



# Government of Malaysia

## MH370 OPERATIONAL SEARCH UPDATE #8 Period 12 – 18 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

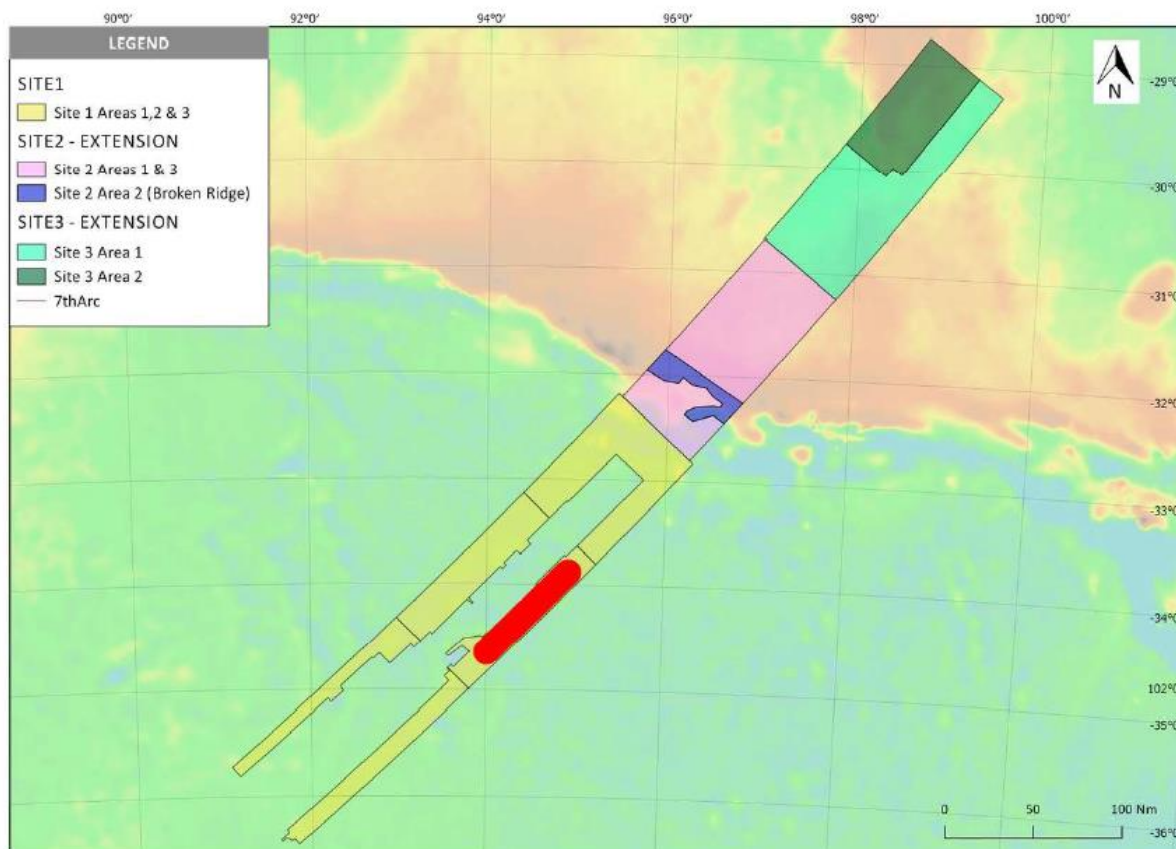


DIAGRAM 1

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/Areas 01, 02 & 03 (*shaded area*) depicted in diagram 2 and continued surveying Southern Leg of Site 1/Area 02 (*red shaded area*) depicted in diagram 1.

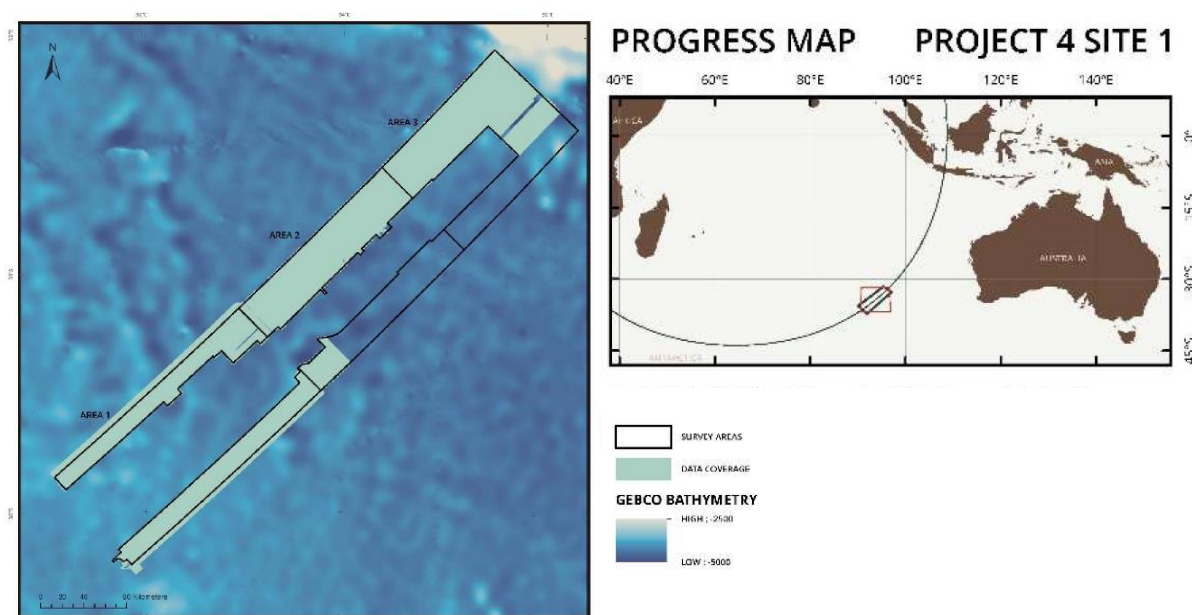


DIAGRAM 2

- Weather and sea conditions were favourable for the search operations and *Seabed Constructor* made good progress over the past week. Total area covered as of 18 March 2018 is 29,500 square kilometres.
- The total area covered includes additional areas along the Northern Leg of Site 1 / Area 1 and the Southern Leg of Site 1 / Area 1 (grey shaded areas depicted in diagram 2 outside the indicative search area).
- *Seabed Constructor* had successfully recovered the damaged ROV that had been 'wet-stored'.
- *Seabed Constructor* departed the search area on Sunday, 18 March 2018 for Fremantle port for a scheduled port call to facilitate technical crew change, refuelling and resupplies.
- No significant contacts have been identified to date.

## Weather

- Favourable weather and sea conditions are forecasted for the week ahead and *Seabed Constructor* is expected to arrive alongside port on Thursday, 22 March 2018.

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