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SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATION IN INDONESIA

The Australian Maritime Safety Authority has completed its assistance the search and rescue operation west of Java following medical advice that there is no realistic prospect of survivability.

Yesterday, four merchant vessels and HMAS *Maitland* recovered 55 survivors.

All survivors, including three with injuries, have been taken to Merak, Indonesia where they are receiving medical attention.

One body was recovered during the operation.

The Australian Maritime Safety Authority thanks the vessels involved in the search who helped to save 55 lives which otherwise would have been lost.

HMAS *Maitland* (34 survivors)

APL *Bahrain* (15 survivors)

AS *Carelia* (four survivors)

Gwendolen (one survivor)

Da Qing Xia (one survivor)

MV *Chemroute*

MV *Forever South West*

Voyage Explorer

Frontier Coronet

World Swan

Pelafique Tide

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