




JOINT OPERATION BETWEEN JRCCAUS(AMSA)AND MRCCHON(SIMSA) FOR AN OVERDUE BANANA BOAT FROM THREE SISTER ISLAND IN THE MAKIRA, ULAWA PROVINCE.

PRESENTED BY:
NAME: EARNEST LEGUMANA
POSITION: SENIOR MARINE OFFICER, SIMSA
(MRCCHON)

DAY ONE. 23/02/2017

- MRCCHON Received the report of the overdue banana boat with three person onboard from the S.I Police Com Unit on the 23/02/2017 at 1740hrs local time.
- Run SARMAP for the search plan
- Inform Kirakira Police so that they can search the suspected area and the surrounding Islands.
- Inform master of a domestic vessel which travel from Lata to Honiara to have a proper look out when returning back to Honiara from her port of call.
- Contact MV KCB II to standby for assist if needed arise and MRCCHON used it as its platform.



MRCCHON SARMAP

DAY TWO, 24/02/2017

- Inform local airline so that they can fly over and search for the overdue banana boat within the suspected area as they fly over to Lata.
- Local communities with Kirakira Police continue search until sunset but no sightings.
- Weather was very rough, winds of 15 to 20knots, with poor visibility
- Broadcast to all local ships transiting within that area to have a look proper lookout for the overdue banana boat



DAY THREE, 25/02/2017

- Search continues by the Kirakira Police using banana boats with the help of the local communities but no reported of any sightings.
- MRCCHON, also advice local airline to make a swift through the suspected area on their way to lata from Makira but no sighting because of poor visibility
- MRCCHON received reports of unsuccessful search for the overdue banana boat, for the two days therefore, discussed and made a request to RCCAUS requesting Net water Movement and broadcast through INMARSAT C SAFETYNET. Also made a request for an Ariel search for the overdue banana boat as it was beyond MRCCHON, Kirakira Police and Kirakira communities capabilities.

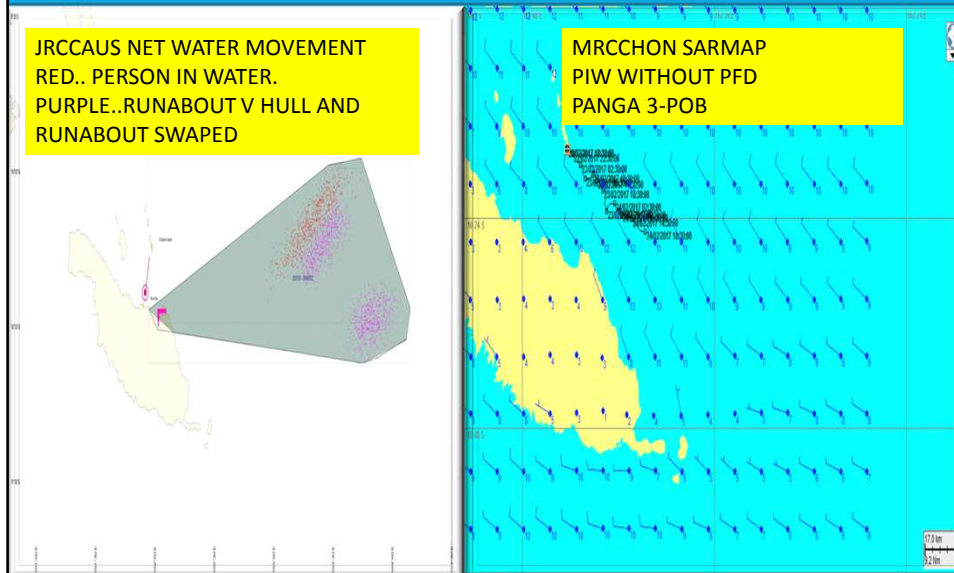
RCCAUS MISSION.

AMSA agreed to provide Rescue 660 search aircraft to assist in the search for the missing banana boat commencing on Monday the 27th Feb 2017.

EXECUTION

Rescue 660 will depart Cairns afternoon Sunday 26th Feb 2017 and relocate to Honiara to do Ariel visual search from first light Monday 27th Feb 2017.

JRCCAUS NET WATER MOVEMENT AND MRCCHON SARMAP



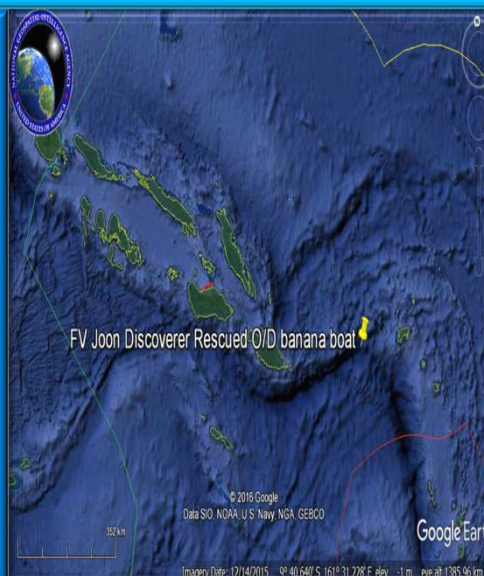
DAY 4, 26/02/2017

- AMSA Challenger Jet Rescue 660 arrived at Henderson International Airport at 1850hrs and should depart for the Search area at first light next day
- JRCCAUS take in charge of the Ariel search.



26/02/2017

- MRCCHON received an email from the Ministry of Fisheries and Marine resources (Honiara) confirming that the overdue banana boat has been found and rescued by a Fishing vessel Joon Discoverer-FSM/POA/24/062 at the position Lat 10°47.549'S Long 164°37.214'E
- Survivors agreed to stay onboard the Fishing vessel while it continue on its fishing trip
- MRCCHON informed JRCCAUS that the overdue banana boat has been found and rescued by a Fishing vessel.
- JRCCAUS advice the Search party to depart the search area, and later JRCCAUS search party return back to Australia.



Survivors stayed on board the fishing vessel while they continue with their fishing trip for 3 days before transferred to another fishing vessel to drop them off at Honiara Port on the date of 29/02/2017.

3 SURVIVORS AND MRCCHON OFFICERS

OVERDUE BANANA BOAT.
BLUE HULL WITH ORANGE CABIN



BECAUSE OF THE ARRANGEMENT MADE BETWEEN JRCCAUS AND MRCCHON, MRCCHON CAN DIRECTLY CONTACT JRCCAUS FOR ASSISTANCE IF THERE'S ANY MARITIME INCIDENT WHICH IS BEYOND MRCCHON'S CAPABILITY. JRCCAUS USUALLY SENT THEIR SEARCH AIRCRAFT AND DO ARIEL VISUAL SEARCH FOR MRCCHON.

THANK YOU JRCCAUS FOR YOUR COOPERATION AND CONTINOUS SUPPORT MRCCHON AND OUR COUNTRY(SOLOMON ISLANDS) AS A WHOLE WHICH WE REALLY BENEFIT AND ENJOYS.

THANK YOU ALL