

New search site for missing airliner

Australian authorities have announced they are to resume the search in the southern Indian Ocean for the missing Malaysian passenger jet MH370

Mar 8: Flight **MH370** vanishes en route from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing, with 239 passengers on board

Inmarsat satellite

Last military radar contact with MH370

Kuala Lumpur
MALAYSIA

Equator

INDIAN OCEAN

New priority search area:
60,000 sq km, expected to take 12 months to complete

Medium search area

Wider search area

Previous search focused on areas where "pings" detected

AUSTRALIA

Perth

Diamantina Trench (up to 7.3km deep)

Previous search areas

7th Arc: Final electronic "handshake" prompted by power interruption aboard plane as fuel ran out. As auxiliary power came on, jet tried to log back into satellite network. Absence of further "chatter" strongly indicates jet was in crash descent

Sources:
Australian Transport Safety Bureau, Inmarsat, Google Earth, wire agencies
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