

Air France crash recovery mission to begin

A French ship equipped with a remotely-operated submarine is to start retrieving the wreckage of the Air France jet that crashed into the Atlantic in 2009. The recovery of the flight recorders could reveal what caused the Airbus to go down, killing 228 people

Apr 3, 2011:
Wreckage found
some 10km
north of last
known location
of Flight 447



AFRICA

1 May 31, 2009,
22:04GMT: Flight 447
departs for Paris

2 Jun 1, 01:48GMT
Aircraft leaves
radar surveillance

3 02:14GMT
Automated messages
indicate electrical and
pressurization problems

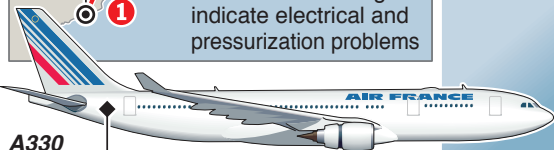
BRAZIL

**Rio de
Janeiro**

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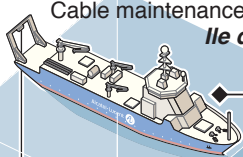
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A330

**ATLANTIC
OCEAN**

Cable maintenance vessel
Ile de Sein



**Remora 6000
ROV**

Length: 1.7m

Height: 1.2m

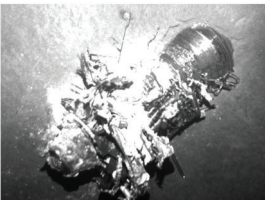
Weight: 900kg

Maximum
depth: 6,000m

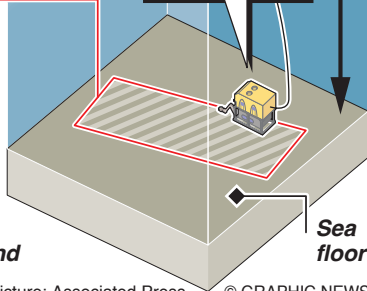
3,900m

Wreckage:

Located within
600m by 200m
area on sandy,
abyssal plain
at depth of
around 3,900
metres



**Tail section remains relatively intact,
raising hopes that flight recorders may
still be attached. Many bodies also found**



**Sea
floor**