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Further aircraft debris examined as part of MH370 investigation

The Australian Transport Safety Bureau and the Department of Civil Aviation Malaysia today confirmed that a large piece of aircraft debris has arrived in Canberra for examination as part of the search for MH370.

The large piece of what is likely to be a wing flap was found by locals on Pemba Island, just off the coast of Tanzania, Africa on 23 June 2016.

Malaysia and Australia have worked with Tanzanian officials to assume responsibility for the wing flap. Technical specialists from the ATSB are working with Malaysian investigators to determine if it is from the Malaysia Airlines Boeing 777, MH370.

To date, the ATSB has examined four pieces of debris on behalf of Malaysia and determined them to be almost certainly from MH370. This is in addition to the flaperon found on La Reunion Island on 29 July 2015 and positively identified by French officials as originating from flight MH370.

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