

More training space, stronger force

The Singapore Armed Forces could train in Australia in spaces that total about 10 times the size of Singapore, with the signing of a treaty between the two countries yesterday. The expanded Shoalwater Bay Training Area (SWBTA) is expected to be completed by 2024, and the Greenvale Training Area (GVTA) by 2028.

BY THE NUMBERS

TOTAL TRAINING AREA IN EXPANDED SWBTA AND NEW GVTA



10x
the size of Singapore

TRAINING VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT



Currently
Up to **500**

In 2028
Up to **2,400**

TRAINING PERSONNEL



Currently
Up to **6,600**

TIME ON THE GROUND



Currently
Up to **6 weeks**

In 2028
Up to **14,000**

In 2028
Up to **18 weeks**



Singapore and Australia troops (above) carrying out a beach landing during a preview of the Exercise Trident in 2014, held at Shoalwater Bay Training Area in Australia. Exercise Trident is part of the annual Exercise Wallaby, the SAF's largest overseas exercise.



NEW ADVANCED TRAINING FACILITIES

- Combined arms air-land ranges
- Urban operations live-firing facilities



SAF troops (left) fanning out and proning after deplaning from a Republic of Singapore Air Force Chinook helicopter during Exercise Trident in 2018.

The SAF's Hunter Armoured Fighting Vehicle (left), commissioned last year, could train at the Combined Arms Air-Land Range that will be built in the Shoalwater Bay and Greenvale training areas.