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## CASE STUDY – FV BANDAR NELAYAN

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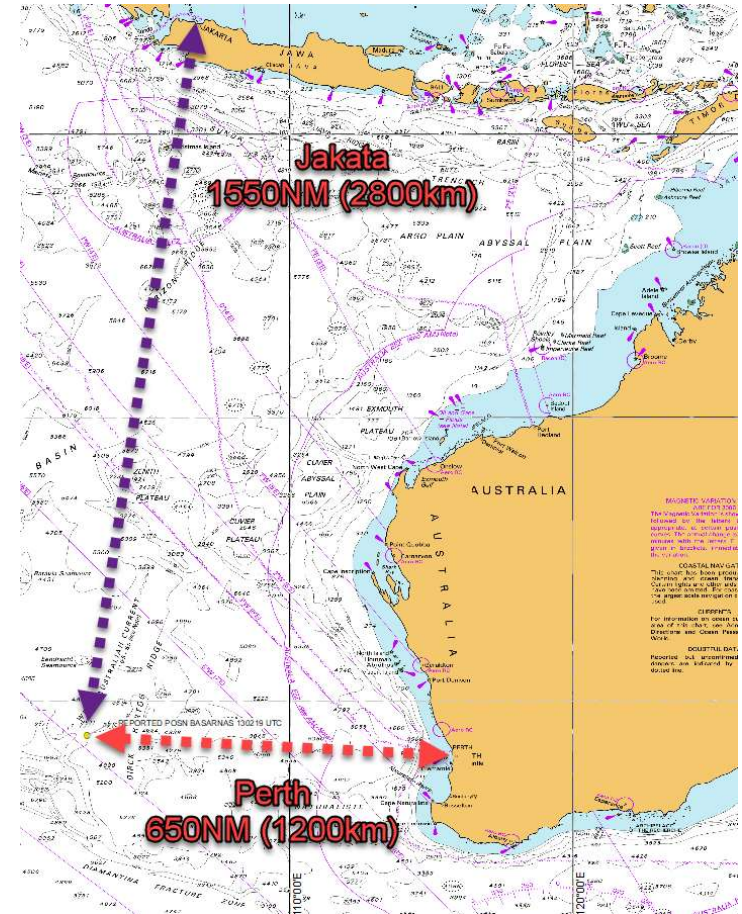


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## SITUATION

- Indonesian SAR Authority BASARNAS advised JRCC Australia the Indonesian FV BANDAR NELAYAN was taking on water and sinking
- 35m vessel had 20 people onboard (Initial report of 26)
- 650nm from Perth, Australia



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## Day 1 (Night search)

- Challenger Perth based aircraft located semi submerged vessel (1600 UTC +6 hours)
- Life rafts dropped



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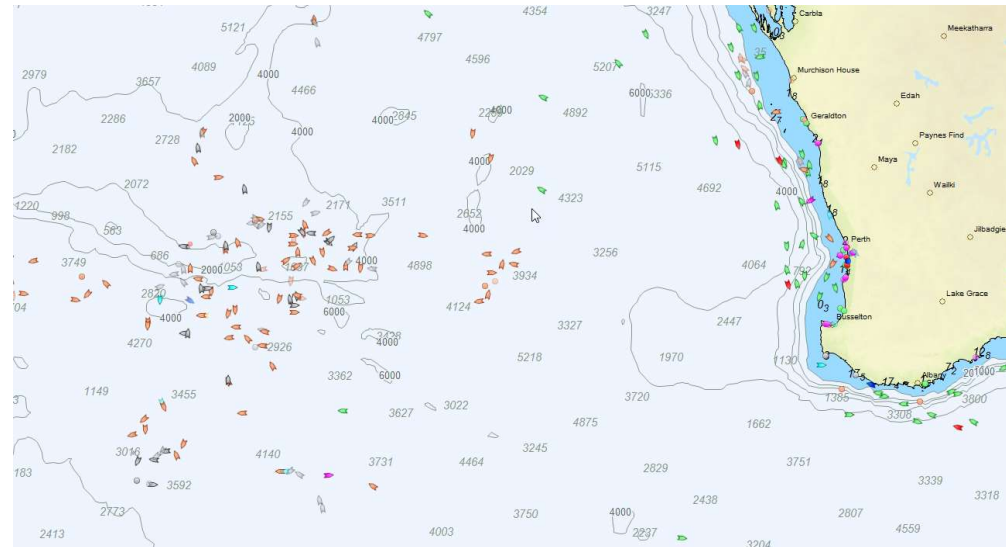


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## Day 2

- Fishing fleet information request to: MRCC China, MRCC Taipei, Japan Coast Guard
- Request for Australian military assistance
- Japanese fishing vessel FUKUSEKI MARU 15 diverted to assist (ETA 15 May, +37 hours)



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## Day 2 Continued

- Australian military aircraft locates the vessel in daylight (+18.5 hours)
- Survivors observed on bow and entering life rafts
- Australian military vessel diverted to assist (ETA 15 May +39 hours)
- 4 aircraft missions (military and civilian)





