

Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Infrastructure Improvements at

the Yap International Airport and

the Yap Seaport

Yap State, Federated States of Micronesia

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Appendix C
Defense Site Agreement Request



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The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Department of Foreign Affairs of the Federated States of Micronesia and has the honor to present this message.

The Government of the United States of America desires to inform the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia, consistent with Title Three of the US-FSM Compact of Free Association, the Compact, as amended, (COFA) signed at Palikir May 14, 2003, and the separate agreements referenced in Section 321 (a), specifically the agreement regarding the Military Use and Operating Rights of the Government of the United States in the Federated States of Micronesia Concluded Pursuant to Sections 211(b), 321 and 323 of the Compact as amended (MOURA), and the Agreement in Implementation of Section 323 of Compact, as amended, Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA), it desires to designate portions of Yap International Airport and surrounding areas, Seaport, and connecting road, in Yap State as Defense Sites, totaling approximately **XXXX SQM**, with various categories of uses covering Joint Use, Exclusive Use, and Non-Exclusive Use as depicted in Appendices (A-D) and as summarized below.

1. Exclusive Use of approximately **XXXX SQM** (including approximately 7,244 SQM at the seaport as identified in Appendix C and 145,201 SQM at the airport as identified in Appendix A)
2. Joint Use of approximately **XXXX SQM**

3. Non-Exclusive Use of approximately XXXX SQM

Additionally, the Government of the United States desires to inform the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia of the need to obtain temporary access to land and water areas, totaling approximately XXXX SQM, over which the United States will need Operational Control during construction supporting the Yap International Airport and Yap Seaport projects as depicted in Appendices (E-K). The Government of the United States understands that both the Defense Site areas and the temporary access areas include both public lands and private property interests.

The Government of the United States respectfully requests that the Government of Federated States of Micronesia make the designated sites available for the United States use for the duration and level of use specified, in accordance with the Government of Federated States of Micronesia's commitments under Sections 311 and 321 of Title Three of The COFA, no later than March 1, 2027 or as identified in the Appendices. The Government of the United States recalls that the United States does not provide financial assistance to Federated States of Micronesia to acquire government owned or public land for a defense site. The United States acknowledges that there are privately owned lands, privately owned submerged lands, and other private property interests, including but not limited to private property interests in cultural and natural resources that would be impacted by the establishment of the defense sites and temporary access areas, and that that the Federated States of Micronesia may request financial assistance for its costs to acquire or relocate, or assist Yap State in acquiring or relocating any personal property interests within the defense sites and temporary access areas as well as other direct and indirect

costs reasonably necessary to obtain the defense sites and temporary access areas and prepare these areas for use by the United States. The United States proposes that the Yap International Airport, Yap Seaport, and connecting roads Defense Sites (Appendices A-D) be effective for the duration of the MOURA. The Government of the United States further requests that the Government of Federated States of Micronesia confirm in writing no later than **May 12, 2026**, that it intends to acquire and retain all necessary land, use, and access rights to the defense sites and temporary access to land and water areas supporting construction activities. The requested land areas identified in Appendices A and E shall be made available for United States use free of all known encumbering private property interests, including private property interests in cultural and natural resources. The requested land and water areas identified in Appendices B through D, and F through I shall be made available for United States use free of all known encumbering private property interests, including private property interests in cultural, natural, and marine resources excepting retained rights in dredge materials removed from marine dredge sites.

The requested land areas identified in Appendices J and K would be made available for intermittent nonexclusive use by the United States with locations to be determined by Yap State and the FSM in consultation with the United States. A right of way for access the sites shall also be provided to the United States. The U.S. shall have the right to access the areas and to exclude members of the public from the site(s) during these periods of use when reasonably necessary.

The central area of the Appendix J area (100 m radius) shall be made available for United States use free of all known encumbering private property interests, including private property interests in cultural, natural, and marine

resources; the next ring from 100 m to 610 m shall be provided for use free of occupied structures and livestock and shall be available as a safety exclusion zone during periods of use. A third ring, from 610 m to 915 m requires no restrictions on use but shall be available as an additional emergency evacuation zone when reasonably necessary during detonations or render safe procedures for reasons of public safety.

The area(s) identified in Appendix K, shall be made available to the U.S. or to Yap State in the event that relocation of a grave from within an area identified in Appendices A-F is required.

The areas described in Appendices A through D as “Exclusive Use”, “Joint Use” and Non-Exclusive Use are defined below:

(a) Exclusive-Use Areas - areas which are reserved exclusively for use by the Government of the United States, subject to the limitations set forth in this letter.

(b) Joint-Use Areas - areas which may be used jointly by the Government of FSM and the Government of the United States, subject to the limitations set forth in this letter.

(c) Non-Exclusive-Use Areas - areas for intermittent use by the Government of the United States, subject to the limitations set forth in this Agreement.

The Government of the United States affirms its related obligations contained in Title One and Title Three of the COFA and relevant separate implementing agreements to assure the Government of Federated States of Micronesia that the activities of the United States with respect to the defense sites will be in accordance with its obligations. The United States further clarifies that consistent

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with its discussions with the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia regarding application of Diplomatic Note (DIPNOTE) DFA-LSR-393-24 dated September 26, 2024, the United States shall apply International Mine Action Standards to an initial surface scan and surface clearance at the Airport Defense Site and to any movement, temporary storage, render safe procedure, or detonation of Unexploded Ordinance found during construction at any location made available pursuant to this request unless such actions are carried out by military personnel, in which case military procedures shall apply; but will otherwise implement the DoD 3Rs (Recognize, Retreat, Report) Explosives Safety Education Program available at <https://www.3Rs.mil>.

This Defense Site Agreement, once fully effective as to all requested defense sites and temporary access areas, shall supersede and replace the Operational Control Letter signed on March 25, 2025, conveyed via Diplomatic Note (DIPNOTE) DFA-LSR-113-25 dated March 25, 2025, which shall remain in effect until that time.

