

PREFACE

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The International Security Research and Outreach Programme commissioned a study to address the following issues:

- i. What factors have driven the separatist conflict in Mindanao?
- ii. Through what vectors have small arms and light weapons typically flowed into Mindanao?
- iii. What policy instruments has the Philippine government used to stem this flow, and to reintegrate the Muslim separatists on Mindanao? What role did outside agencies/states play in this regard? What were the strengths and weaknesses of the central government's approach to disarmament and demobilization, and to what extent can this be considered responsible for the level of success experienced by this effort? What role did sub-national community and other groups play in this regard?

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