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UXO clearance - It's time to start!

Major network meeting on the upcoming munitions recovery in the Bay of Lübeck
24.06.2024/Kiel. "UXO clearance - it's time to start!" - This was the motto of a large networking meeting held at the GEOMAR Helmholtz Centre for Ocean Research in Kiel. About 100 representatives from politics, economy, administration, science, military, authorities, industry and non-governmental organisations met to discuss the current status of the planned pilot clearance of unexploded ordnance (UXO) in the Baltic Sea. This day marks a turning point from research to practical implementation, said Professor Dr Jens Greinert. The GEOMAR UXO expert and his team will provide scientific support for the clearance. In his welcoming address, the Minister for Marine Conservation, Tobias Goldschmidt, emphasised that the pilot clearance is only

Speaking on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection (BMUV), Stefan Mehlhase explained that this summer's

Centre Schleswig-Holstein (UKSH) and the Thünen Institute, the carcinogenic and mutagenic trinitrotoluene (TNT) and its breakdown products have been detected in water, mussels and fish.

UXO ordnance research at GEOMAR

GEOMAR Helmholtz Centre for Ocean Research in Kiel is a leading institution in research on unexploded ordnance in the North and Baltic Seas. Since 2016, researchers have been detecting and mapping unexploded ordnance on the seabed. Special attention is paid to the four known dumping areas in the German Baltic Sea: in addition to the two areas in Lübeck Bay, these include the Kolberger Heide near Kiel and one near Falshöft outside Flensburg Fjord.

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