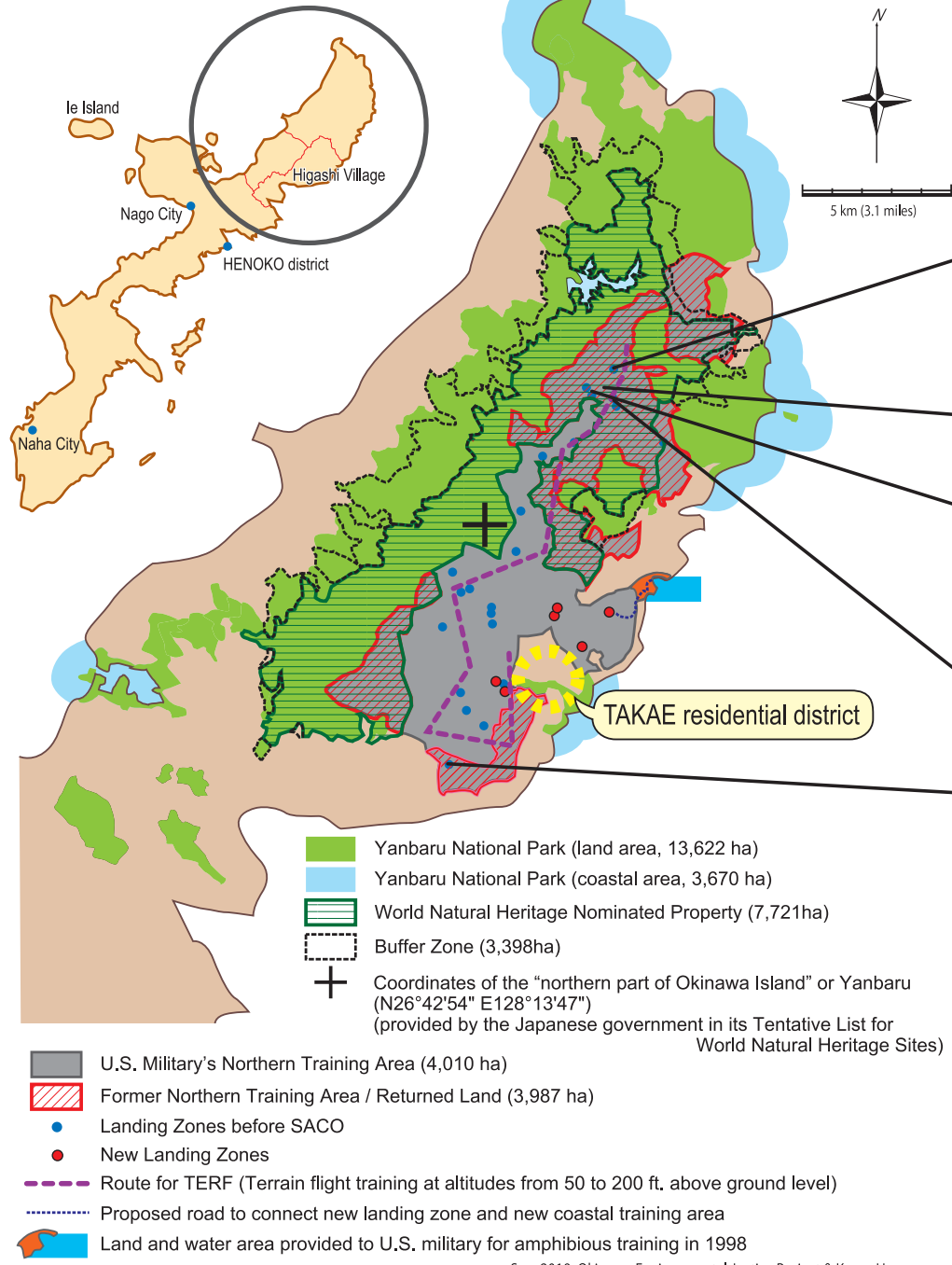





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Residues of Military Activity/Training in the Northern Part of Okinawa Island: Clean Up, Decontamination, and Restoration Are Needed.

Despite the claim by the Japanese Ministry of the Environment that “the returned land (of the U.S. Military’s Northern Training Area) was confirmed to be free from soil contamination and water pollution,” many parts of the returned land are still littered with bullet shells, blanks, unexploded ordinance, and other discarded military materials, including toxic chemicals. The land is in need of clean up, decontamination, and restoration.

- Former FBJ Landing Zone**
 Unused grenade-type warning flare (1) 
 Unused parachute-type flares (2)
 Unused and undetonated blanks (897)
 Other types of used flares
 Field ration bags, drums, sandbags, steal plates, concrete rubble, rubber sheets
- A point northeast of former Landing Zone-1**
 Drums containing PCB, DDT 
 Unused training projectiles (2)
 Vehicle parts, batteries, metal equipment, bottles, chains
- Former Landing Zone-1**
 Unused blanks (discarded after land return) (342)
 Unused and undetonated blanks (344)
 Unused parachute-type flare (1)
 Drums contaminated with PCB, ammuniton boxes, battery cells, batteries, infusion bags, field ration bags, clothes, concrete rubble, rusted bolts and nuts, other daily waste materials including clothes discarded by Japanese
- Former Landing Zone-2**
 Unused blanks (262) 
- Former Landing Zone-21**
 Unused and undetonated blanks



New unused blanks at former Landing Zone-1



Drums found at former Landing Zone-1, soil surrounding the drums was found contaminated with PCB



Unused blanks shells found at former Landing Zone-1



Smoke flares found at former Landing Zone-1

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