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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 Fremantle on 13 January after a scheduled resupply visit. The vessel arrived back in the search area today.
- *Fugro Equator* continues to conduct search operations. In early February the vessel will return to Fremantle for a scheduled resupply visit.
- *Havila Harmony* departed the search area on 15 January and is in transit to Henderson for a scheduled port visit and maintenance.
- The Australian Transport Safety Bureau published a statement correcting the record regarding inaccuracies in some media reports about the search for MH370 (<http://www.atsb.gov.au/newsroom/correcting-the-record.aspx>).

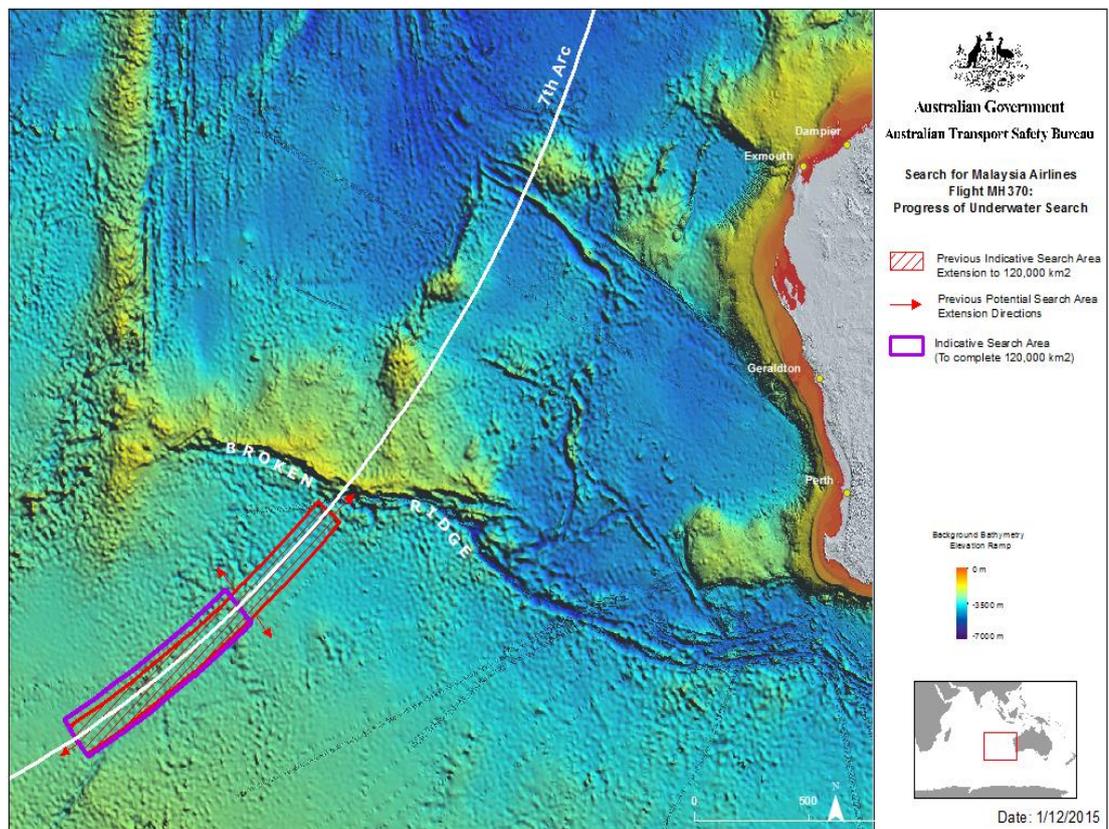
Underwater search operations

Weather may continue to impact on search operations but more favourable conditions are currently being experienced.

Consistent with the undertaking given by the Governments of Australia, Malaysia and the People's Republic of China in April last year, 120,000 square kilometres will be thoroughly searched. It is anticipated this will be completed around the middle of the year. In the absence of credible new information that leads to the identification of a specific location of the aircraft, Governments have agreed that there will be no further expansion of the search area.

More than 80,000 square kilometres of the seafloor have been searched so far.

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 expected to be very favourable over the coming week.

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