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**MH370 Operational Search Update**

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This operational report has been developed to provide regular updates on the progress of the search effort for MH370. Our work will continue to be thorough and methodical, so sometimes weekly progress may seem slow. Please be assured that work is continuing and is aimed at finding MH370 as quickly as possible.

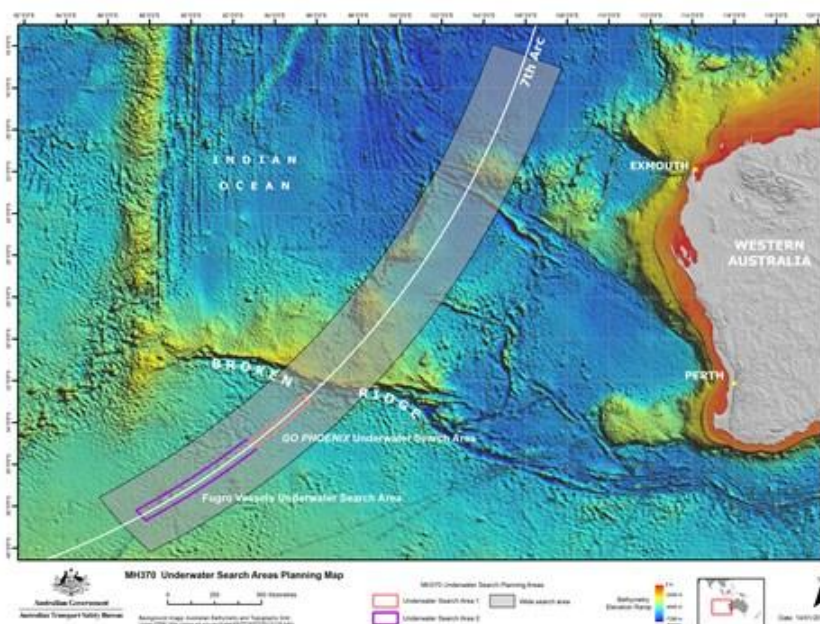
**Key developments this week**

- *GO Phoenix* is expected to depart the port of Fremantle early on 16 April after conducting a routine resupply visit.
- *Fugro Discovery* arrived in the search area on 10 April. The vessel ceased search operations on 11 April due to problems with the power supply through the cable to the towfish. This issue was rectified and search operations resumed during the night of 12 April.
- *Fugro Equator* departed the port of Fremantle on 9 April and is expected to arrive in the search area around 16 April.
- *Fugro Supporter* departed the port of Fremantle on 10 April. If weather permits, the vessel will conduct calibration trials while transiting to the search area. *Fugro Supporter* is expected to arrive in the search area around 17 April.

**Underwater search**

More than 60 percent of the priority search area has been searched.

Assuming no significant delays with vessels, equipment or from the weather, the current underwater search area may be largely completed around May 2015.



## Ship movements

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## Weather

Sea states in the priority search area are anticipated to range from 2 to 6 in the coming week. Remnants of ex-Tropical Cyclone Joalane may pass through the search area in the next couple of days.

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