. and multinational training sites across Europe and Africa. Data coverage is constantly updated and made available to units and civilians via web, mobile and hard copy map products.

LITHUANIA

ROMANIA

BULGARIA

POLAND

HUNGARY

SERBIA

1,000 + 250 - 1,000

TRAINING SUPPORT TEAM

250 - 1,000

SOLDIER FIELD CARDS

The United States is demonstrating its continued commitment to collective security through a series of actions designed to reassure NATO allies and partners of America's dedication to enduring peace and stability in the region in light of the Russian intervention in Ukraine.

ITAM subject matter experts provide support oriented to planning of European Reassurance Initiative (ERI) projects, building partner capacity through Theater Security Cooperation or conducting geospatial surveys of training sites.

ERI funding will help improve ground training sites. Combined training and theater security cooperation engagements with our Allies and partners demonstrate that we share a commitment to promoting a Europe that is whole, free and at peace.

**NATIONAL GEOSPATIAL-INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (NGA) SUPPORT** 



Coordination with the NGA Office of Geography - International/ Military Co-Production has been invaluable for acquiring host nation map products and data via bilateral cooperation agreements, ensuring that U.S. units are training with the same maps as their NATO allies.





Top: 1st Lt. Rasa Girts, commander for B Co., Latvian Land Forces, briefs his counterparts on convoy operations on Nov. 15, 2015, as

Bottom: Spc. Timmy Racke engages targets with his M240B machine gun while conducting battle drills at Pabrade Training Area, Lithuania, Dec. 2, 2015. Racke is an infantryman with the 3rd Infantry Division. The battle drills allow soldiers to fine-tune their skills within their squad

## WHO NEEDS WHAT

#### **CUSTOMERS**

Commanders. Directors and **Program Managers** 

#### COMMANDER / ORGANIZATION MANAGER

Professional GIS Personnel at SRP. Garrison, Units and select Contractors

#### **GIS ANALYSTS**

G3/S3, Master Gunners, Safety, Range and Training Area Managers SRP Personnel. **Garrison Planners** Environmental Officers and SMEs

U.S. Soldiers,

#### **PLANNERS**



### Map Atlases

Hard copy atlas which provides large scale topographic and aerial image maps of JMRC, to include all JMRC training facilities.



#### **USAREUR** Environmental Officer Guide Mobile App

Includes valuable reference material targeting unit environmental officers and includes the You Spill, You Dig brochure, garrison spill response plans, guidance documents, risk matrix, and material safety data sheets (MSDS).



#### **ITAM Viewer**

A 5 DVD set of geospatial data covering all USAREUR training areas and ranges. Set includes training areas in Germany (incl. Bundeswehr), Italy, Romania, Bulgaria, and many other training sites throughout Europe and Africa.



#### Raised Relief Maps

3D plastic-molded maps that depict contoured landscapes using high resolution digital terrain models. Available for: Grafenwoehr Training Area, JMRC Hohenfels, Afghanistan provinces (Kabul, Kunar, Paktika), Europe, Africa, N. Africa, Middle East, and the Caucasus region.



GIS software.

#### Tap In

ArcGIS Online Services

easy, secure access to GIS data for

Similar to Google Maps®, search training support facility locations, view facility-specific information, download pdfs (i.e. SOPs, handbooks, access maps), and guery real-time and future RFMSS (range facility management support system) scheduling data for all USAREUR training facilities.



#### **Custom Maps**

Maps tailored to specific exercise or project requirements, with customer-defined scale, extent, content and layout.

#### **VIEWERS**

Garrison and HQ Civilians, Training Support Civilians, Host-Nation Agencies and select Foreign Military Personnel



## Soldier Field Cards

Essential environmental guidelines on training area usage; vehicle movement; petroleum, oil and lubricants handling; and fire prevention. Field cards also include MEDEVAC procedures, radio frequencies, emergency numbers, and a training area map.



#### ARM Mobile App

Includes all USAREUR training areas, training area gate locations, Esso gas stations, and standard topographic or aerial image maps. It supports navigating to those hard to find training area gates - includes gate to gate routing!



#### Soldier Field Card Mobile App

Application includes training area maps, safety information and standard guidelines for ensuring continued environmental stewardship.



#### Installation Maps

Installation special maps display topographic data and military training features for selected USAREUR training areas. Maps include aerial imagery, locator route maps, and Soldier Field Card information.



#### Training Support Kiosk

Located at Grafenwoehr Range Operations, NCOA and Training Support Centers, TSAE Kiosks allow users to query and print maps, information on training resources (e.g. Deployable Instrumentation System - Europe, and the Training Aids Production Center).