The Embassy of the United States of America avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Department of Foreign Affairs the assurances of its highest consideration.

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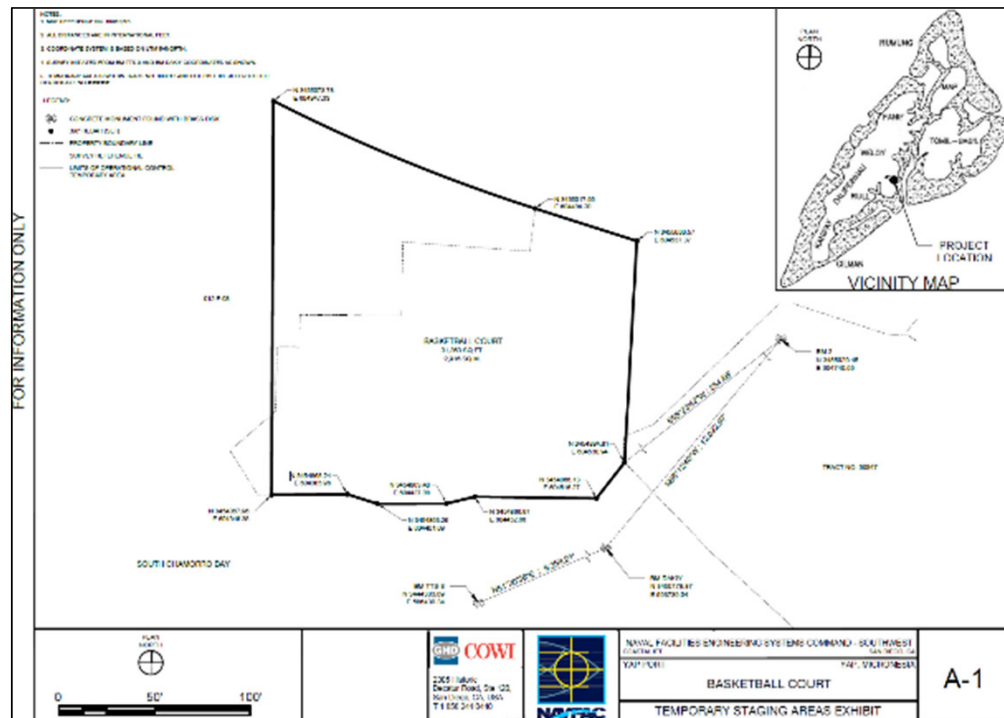
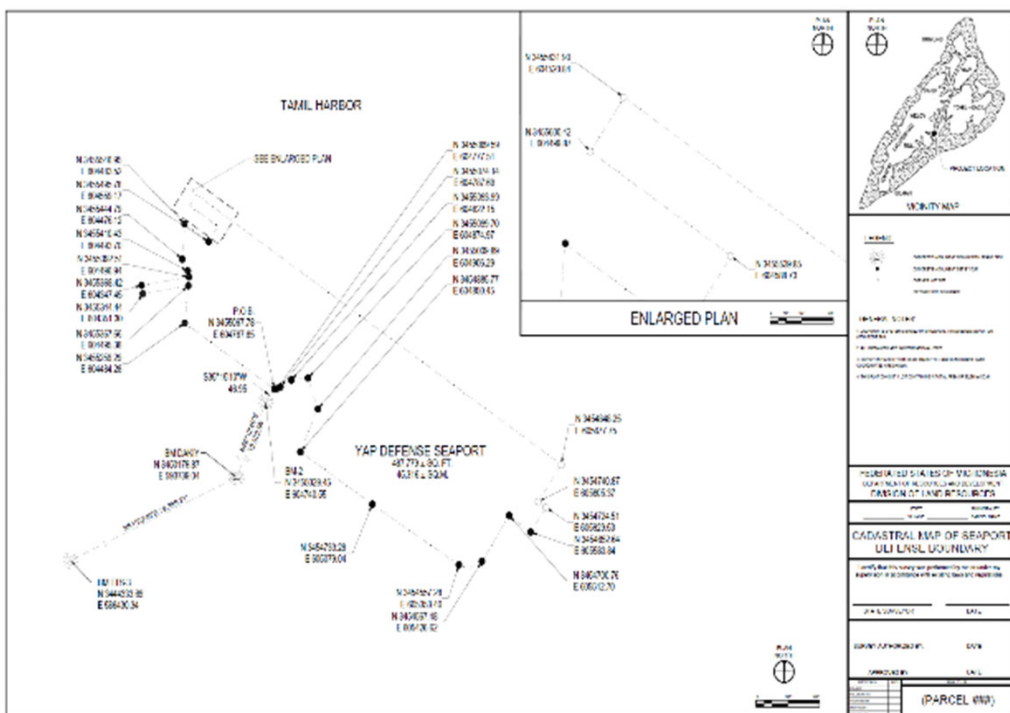
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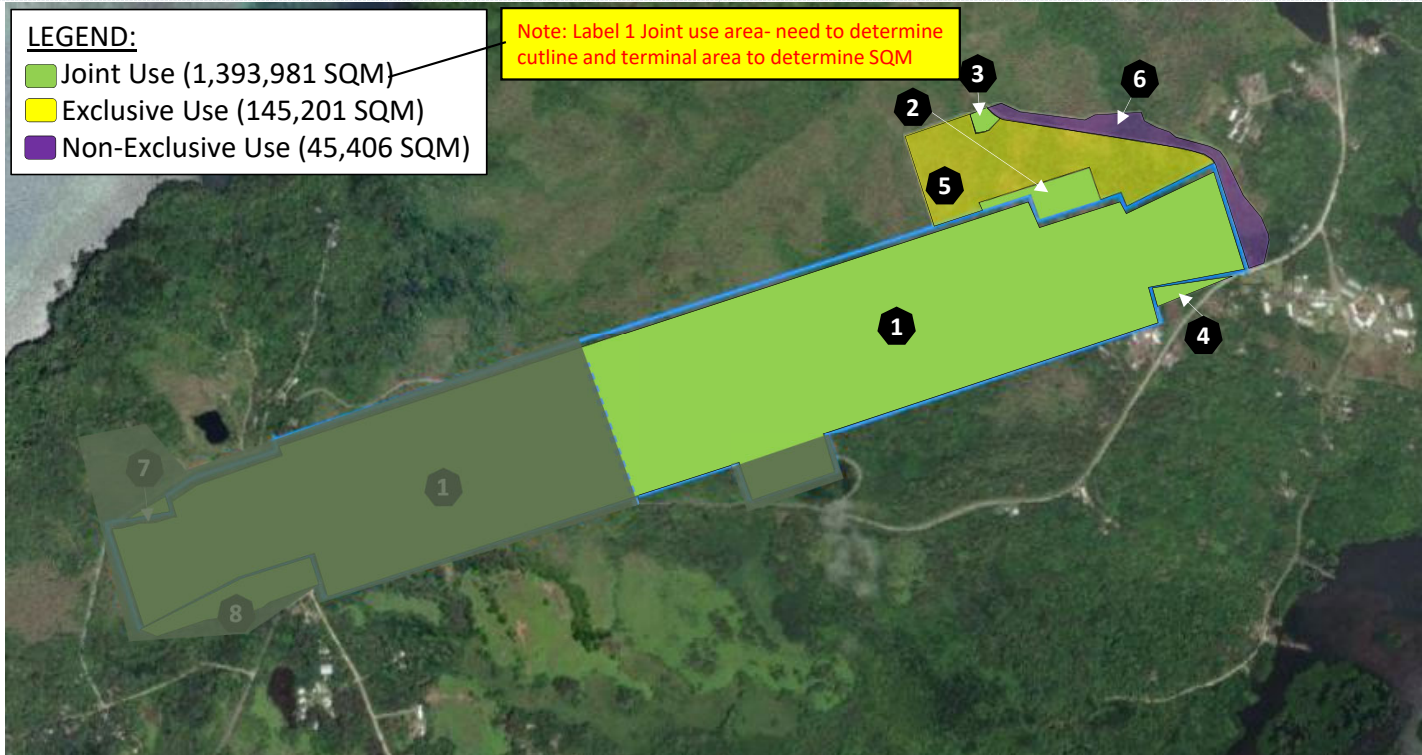
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Yap International Airport East Extension – Defense Site



