



Government of Malaysia

MH370 OPERATIONAL SEARCH UPDATE #7 Period 5 – 11 MARCH 2018

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This operational search report has been developed to provide regular updates on the progress of the current search efforts to locate MH370. Please be assured that work is continuing and is aimed at finding MH370.

Background Information

On 10 January 2018, the Government of Malaysia entered an Agreement for the search of MH370 with Ocean Infinity Limited (OI). Currently OI is utilizing their vessel *Seabed Constructor* to survey the search area accompanied by a support vessel, *MV Maersk Mariner*.

Underwater Search

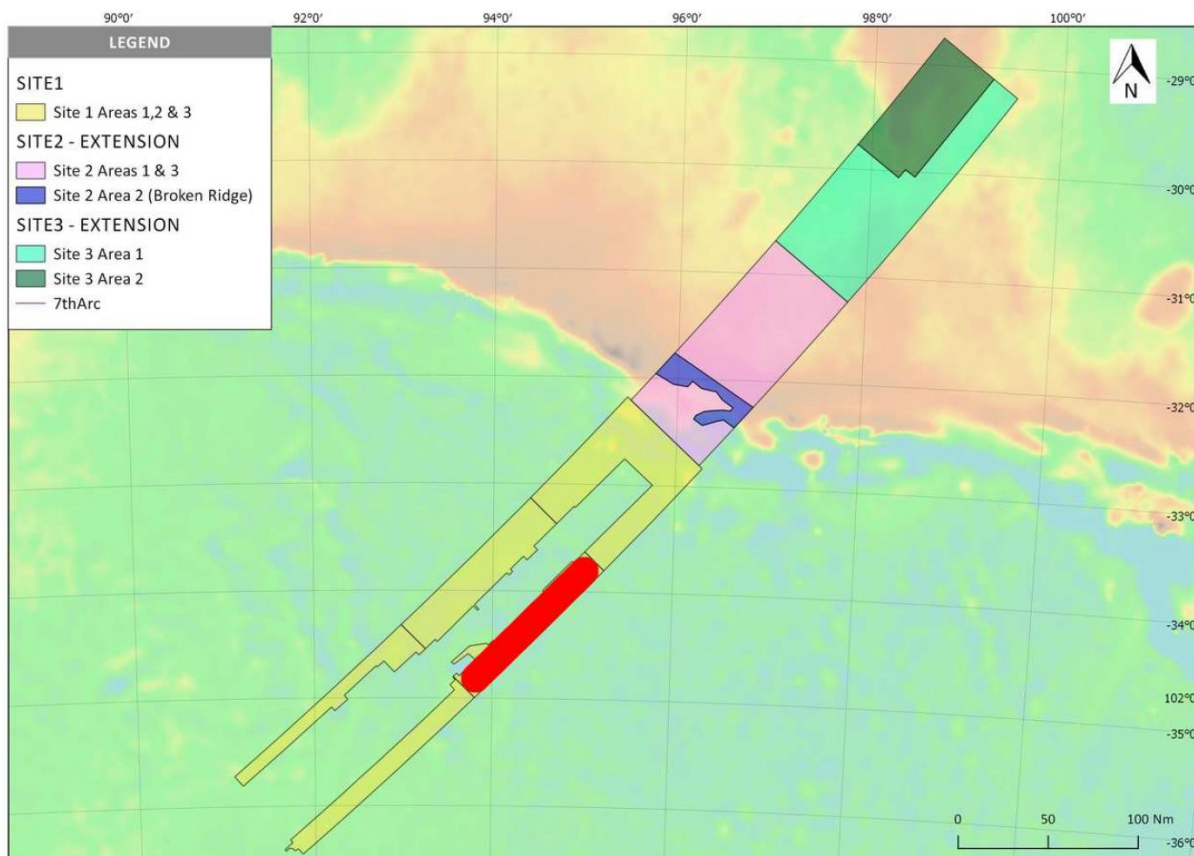


DIAGRAM 1

Note :

1. Site 1/Area 02 (Southern Leg Section) shows the present survey area highlighted in red

Key developments

- All available AUVs were launched for the search operation.
- The vessel has completed surveying Northern Leg Area of Site 1/Area 01, 02 & 03 (*shaded area*) depicted in diagram 2 and currently surveying Southern Leg of Site 1/Area 02 (*red shaded area*) depicted in diagram 1.

