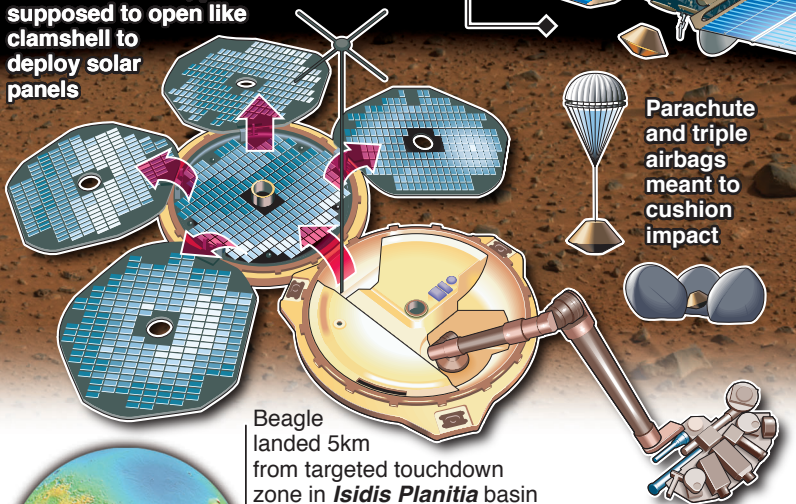


# Long-lost Beagle 2 probe found on Mars

The Mars lander Beagle 2, which vanished while attempting a Christmas Day landing on the Red Planet in 2003, has been found. Images taken from orbit show it landed successfully and looks to be in one piece

**BEAGLE 2: Lost contact after release from mothership, *Mars Express Orbiter*, on Dec 19, 2003**

After touchdown, probe was supposed to open like clamshell to deploy solar panels



Beagle landed 5km from targeted touchdown zone in *Isidis Planitia* basin

**MARS**

10m

33ft

Images from HiRIse camera on *NASA's Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter* show Beagle partially deployed two or three solar panels. Communication was lost when transmitter was obscured