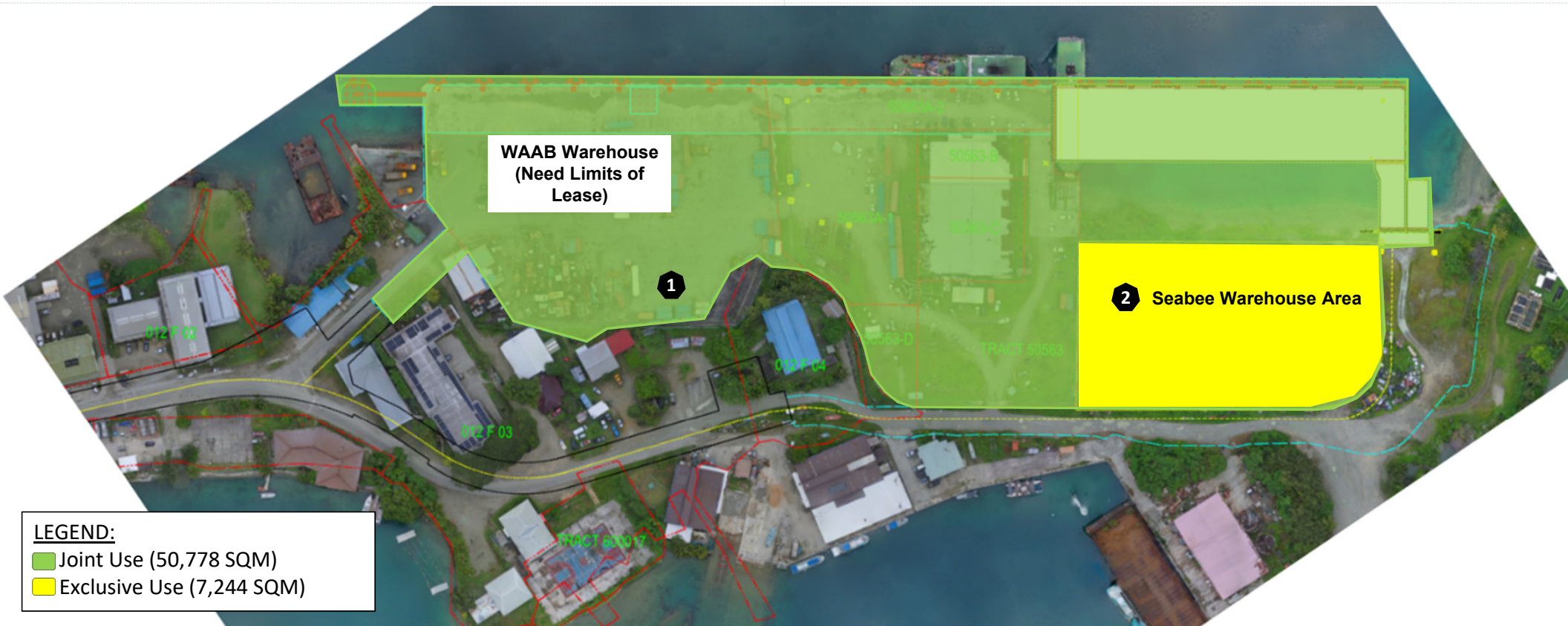
Label	Purpose	Area (Acres)	Area (SQM)	Preliminary Access Date	Available for Use
1	Existing Airport Property (Joint Use)	336.82	1,363,063	30 Sep 2026	1 Mar 2027
2	Expansion Area (Joint Use)	4.83	19,546	30 Sep 2026	1 Mar 2027
3	Expansion Area (Joint Use)	0.87	3,521	30 Sep 2026	1 Mar 2027
4	Expansion Area (Joint Use)	1.94	7,851	30 Sep 2026	1 Mar 2027
5	Expansion Area (Exclusive Use)	35.88	145,201	30 Sep 2026	1 Mar 2027
6	Expansion Area (Non-exclusive Use)	11.22	45,406	30 Sep 2026	1 Mar 2027

