

France expands Réunion search for MH370

France has launched air, land and sea searches in and around the island of Réunion in the hope of finding more debris linked to Flight MH370

Mar 8, 2014: MH370 vanishes with 239 people on board, en route from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing

Last military radar contact with **MH370**

Beijing
CHINA

Kuala Lumpur
MALAYSIA

Major wind-driven ocean currents

INDIAN OCEAN

Madagascar

Mauritius

Réunion Debris found

Search area:
119,140 sq km

AUSTRALIA
Perth

Flapron

FORENSIC EXAMINATION

Wing segment found on Réunion being examined by international aviation experts

■ Disassembling of flapron could reveal stencilled serial numbers to confirm it belonged to MH370

■ Chemical analysis of paint could confirm match with Malaysia Airlines specifications

■ Microscopic examination of fracture surfaces could determine how flapron detached from wing

■ Biological analysis of barnacle shells attached to flapron could indicate how long – and perhaps where – segment has been in water

