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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.

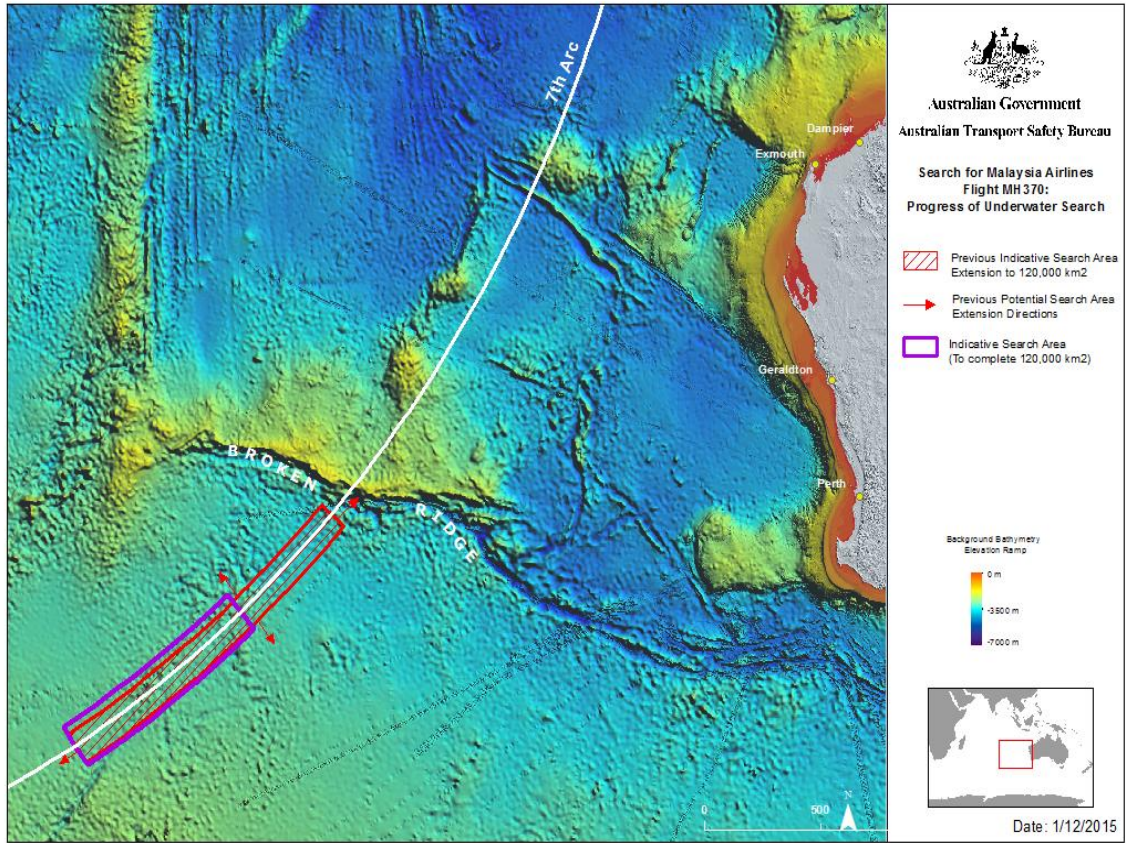
Key developments this week

- Rough weather conditions over the weekend resulted in *Fugro Discovery* suspending search operations for a short period, but the vessel has since resumed underwater search operations. The vessel will be departing the search area around 13 May for a scheduled resupply visit to Fremantle.
- *Fugro Equator* continues to conduct underwater search operations. The vessel will be departing the search area around 28 April for a scheduled resupply visit to Fremantle.
- *Dong Hai Jiu 101* is alongside in Fremantle port while the recovered SLH-ProSAS-60 deep tow system is checked and tested.

Underwater search operations

More than 100,000 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.

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.



Weather

Fine conditions are expected over the coming days.

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