

TABLE 1. SUMMARY OF WMD SEARCH TEAMS^a

TEAM	DATES	ESTIMATED PERSONNEL ^b	DESCRIPTION
UNSCOM Inspectors (UN)	1991–1998	70–80 inspectors	UN inspectors charged to monitor and verify the destruction of Iraq’s non-nuclear WMD after the 1991 Gulf War and operate an ongoing monitoring and verification of Iraqi compliance
IAEA Iraq Action Team (UN)	1991–1998	Varied	IAEA team tasked to monitor and verify the dismantlement of Iraq’s nuclear program after the Gulf War and operate an ongoing monitoring and verification of Iraqi compliance
UNMOVIC Inspectors (UN)	November 2002–March 2003	100 inspectors	UN inspectors tasked to disarm Iraq of chemical or biological weapons or prohibited missiles and operate an ongoing monitoring and verification system
Iraq Nuclear Verification Office (UN)	November 2002–March 2003	17 inspectors	IAEA team tasked to uncover and dismantle any Iraqi nuclear program and operate an ongoing monitoring and verification system
Task Force 20 (U.S.)	March 2003–Summer 2003	classified	Covert special forces team tasked to find and destroy WMD, high-profile targets, and conduct rescue operations
Site Survey Teams (U.S.)	March 2003–June 2003	100 (8–24 WMD experts)	Four teams tasked to initially examine and evaluate suspect WMD sites; according to reports, in May 2003 these teams reduced the number of WMD experts per team from six to two and were charged with investigating additional sites related to human rights abuses and terrorist links
75th Exploitation Task Force (XTF) (U.S.)	March–June 2003	600 (25–120 actively searching)	Formerly a field artillery brigade, the 75th XTF was charged with uncovering and documenting WMD; the XTF had four Mobile Exploitation Teams (METs) composed of approximately 25–30 special forces, intelligence officers, computer specialists, and WMD experts; initially all four teams searched for WMD but according to reports by mid-May three METs were tasked with “non-WMD” missions including terrorist activity and theft of antiquities
Iraq Survey Group (U.S., Britain, Australia)	June 2003–Present	1,300–1,400 (200–300 actively searching)	Team composed of military and civilian specialists to uncover WMD, terrorist ties, and human rights abuses; and to interview Iraqi scientists and review recovered documents. Former UN inspector David Kay coordinates the group’s activities

^a Table compiled by authors from official sources and news reports. Sources on file with authors.

^b This column provides an estimate of the number of personnel at any one particular time. However, many more experts were potentially involved in the activities of each team. For example, approximately 3,000 experts participated in UNSCOM inspections in the period from 1991 to 1998.