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## Day 3

- FV FUKUSEKI MARU 15 arrived in the area and recovered all 20 survivors, nil missing (+36 hours)
- Australian Navy warship rendezvous with Fukuseki Maru 15 and transferred survivors (+42 hours)
- All aerial assets released from tasking
- Australian Navy warship enroute Perth



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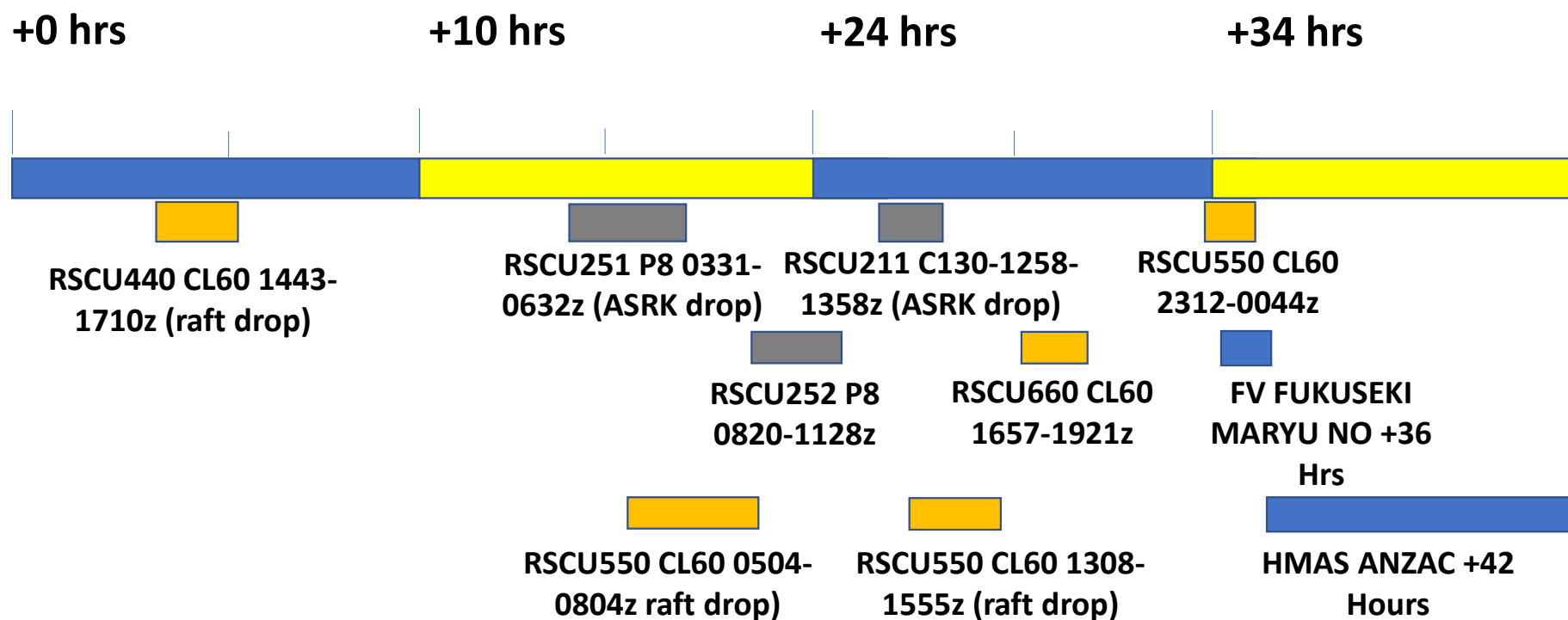


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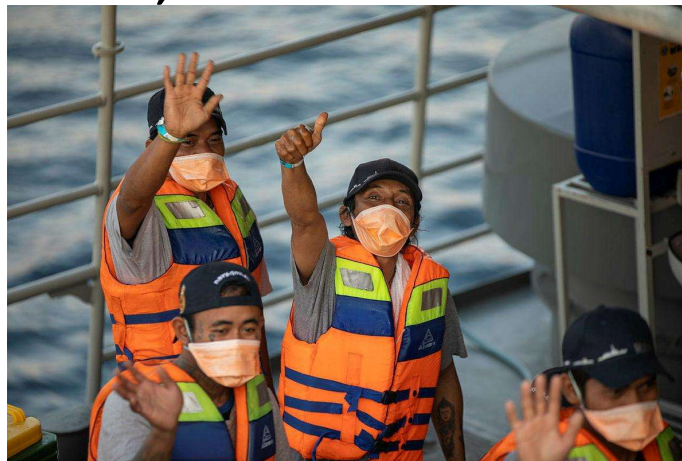
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## Incident conclusion

- Australian Navy warship returned to the Australian coastline and evacuated one injured survivor via helicopter to Perth hospital.
- Due to Covid-19 restrictions in Western Australia the remaining 19 survivors on board were unable to be landed, instead were transferred to Indonesian authorities in Bali





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## ANALYSIS

- **What went well**
  - Communication relay between Japanese fishing vessel / Japan Coast Guard and JRCC Australia
  - Solid relationship with Defence aiding in availability of assets
- **What could be done more effectively**
  - Confirmation of number of crew onboard
  - No EPIRB onboard leading to delayed response

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## QUESTIONS