Yap International Airport West Extension & Terminal Area – Defense Site



Label	Purpose	Area (Acres)	Area (SQM)	Preliminary Access Date	Available for Use
1	Existing Airport Property (Joint Use)	336.82	1,363,063	30 Sep 2026	1 Aug 2027
7	Expansion Area (Joint Use)	0.72	2,914	30 Sep 2026	1 Aug 2027
8	Expansion Area (Joint Use)	8.17	33,063	30 Sep 2026	1 Aug 2027

Yap Seaport – Defense Site



Label	Purpose	Area (Acres)	Area (SQM)	Preliminary Access Date	Available for Use
1	Seaport Area (Joint Use)	12.55	50,778	NA under OCL	1 Mar 2027
2	Seaport Area (Exclusive Use)	1.79	7,244	NA under OCL	1 Mar 2027

Airport – Construction Support Areas



Label	Purpose	Area (Acres)	Area (SQM)	Preliminary Access Date	Available for Use	Estimated Term Use	Map in Appendix
1	Construction Support Area	23.81	96,356	30 Sep 2026	01 Apr 2027	10 Years	E-1
2	Construction Support Area	10.68	43,220	30 Sep 2026	01 Apr 2027	10 Years	E-2
3	Construction Support Area	20.37	82,435	30 Sep 2026	01 Apr 2027	10 Years	E-3
4	Construction Support Area	3.57	14,447	30 Sep 2026	01 Apr 2027	10 Years	E-4
5	Construction Support Area	2.44	9,874	30 Sep 2026	01 Apr 2027	10 Years	E-5
Total =		60.87	246,332				
6	Unimproved Road (West of Airport)	0.91 Mile	1.46 KM	30 Sep 2026	01 Apr 2027	10 Years	E-6

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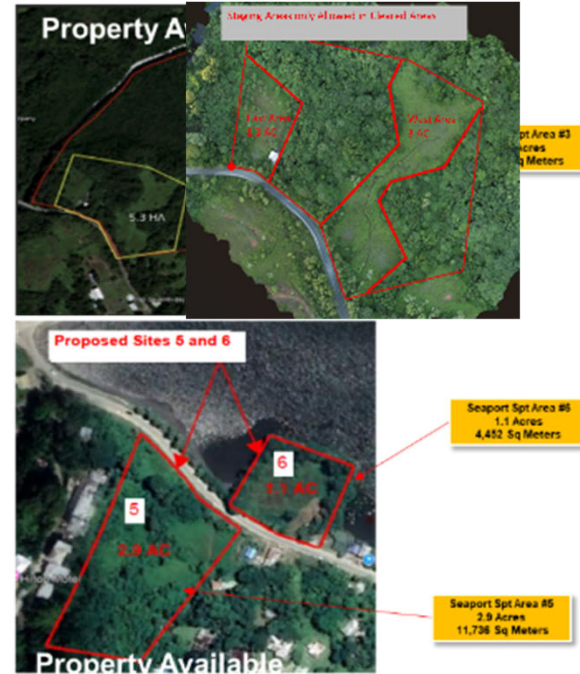


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Obtain access to unimproved road located at the west side of airport

Seaport – Construction Support Areas

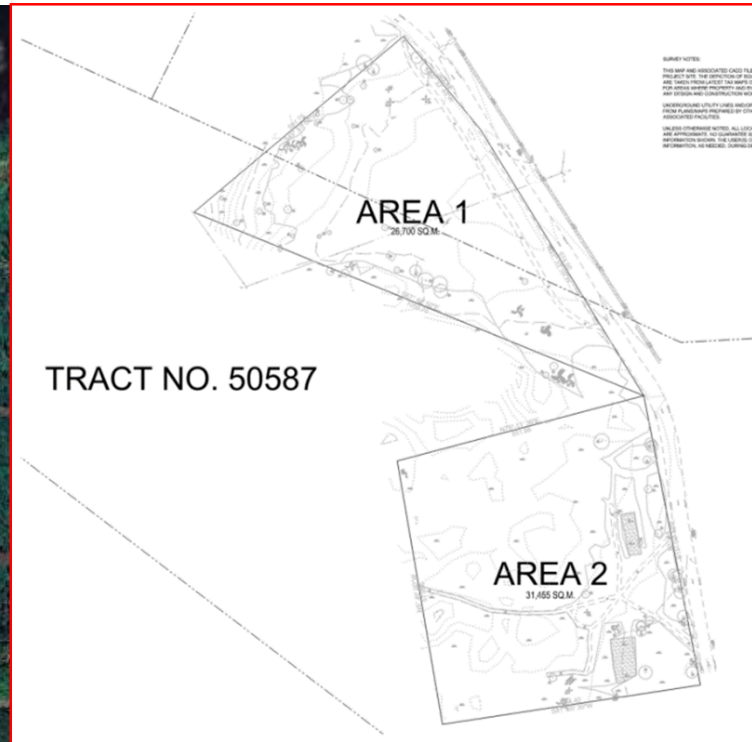


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1	Sports Complex 1 OR	6.92	28,000	30 Sep 2026	01 Apr 2027	10 Years	F-1
2	Sports Complex 2	6.92	28,000	30 Sep 2026	01 Apr 2027	10 Years	F-1
3	Seaport Support Area #1 iBoom Area	0.49	2,000	30 Sep 2026	01 Apr 2027	10 Years	F-2
4	Seaport Support Area #2 iBoom Area	0.35	1,400	30 Sep 2026	01 Apr 2027	10 Years	F-2
5	Seaport Support Area #3 Mar Area	4.3	17,401	30 Sep 2026	01 Apr 2027	10 Years	F-3
6	Seaport Support Area #5 Bay Area	2.9	11,736	30 Sep 2026	01 Apr 2027	10 Years	F-4
7	Seaport Support Area #6 Bay Area	1.1	4,452	30 Sep 2026	01 Apr 2027	10 Years	F-4

