



Government of Malaysia

MH370 OPERATIONAL SEARCH UPDATE #9 Period 19 – 25 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

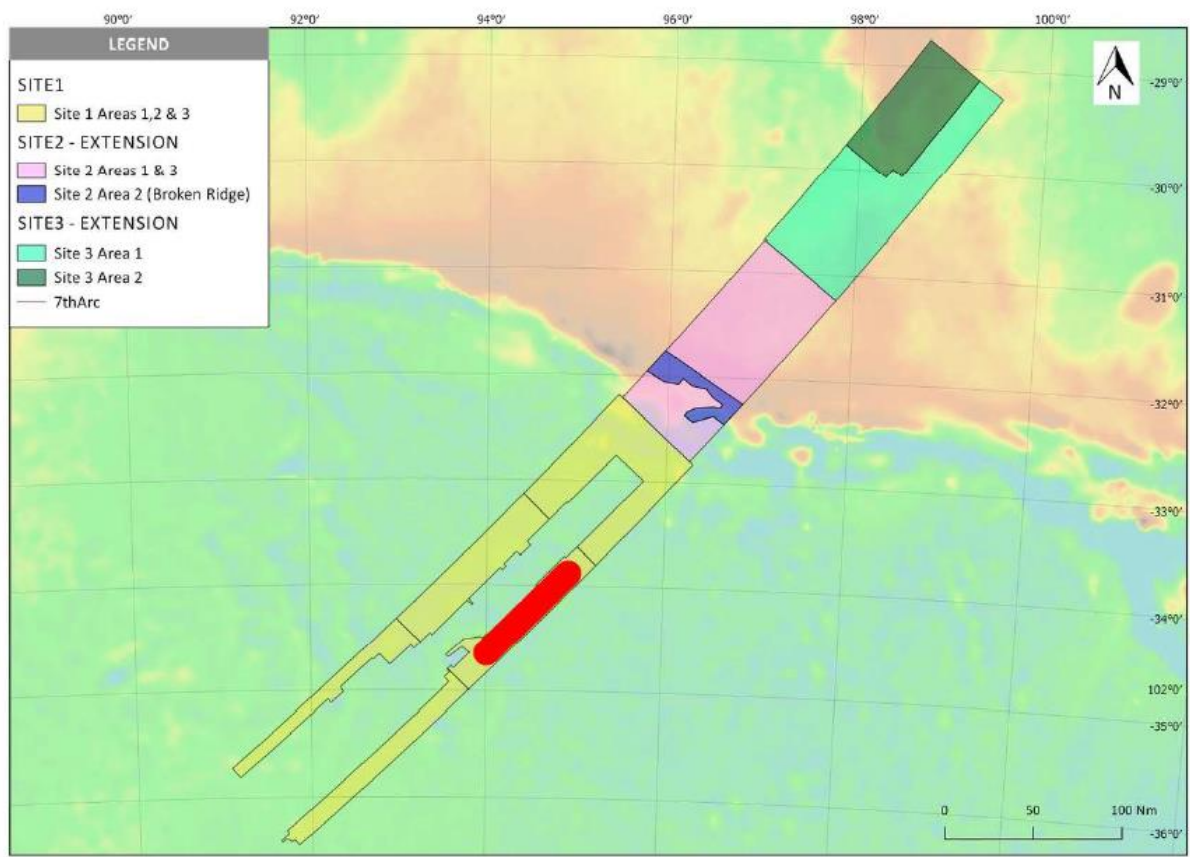


DIAGRAM 1

Site 1/Area 02 (Southern Leg Section) highlighted in red, indicates the area last surveyed.

Key developments

- *Seabed Constructor* has completed surveying the Northern Leg of Site 1/Areas 01, 02 & 03 (*shaded area*) depicted in diagram 2 and continued surveying the Southern Leg of Site 1/Area 02 (*red shaded area*) depicted in diagram 1.

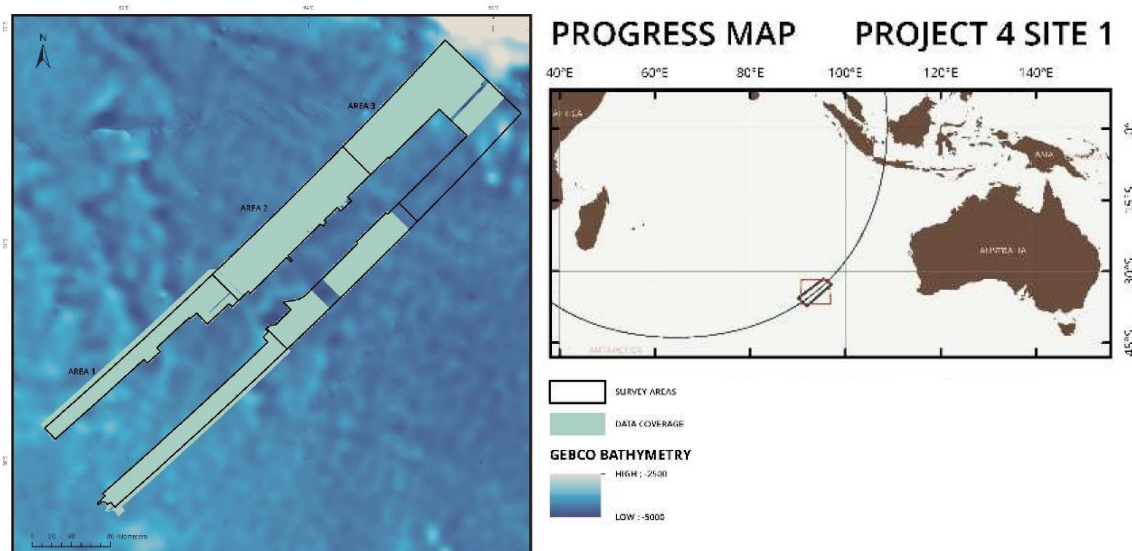


DIAGRAM 2

- Total area covered as of 25 March 2018 is 33,000 square kilometres, the additional search area reported covered since the departure of *Seabed Constructor* from the search area on 18 March 2018 is due to additional verified processed data being made available during the vessel's transit to Fremantle port.
- 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* arrived alongside port on Thursday, 22 March 2018 and managed a quick turnaround, she departed Fremantle during the early hours of 23 March 2018 and expected to arrive the search area on Tuesday, 27 March 2018.
- No significant contacts have been identified to date.

Weather

- A Category 5 Severe Tropical Cyclone 'Marcus' had transited through the search area over the past week, and it's anticipated to impact the coming week's search operations. *Seabed Constructor* is expected to remain on weather standby on arrival until weather and sea conditions improve.

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