



## Old aerial munitions salvaged from lake

**The air force firing range on Lake Neuchâtel has been used for over 80 years. Recovering and defusing unexploded munitions from the lake is a highly specialized task. In the first week of August this year a team of experts – including staff from S+T's Explosives and Ammunition Surveillance competence sector – helped to successfully salvage eight "bombs", which were subsequently removed for safe disposal.**

A Swiss Air Force Super Puma circling over Lake Neuchâtel in search of unexploded bombs isn't an everyday sight. Salvaging the munitions from the water was a painstaking task for the pilot as well as for the specialists on the lake. On the morning of 5 August 2015, personnel from the Explosive Ordnance Disposal and Mine-Clearing Competence Centre (KAMIR) had the challenging task of safely removing the munitions from the lake. The Explosives and Ammunition Surveillance competence sector from armasuisse Science + Technology also supplied expertise for the operation. It was the first time that KAMIR and the Air Force had jointly conducted such a mission. When the cluster of unexploded munitions were discovered in the lake some months in advance, they were packed in nets and marked with buoys.

For pictures and further information (available in GE/F/I only), please follow this link:  
<http://www.lw.admin.ch/internet/luftwaffe/de/home/aktuell/reports/forel.html>

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