

PROPOSED ACTION OVERVIEW

PROJECT BACKGROUND:

- Department of the Air Force (DAF) and Department of Defense (DoD) strategies and initiatives for the Indo-Pacific are continuously evolving in response to the geopolitical climate.
- Conducting an F-15 beddown and improving operationally relevant infrastructure would be in alignment with DAF and DoD initiatives to modernize and strengthen DoD's presence, improve logistics and maintenance capabilities, and allow the DAF and DoD to maintain agile defense capabilities within the region, in accordance with DAF responsibilities mandated by Title 10 U.S. Code 8062 to ensure readiness.

PURPOSE AND NEED:

- **Purpose:** The purpose of the Proposed Action is to provide critical infrastructure that enhances U.S. posture west of the International Date Line. Additionally, the purpose of the Proposed Action is to beddown and operate Republic of Singapore Air Force (RSAF) fighter aircraft at Andersen AFB to support training requirements.
- **Need:** The Proposed Action is needed to enhance DAF capability to support U.S. and partner nation forces within the Indo-Pacific region and strengthen the U.S.'s ability to respond regionally and worldwide, through construction of infrastructure upgrades and increased support of fighter aircraft, in alignment with evolving DAF and DoD strategies and initiatives for the region. Increasing and improving airfield and munitions infrastructure would address capability gaps and allow for greater efficiencies and agility in the way ground operations are conducted.

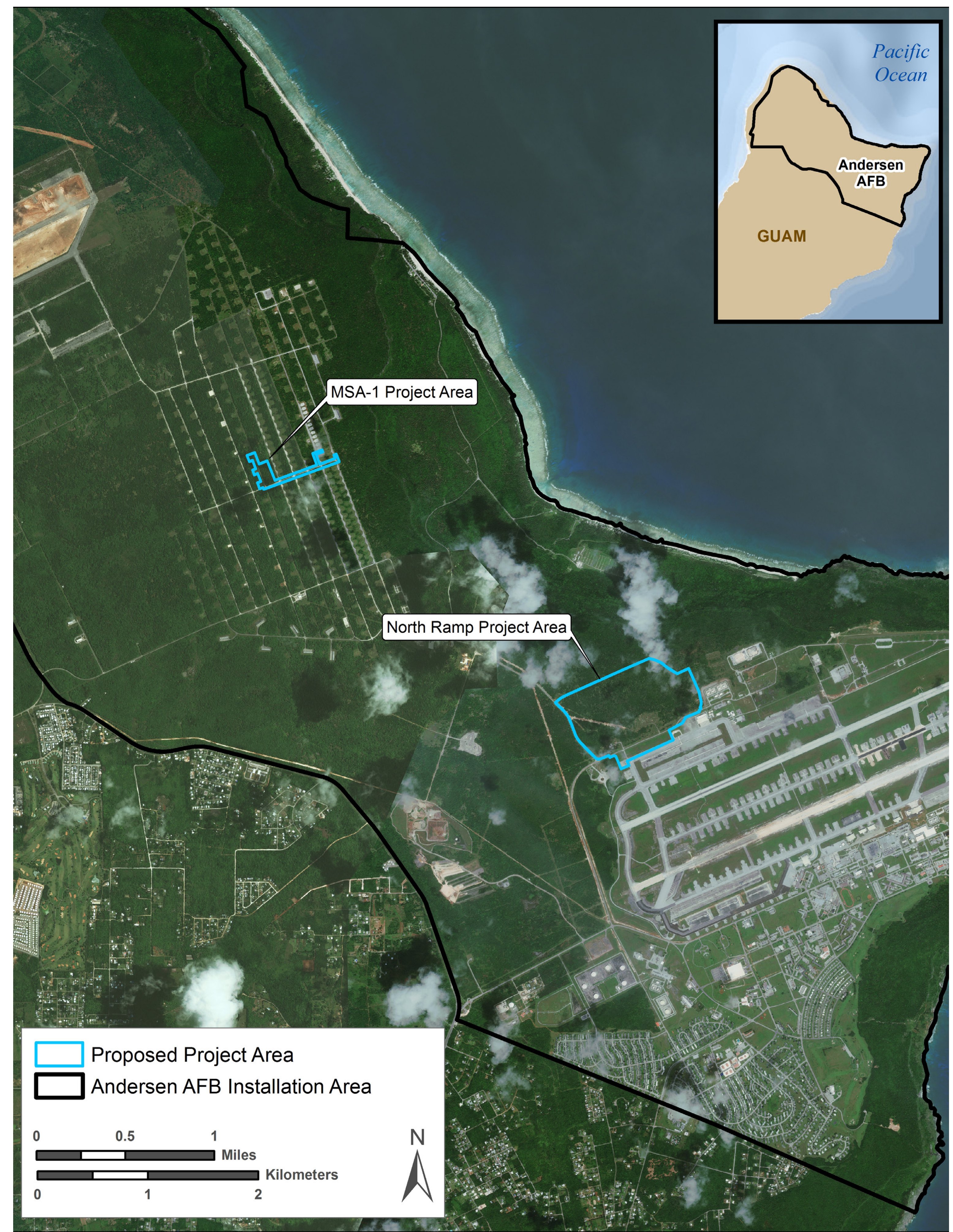
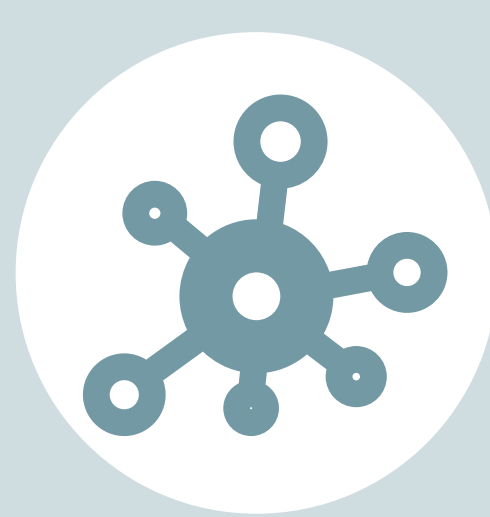