Central, standardized, multi-user access

repository of geospatial data developed and acquired by USAREUR SRP over

the last 20 years. Contains topographic

maps, imagery and GIS layers formatted

for use in USAREUR SRP products and

Data Warehouse

### **Annual Reports**

Annual summaries of program and project achievements, milestones, events, customer support activities and lessons learned.



#### JMTC Overview - Training Support Map

Summarizes valuable information on in-theater training capabilities and projects stationing and training support requirements over the next five years.



#### Studies

ITAM provides a wide range of training land studies and geospatial analysis ensuring decision makers have authoritative information.



### License Server

USAREUR SRP hosts the ArcGIS license server for IMCOM **Europe Environmental** departments.

### Military training areas are often referred to as "islands of biodiversity". Under the European Union's Natura 2000 network of protected area, USAREUR's Grafenwoehr and JMRC Hohenfels Training Areas are two of the largest and most species-dense Special Areas

BIODIVERSITY

SPECIES COUNT PER NATURA 2000 SITE

1-2

3 - 11

12 - 19 >= 20

Garmisch-

**Obertsdorf Nature** 

Protection Area

THREATENED AND ENDANGERED ANIMAL SPECIES BELIEVED TO OCCUR ON THE 7 LARGEST 'SPECIAL AREAS OF CONSERVATION' IN BAVARIA

of Conservation in the State of Bavaria.

Berchtesgaden National Park















BAVARIA

Berchtesgaden National Park

Grafenwoehr

Training Area

» Total area: 22,883 ha

» Natura 2000: 84.3%

Training Area » Total area: 16,200 ha

JMRC Hohenfels

Bavarian

**Forest National** Park

- » Natura 2000: 92%
- >> Most modern human disturbances tend to be homogeneous

endangered species?

has always existed

Why do military training lands support

such high biodiversity of threatened and

Disturbance to ecosystems is natural and

>> Natural disturbances are heterogeneous

frequency, severity, duration and kind

» Humans suppress natural disturbances

in size, spatial and temporal distribution,

Disturbance from military training tends to be heterogeneous in size, spatial and temporal distribution, frequency, severity, duration and kind, thus creating a heterogeneous habitat mosaic that favors biodiversity

Environmental authorities cite the biggest threat for both the military and nature conservation is not the training, but the lack of training.

U.S. ARMY TRAINING LANDS COMPRISE 0.7% OF THE LAND AREA OF BAVARIA, ... BUT 21.7% OF ALL SPECIES ON THE BAVARIAN RED LIST OCCUR ON THE TRAINING LANDS.

"...most of the military areas, and especially those used for training and testing, contain significant, even spectacular, amounts of natural and semi-natural habitats and landscapes, with corresponding abundances of wildlife ... Sometimes they are among the richest and most important sites for biodiversity in their country."



**European Commission** 



Ophrys apifera









Source: Bavaria's nominations of Natura 2000

# POST EXERCISE ASSESSMENTS

The JMRC Hohenfels and Grafenwoehr ITAM programs will continue to provide the Command immediate and detailed training land assessments following each major training exercise.

Standardized ITAM assessments document exercise-related impacts, mitigation required and potential concerns for training planners.



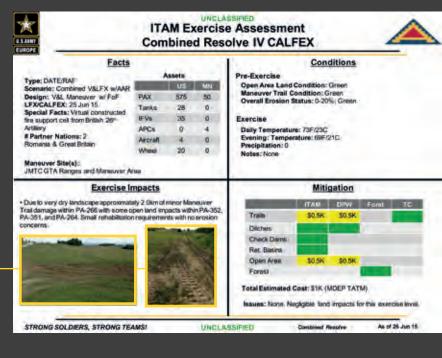










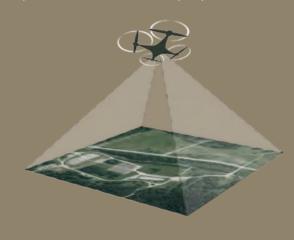


# FUTURE

#### DRONE INTEGRATION

ITAM will integrate drones into post exercise training land assessments. Drones can provide a flexible and reactive platform for collecting land condition data.

The potential collection of hyperspectral imagery from a drone platform allows for quantification of plant cover, composition and structure at multiple spatial scales.



FY2015



COMBINED RESOLVE III

JMRC Hohenfels

15 October - 2 November 2014



COMBINED RESOLVE III CALFEX Grafenwoehr

24 November 2014

The CANADA CANAD

ALLIED SPIRIT I JMRC Hohenfels 12 - 31 January 2015



SABER JUNCTION
JMRC Hohenfels
1-30 April 2015



JMRC Hohenfels

2 May - 13 June 2015



**COMBINED RESOLVE IV CALFEX**Grafenwoehr

25 June 2015



**ALLIED SPIRIT II**JMRC Hohenfels

4 - 24 August 2015



SWIFT RESPONSE 15

JMRC Hohenfels

17 August - 10 September 2015

## **CUSTOM 3D MAPS**

ITAM partners with the JMTC Training Aids Production Center (TAPC) in Grafenwoehr to produce custom 3D raised relief maps.

