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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

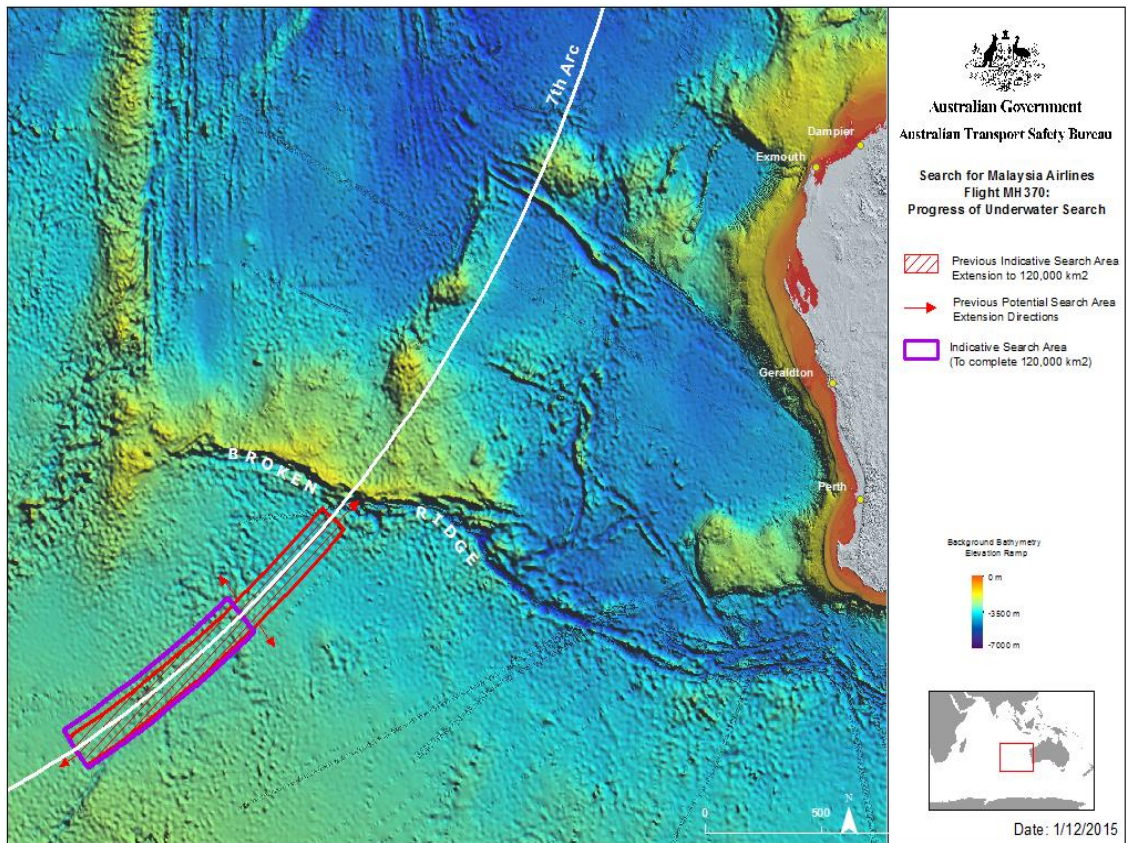
- *Fugro Discovery* is en route to Fremantle to conduct scheduled resupply and maintenance before returning to the search.
- *Fugro Equator* continues to conduct underwater search operations, as the weather and sea conditions allow.
- *Dong Hai Jiu 101* arrived in Fremantle on 22 June for scheduled resupply, and departed for the search area on 26 June. Two days into the voyage a crew member sustained an injury. Although not life-threatening, the decision has been made to return to port to ensure the best possible medical attention can be provided.

#### Underwater search operations

Recent poor weather conditions have severely impacted search operations. 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.

More than 110,000 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 poor over the coming week and search operations may again be disrupted.

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