Seaport – Construction Support Area



Sports Complex lay down areas



Seaport – Construction Support Areas

T9- Temp. Const. Area
@ Across YCA/iBoom



Port laydown areas

T10- Temp. Const. Area
@ Basketball court near Library



Seaport – Construction Support Areas



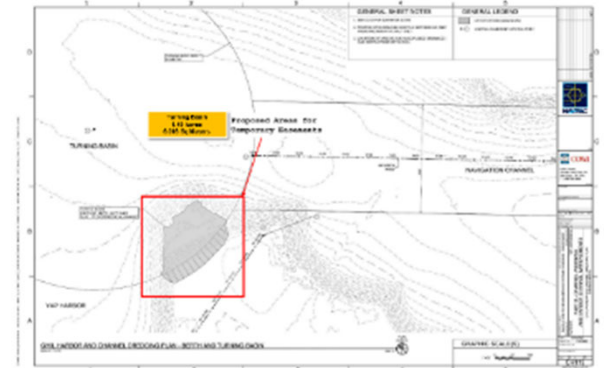
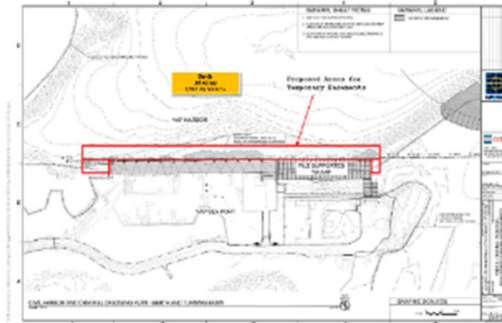
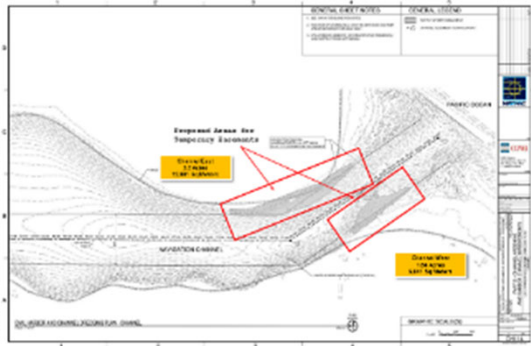
Tamil – Mar Laydown area

Seaport – Construction Support Areas



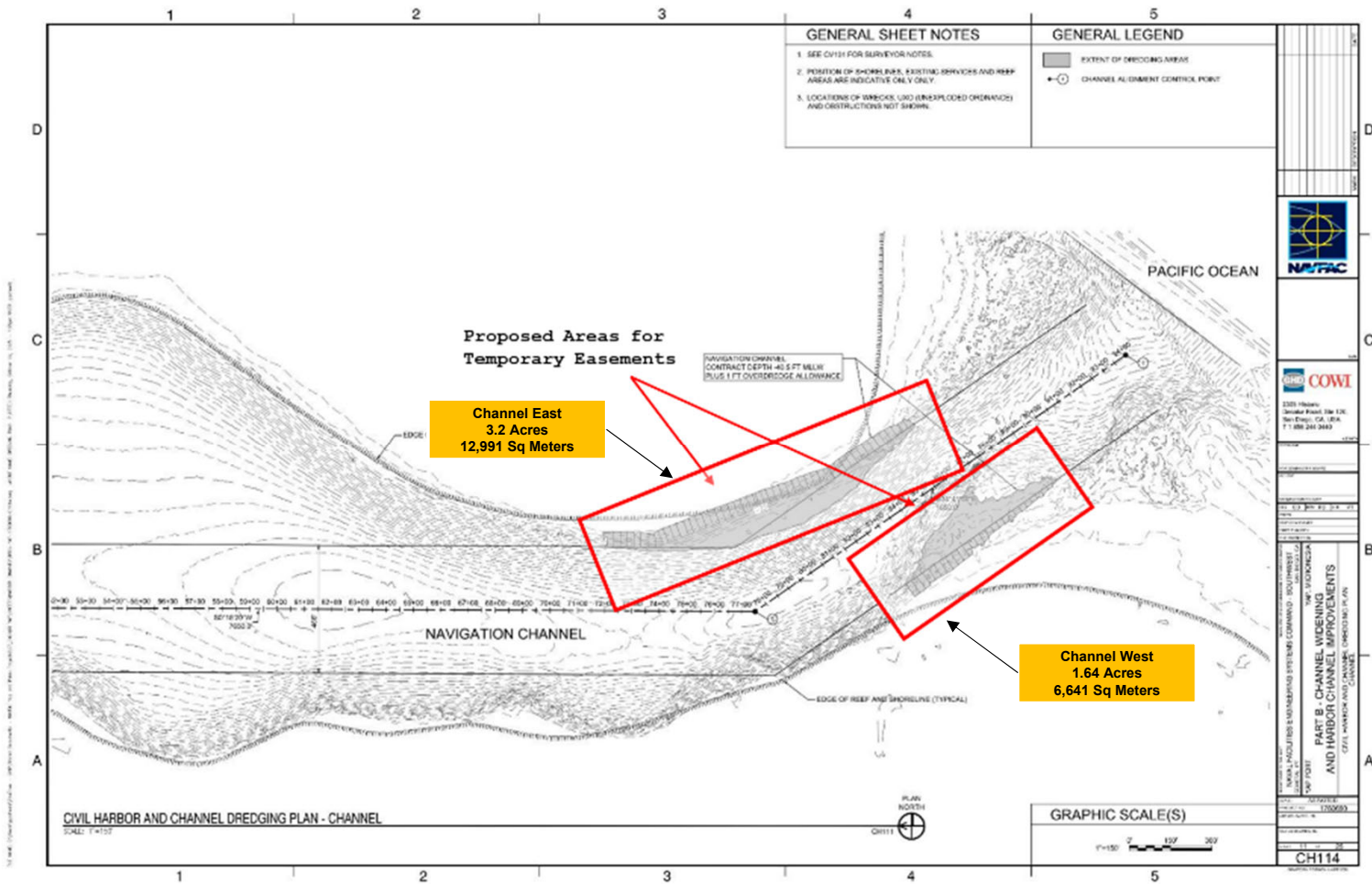
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Seaport – Dredging Areas