A unit can request a custom or standard raised relief map product for any USAREUR training area by generating a VIOS order.

http://www.vios.army.mil/

## 2015 **3D MAP ORDERS**

Central East Africa

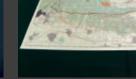


JMRC Hohenfels Training Area 200 North West Africa

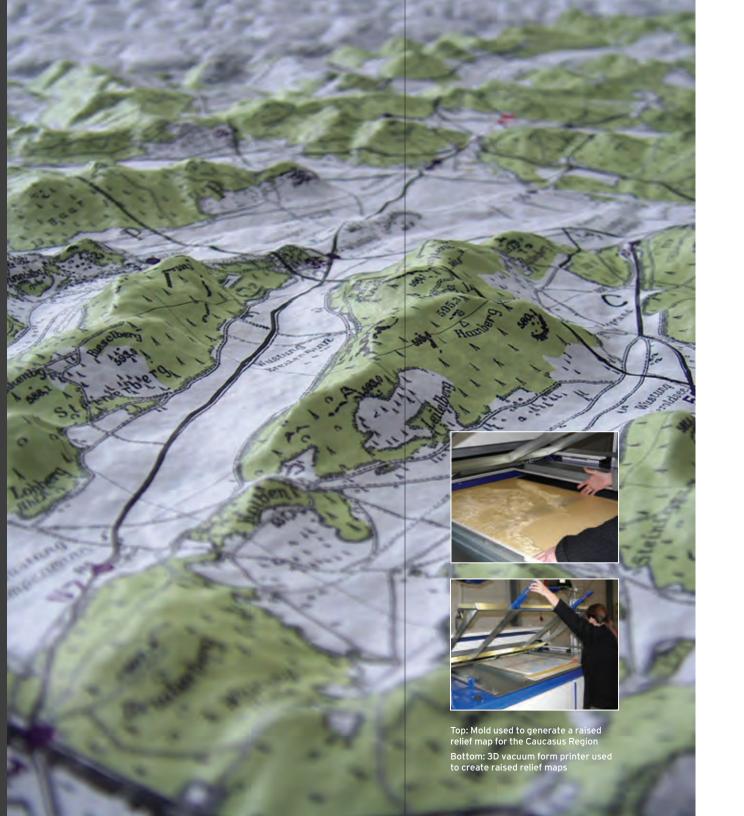
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## TRAVELLING EXHIBITION

## **NATURE'S DEFENSE**

GERMAN-AMERICAN ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP OF GRAFENWOEHR AND **HOHENFELS TRAINING AREAS** 

The exhibition provides information on the history, use and eco-management of the military training areas.

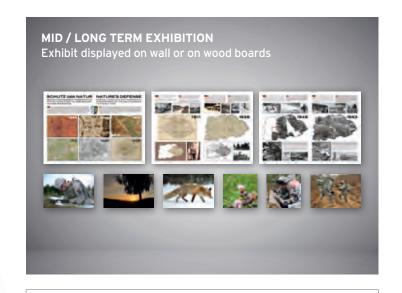
Large posters and informative texts render the exhibition informative for all age groups. The focus is on the combined efforts of the U.S. Army and German Federal Forestry to preserve the area for military use and nature conservation

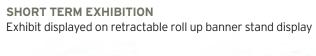
The exhibition is designed for display preferably in high-traffic public spaces, e.g. municipal institutions, schools, museums, shopping centers or airports.

More information is available on the Facebook site.

www.facebook.com/usareur.srp









# 2016 INITIATIVES



#### **DRONES**

Post exercise training land assessments will be facilitated with the use of remote sensing from aerial drones. High resolution imagery collected immediately following large exercises will assist ITAM in the planning, prioritization and execution of land repair projects.

#### NATO

ITAM will continue to custodian NATO's Standardized Agreement 2594 "Best Practices on Sustainability of Military Training Areas". ITAM will also assist the NATO Environmental Protection Working Group on multiple programs of work, to include increasing awareness of NATO's environmental protection initiatives.



#### CAMOUFLAGE

The tactics and techniques of using camouflage for cover and concealment will be re-emphasized for forces in future training exercises.

ITAM will coordinate with partners in providing options for units to use live foliage for natural camouflage.



#### ATLANTIC RESOLVE

ITAM's map and Soldier Field Card product line covering Atlantic Resolve training sites will be expanded to support future training events. ITAM will continue close coordination with the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency on development of products for new locations and on obtaining National Stock Numbers.







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