



Ms Marg Hutton
Email: mahu@zarook.com

Dear Ms Hutton,

Your Freedom of Information Request dated 17 June 2013

I refer to your email of 17 June 2013 to the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) seeking access under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the FOI Act) to certain documents relating to two search and rescue incidents, namely AUSSAR 2013/3821 and AUSSAR 2011/8119 (the latter taking place on 17 December 2011).

Following discussions with AMSA's FOI Officer, the scope of your request was refined to cover the following:

- In relation to AUSSAR 2013/3821, a map detailing the position of the vessel and the area in which bodies were observed; and
- In relation to AUSSAR 2011/8119, information detailing the coordinates reported to AMSA throughout the incident.

This letter sets out my decision on your request for access. I am an authorised decision-maker under section 23 of the FOI Act.

Timeframe for processing your request

Your request was received by AMSA on 17 June 2013. The statutory period for processing your request is 30 days.

The timeframe for processing your request therefore expires on 17 July 2013.

Decision

I have identified 1 document relevant to your request. I have decided to release this document to you in full.

Attachment A is a schedule which describes the relevant document and my decision about the release of that document.

Note that the document, being a map detailing the position of the vessel and the area in which bodies were observed in AUSSAR 2013/3821, has been created by AMSA specifically for the purpose of responding to your FOI request. The map details a composite of reported positions of bodies recorded by AMSA throughout the SAR incident as contained within the incident file (referred to on the map itself as "Area of FOI request"). I note that generally an agency is not required to create a new document in order to respond to an FOI request;

however in this instance AMSA has elected to do so to reduce the potential size of the required response.

With regards to the second element of your request related to AUSSAR 2011/8119, I can confirm that AMSA has identified one set of coordinates from within its files related to that matter. The reported coordinates are 08 57 South 111 43 East. I trust this satisfies this element of your request.

Relevant material

In reaching my decision I referred to the following:

- the terms of your request
- the documents relevant to the request
- the FOI Act
- Guidelines published by the Office of the Information Commissioner under section 93A of the FOI Act
- advice from AMSA officers with responsibility for matters relating to the documents to which you sought access, and
- advice from the AMSA's in-house legal team.

Contacts

If you have any queries about this notice, please do not hesitate to contact Peter Edwards on telephone 02 6279 5689 or email peter.edwards@amsa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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General Manager
Emergency Response Division

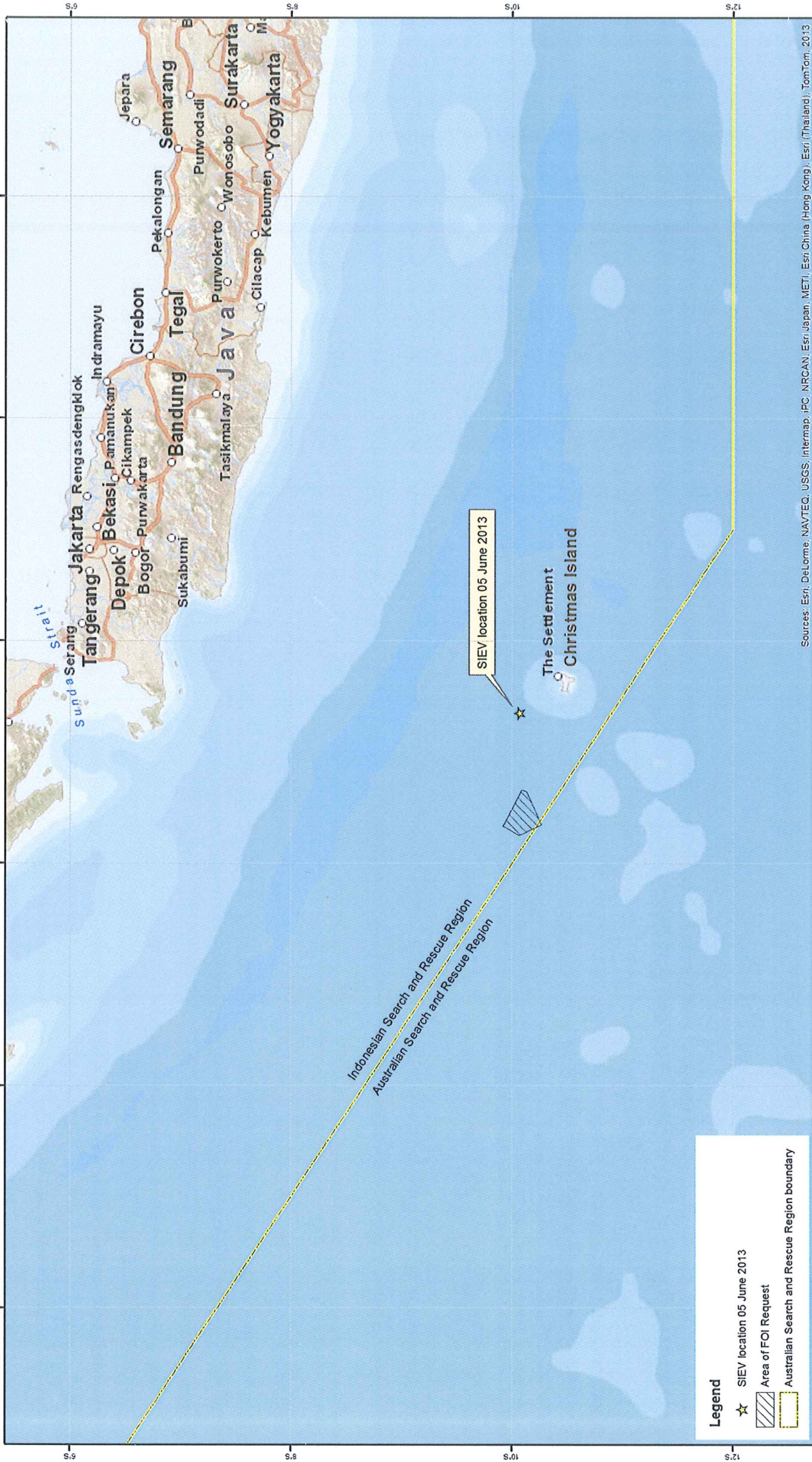
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ATTACHMENT A

SCHEDULE OF DOCUMENTS SUBJECT TO REQUEST UNDER THE *FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 1982*
“REQUEST FOR INFORMATION RELATING TO TWO SINKING INCIDENTS”

Document number	Date	Content	Released in full	Released in part	Exempt in full	Section of FOI Act claimed for deletions or exemptions within document
1	1/7/2013	AUSSAR 2013/3821: Map detailing coordinates of vessel and coordinates of bodies observed.				

INCIDENT 2013/3821 SIEV LOCATION 05 JUNE 2013 AND FOI REQUEST AREA



Author: R. Henderson
Date: 10/07/2013
AMSA Reference: USD40697
File Name: iud_40699_incident_2013_3821

Coordinate System
GCS WGS 1984
Datum: WGS 1984
Units: Degree
Base Map: Esri World Street Map
Map not to be used for navigation purposes.