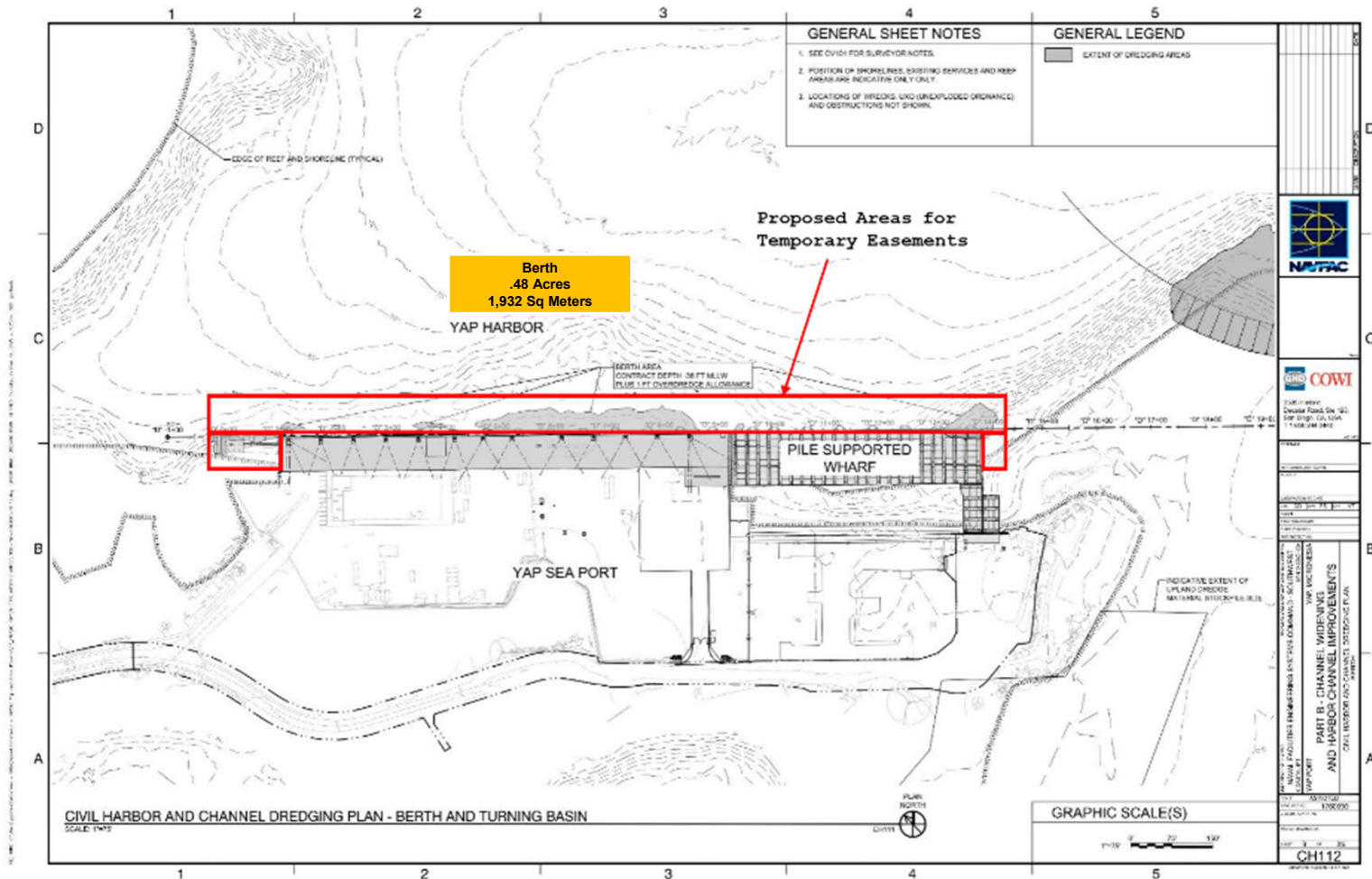


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1	Channel Entrance	4.84	19,632	30 Sep 2026	01 Apr 2027	5 Years	G-1
2	Wharf Dredge Area	0.48	1,932	30 Sep 2026	01 Apr 2027	5 Years	G-2
3	Turning Basin Area	1.49	6,016	30 Sep 2026	01 Apr 2027	5 Years	G-3

