

UXO AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE



Since 2009 there has been a steady increase in the amount of offshore UXO clearance being undertaken by commercial bomb disposal contractors, at a wide range of sites around the UK. Many of those undertaking this activity come from a Royal Navy Clearance Diving background and they utilise similar techniques and procedures still used by military teams today. Whilst the actual FOD techniques are well proven it is vital that all those undertaking maritime UXO clearance activities have a full and working knowledge of the requirements for environmental compliance. Specifically, the need for a Marine Licence to undertake explosive operations sub-surface or indeed relocate an item of UXO prior to detonation.

Ramora UK have undertaken numerous EOD tasks around the UK and recognise the importance of having a robust environmental monitoring system which complies with DECC and JNCC guidelines whilst also meeting the specific requirements of the site Marine Licence. Far from delaying any offshore activities the liaison with DFCC, MMO and other licensing bodies is extremely straightforward, with requirements and expectations being well established.

During each UXO operation the presence of a Marine Mammal Observer, alongside the required "STOP" protocols has never precluded the successful completion of a task being undertaken by the Ramora UK team. It is entirely in the interest of any contractor or EOD team to ensure environmental compliance as to attempt a shortcut and cause damage to the environment in any way will have far reaching financial and reputational consequences downstream.



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