

Asylum boat sinking

At least 27 people drowned after a boat packed with over 70 Iraqi and Iranian asylum seekers sank in heavy seas off a remote Australian territory in the Indian Ocean

Immigration detention centre: Built to house 400 people – currently holds over 2,930

Flying Fish Cove

Christmas Island



4km
2.5 miles

TIMOR SEA

■ Located 1,650km from Perth, 380km south of Java

■ Resident population 1,402 – 80% Chinese or Malay