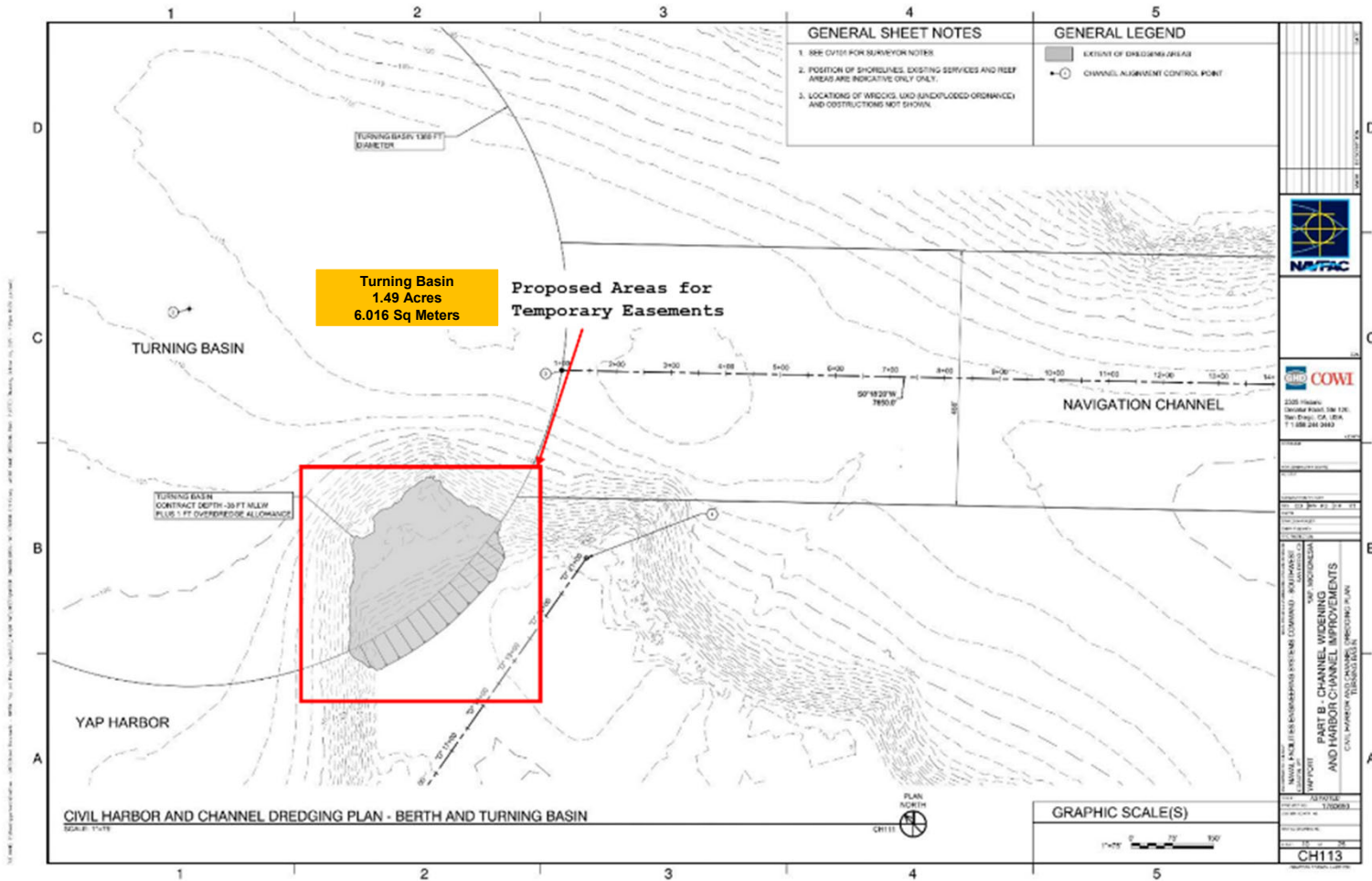
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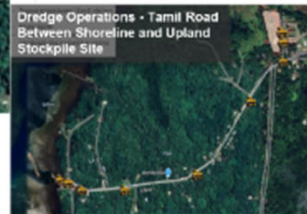


Seaport – Dredging Offload & Stockpile Areas



Tamil Area
5.3 Acres
23,119 Sq
Meters

Tamil Area
7.66 Acres
33,220 Sq
Meters



Tamil Area
13.20 Acres
57,860 Sq
Meters



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1	Nungoch Area – Stockpile/Reclamation Area	0.37	1,363	30 Sep 2026	01 Apr 2027	5 Years	H-1
2	Rull Area – dredging areas, stockpile areas, port dredge material and green waste disposal site	5.71	23,119	30 Sep 2026	01 Apr 2027	5 Years	H-2
3	Tamil Area – dredging area, roadway and stockpile area	27.25	110,300	30 Sep 2026	01 Apr 2027	5 Years	H-3

Seaport – Dredging Offload & Stockpile Areas



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Rull #1
3.57 Acres
14,446 Sq Meters

