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MH370 Operational Search Update

8 June 2016

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

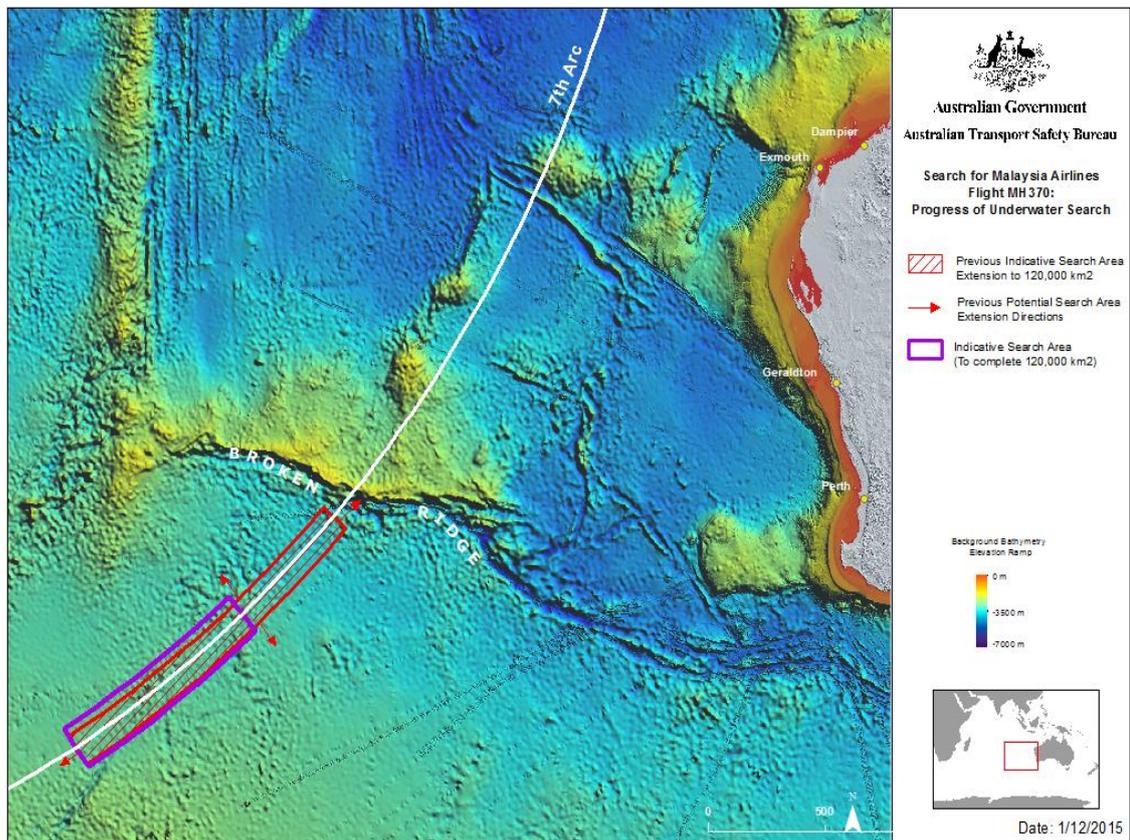
- Winter weather conditions continued to bring rough seas and strong winds to the search area, severely impacting search operations.
- *Fugro Discovery* was on weather standby until Monday 6 June when it successfully deployed its towfish and is now undertaking search operations for the first time in four weeks.
- *Fugro Equator* is undertaking bathymetric survey operations as conditions permit.
- *Dong Hai Jiu 101* continues to be on weather standby north of the search area.

Underwater search operations

Recent poor weather conditions have severely impacted search operations; the last four weeks saw no search operations undertaken. It is now anticipated it may take until around August to complete the 120,000 square kilometres, but this will be influenced by weather conditions over the coming months, which may worsen.

More than 105,000 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. 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

Weather conditions are forecast to be marginal over the coming week and search operations may again be disrupted.

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