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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

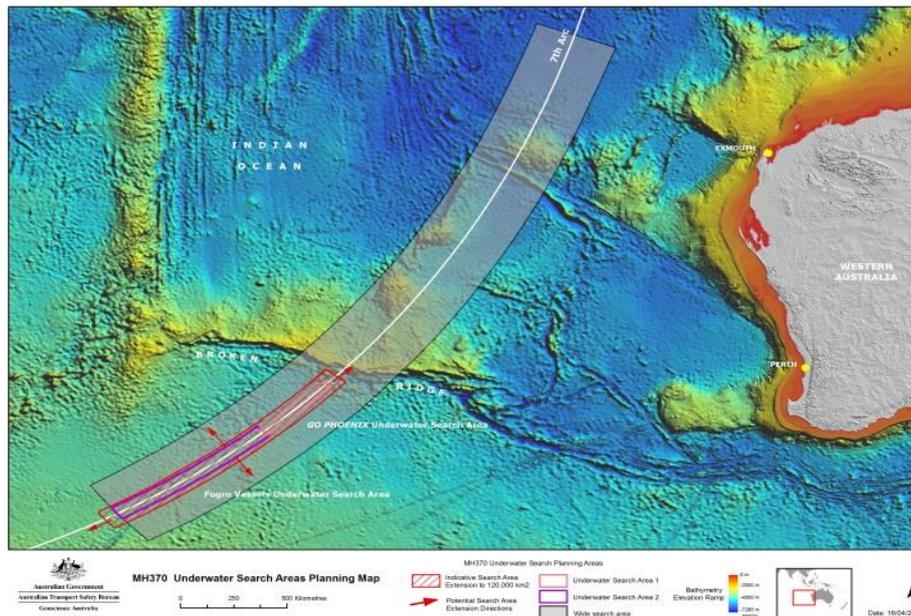
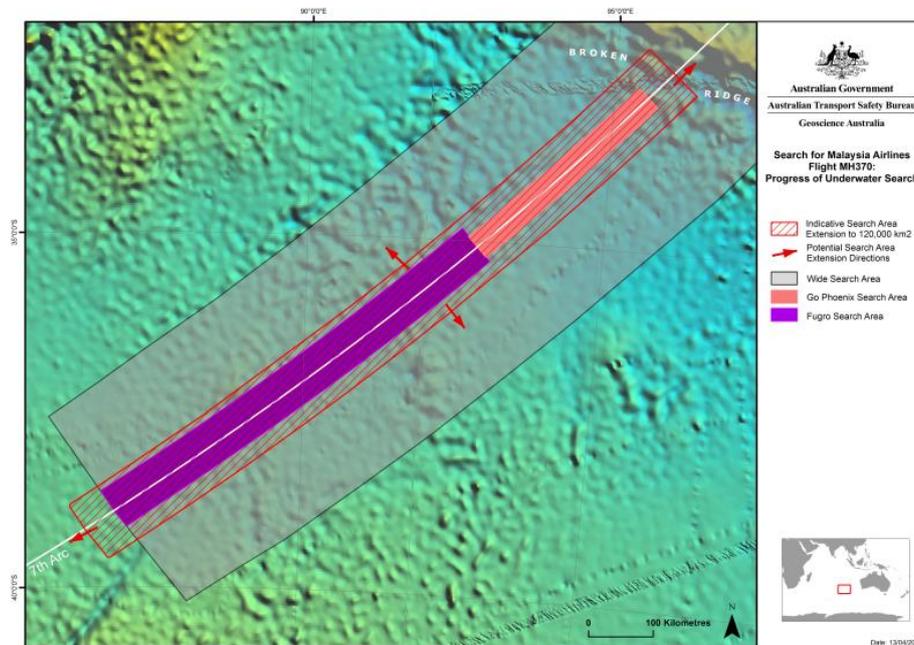
- *Fugro Discovery* departed the search area on 26 July, heading to the port of Fremantle for resupply. The vessel is anticipated to arrive in port on 1 August and to depart the following day. It will then conduct approximately two days of familiarisation training for new crew members. Following the training, the vessel will return briefly to Fremantle to complete resupply before departing for the search area. *Fugro Discovery* is expected to be back in the search area around 12 August.
- *Fugro Equator* continues to conduct search operations in the southern Indian Ocean.

Underwater search

As announced in April, the search area has been expanded beyond an original 60,000 square kilometre search area to enable up to 120,000 square kilometres to be searched if required.

Search plans were revised in April to ensure that the area can be searched as quickly and effectively as possible. The Fugro vessels have undergone winterisation to enable continuous search operations over the coming months. The safety of the search crews, as always, remains a priority and vessels and equipment utilised will vary to reflect operational needs.

More than 55,000 square kilometres of the seafloor have been searched so far.



The Search Strategy Working Group continues to review evidence associated with MH370 which may result in further refinement of, or prioritisation within, the search area.

In the event the aircraft is found and accessible, Australia, Malaysia and the People's Republic of China have agreed to plans for recovery activities including securing all the evidence necessary for the accident investigation.

Weather

The weather is forecast to be relatively favourable this week. Search operations will carry on through the winter months, but pauses are anticipated.

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