Rull #2
1.14 Acres
4,629 Sq Meters



Rull #3
1 Acres
4,044 Sq Meters



2nd Stockpile Site

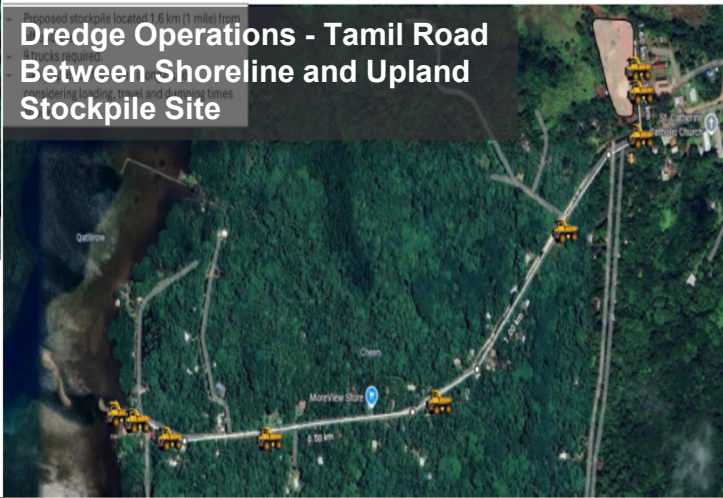


Dredge Material & Green Waste Disposal Site

Seaport – Dredging Offload & Stockpile Areas



Tamil Area
6.3 Acres
25,500 Sq
Meters

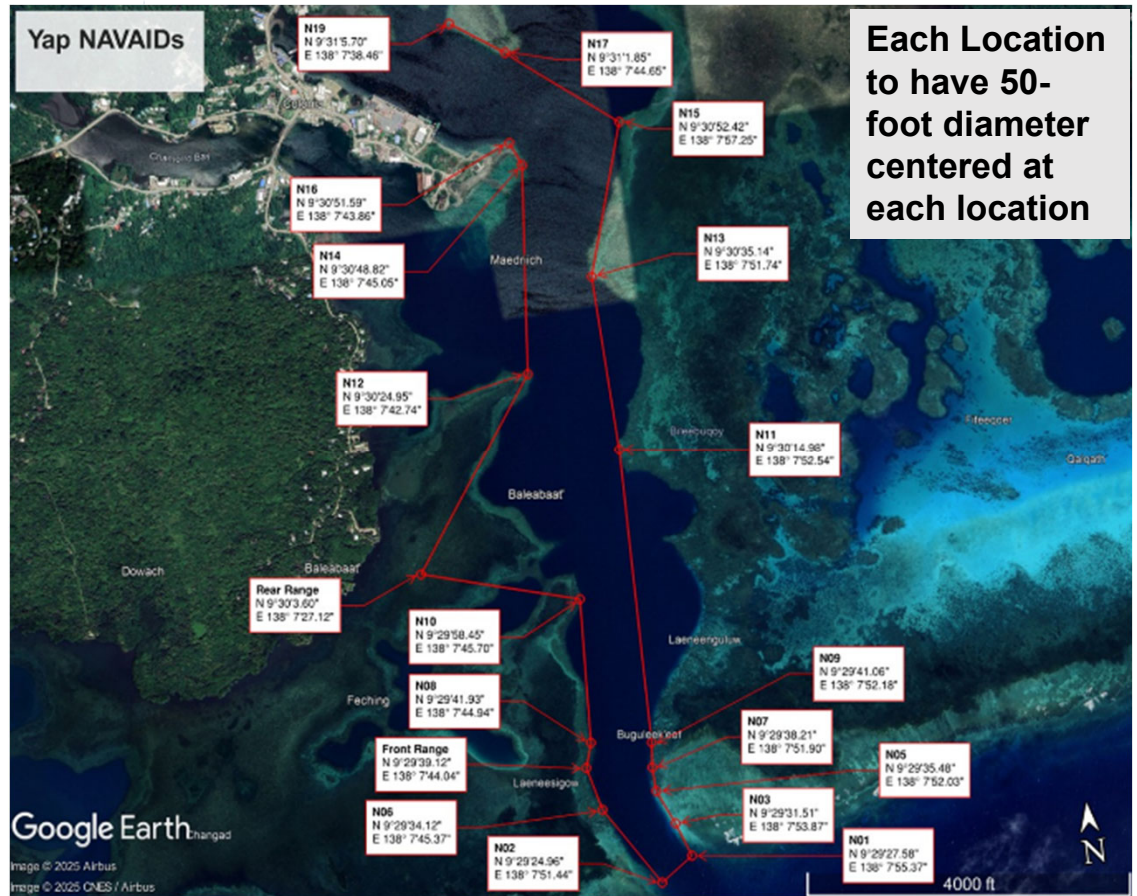
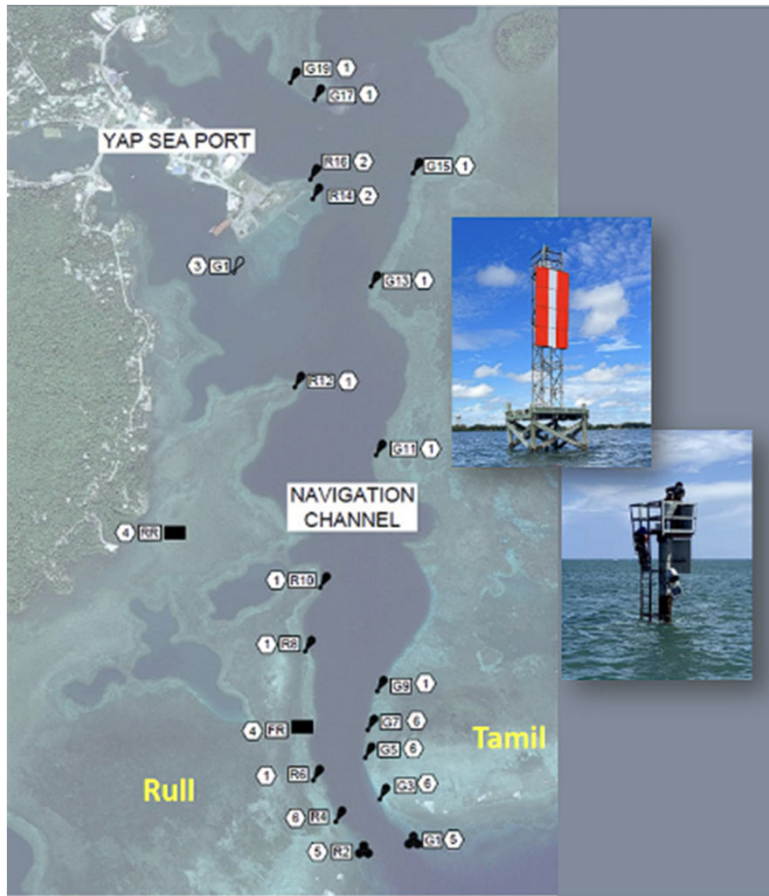


Tamil Area
7.66 Acres
31,000 Sq
Meters

Tamil Mar
13.29 Acres
53,800 Sq
Meters



Seaport – Aids to Navigation



Each Location to have 50-foot diameter centered at each location

Temporary ERW Storage & Demolition Area



Use of a temporary ERW storage & demolition area and any rights of way or negative easements required to access and use the area.

Temporary Reinterment Site(s)



Area(s) for relocation of any remaining graves that may be discovered during construction