



Australian Government

Joint Agency Coordination Centre

Search for MH370 Facts and statistics Surface search of the southern Indian Ocean 17 March – 28 April 2014

- Prime Minister Tony Abbott advised of the establishment of the JACC on 30 March 2014, headed by Air Chief Marshal Angus Houston AC AFC (Ret'd).
- Malaysia has lead investigative responsibility and the international accident crash investigation is based out of Kuala Lumpur.
- Malaysia, the United States of America, the United Kingdom, China, the Republic of Korea, Japan, New Zealand and Australia were all involved in the visual search.
- Over 4,600,000 square kilometres of ocean surface were searched.
- 345 search sorties were conducted by military aircraft for a total of over 2,998 hours.
- Over 30% of the military flights were made by Royal Australian Air Force planes.
- Aircraft that were involved in the visual search included:
 - 8 x Royal Australian Air Force (4 x AP-3C Orion, 2 x E-7A Wedgetail, 1 x KA350 King Air, 1 x C-130J Hercules)
 - 1 x Royal New Zealand Air Force (P-3K2 Orion)
 - 2 X United States Navy (P-8A Poseidon)
 - 2 x Peoples Liberation Army Air Force (IL – 76)
 - 3 x Japan (2 x Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force P-3C Orion and 1 x Japanese Coast Guard Gulfstream V)
 - 2 x Republic of Korea (1 x ROK Navy P-3C Orion & 1 x ROK Air Force C-130H)
 - 3 x Royal Malaysian Air Force (3 x C-130H Hercules)
- Over 25 million litres of aviation fuel was used during the course of the visual search.
- Up to 19 ships were used to cover the search area.
 - 5 x Australian ships (1 x Replenishment Ship - HMAS *Success*, 1 x Frigate - HMAS *Toowoomba* including 1 x Seahawk Helicopter, 1 x Frigate - HMAS *Perth*, 1 x Australian Defence Vessel - *Ocean Shield*, 1 x Motor Vessel - Seahorse Standard)
 - 1 x USA ship (1 x Replenishment Ship - USNS *Cesar Chavez*)
 - 2 x UK ships (1 x Survey Ship - HMS *Echo* and 1 x Submarine - HMS *Tireless*)
 - 9 x Chinese ships (1 x Destroyer – *Haikou*, 2 x Amphibious Landing Dock - *Kunlunshan* & *Jinggangshan*, 1 x Coast Guard Vessel - *Haixun 01*, 2 x Ocean going Rescue Vessel - *Donghaijui 101* & *Nan Hai Jiu 101*, 1 x Ocean going Rescue Vessel - *Ben Hai Jiu III Wars 115*, 1 x Replenishment Ship - *Quindao Hu*, 1 x Ice Breaker - *MV Xue Long* including Chinese Helicopter 7102)
 - 2 x Malaysian ships (1 x Frigate - *Lekiu 30*, 1 x Replenishment Ship - *Bunga Mas Enam BM-6*)