Figure: Overview of Locations on Andersen AFB Selected for Infrastructure Upgrades

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED ACTION:

- Beddown up to 12 RSAF F-15 fighter aircraft with anticipated arrival in 2029, to include airfield operations and a 3 percent increase in installation personnel, which would strengthen partner nation alliances.
- Construct infrastructure upgrades over approximately 3 to 7 years adjacent to the northwest corner of the airfield (North Ramp) and within Munitions Storage Area 1 (MSA-1) at Andersen AFB (Figure 1). Would provide additional options for parking, storing, maintaining, refueling, loading, and unloading aircraft at the airfield, as well as storing munitions, which would address capability gaps and allow for greater efficiencies and agility in the way ground operations are conducted. The proposed infrastructure has multiple uses and could support both the F-15 beddown and other DAF, service component, and partner nation aircraft or missions operating from Andersen AFB now or in the future.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERATION:



The DAF reviewed requirements for strategic capabilities within the Indo-Pacific region and dismissed five other potential alternative locations within the Pacific Air Forces area of responsibility (i.e., Iwo To [formerly known as Iwo Jima], Japan; Saipan, U.S.; Diego Garcia, British Indian Ocean Territory; Wake Island, U.S.; and Hawai'i, U.S.) from consideration. Once Andersen AFB was identified for enhanced strategic capabilities, the DAF considered multiple locations on Andersen AFB for construction of infrastructure upgrades, and considered renovation or replacement of existing infrastructure. Only the Proposed Action was determined to meet the selection standards for infrastructure upgrades. The Draft EIS also analyzes a No Action Alternative, in addition to the Proposed Action.



ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

F-15 BEDDOWN AND INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES AT ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, GUAM