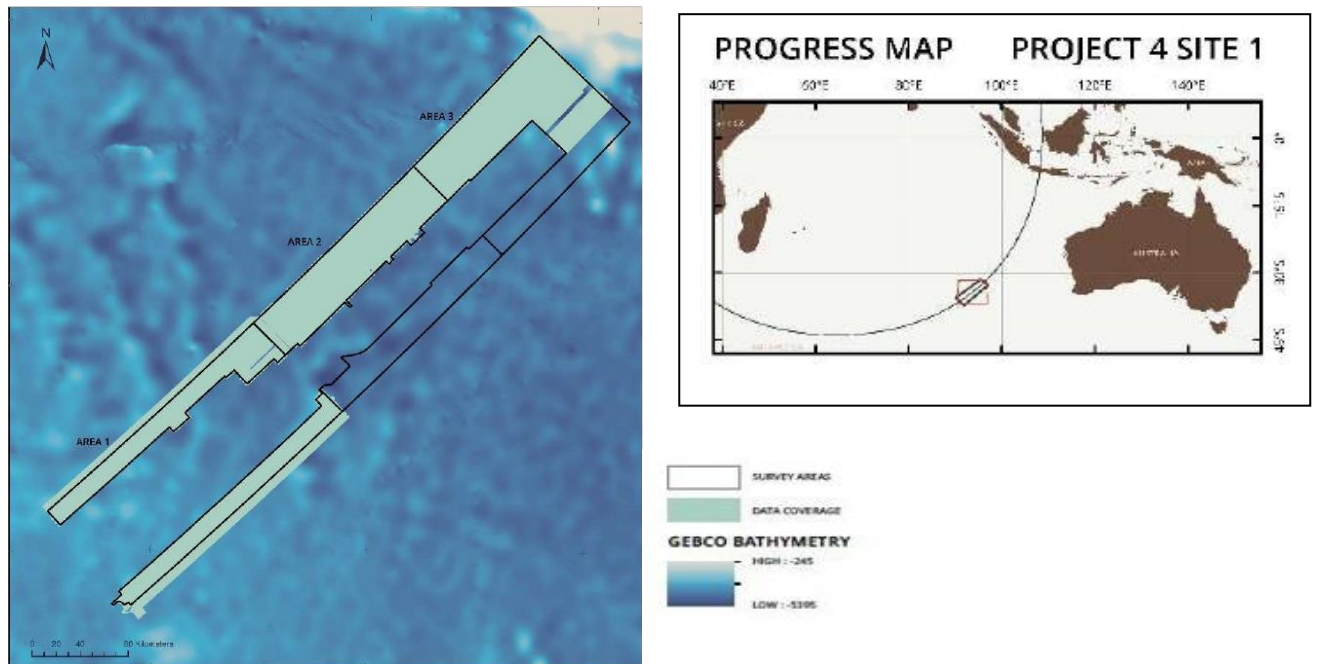


DIAGRAM 2

- *Seabed Constructor* is expected to depart the search area for Fremantle later this week for a technical crew change, refuelling and resupplies.
- Earlier during the underwater search operations, an ROV was damaged and a decision was made to 'wet store' the ROV to minimize disruption to search operations. *Seabed Constructor* would recover this ROV enroute to Fremantle port.
- Weather and sea condition were favourable for the search operations and *Seabed Constructor* made good progress over the past week. Total area covered as of 11 March 2018 is 24,000 square kilometres.
- No significant contacts identified to date.

Weather

- Favourable weather conditions are forecasted for the week ahead.

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