

Suitcase found near possible MH370 plane debris, says report
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A damaged suitcase has been found ashore on the same island where debris of an aircraft that could be from missing MH370 was located yesterday, Sky News Australia reported.

Reports had said that a two-metre long piece of plane wreckage, which appeared to be part of a wing, was found by people cleaning up a beach at the French Indian Ocean island of Le Reunion.

French website Linfo.re reported that a gardener found the bag close to where the debris was seen, Sky News said.

However, there is no further information linking the bag to the missing Malaysia Airlines jetliner that was went missing on March 8 last year with 239 onboard.

Australian Transport Minister Warren Truss reportedly said that authorities were treating the aircraft wreckage as a major lead in the search for MH370.

The discovery fuelled hopes in Malaysia and across the globe that one of aviation history's greatest mysteries could move closer to being solved, but authorities and Malaysia Airlines had warned against jumping to conclusions.

French, Malaysian, and Australian authorities have all begun looking into the object's origin, with Malaysia saying it was sending a team of experts to the island today.

The plane vanished at night over the South China Sea after mysteriously diverting from its north-bound route from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing with 239 people on board.

Authorities involved in an Australian-led search believe it diverted for some unknown reason to the southern Indian Ocean, where it went down.

But no physical evidence has ever been found and Malaysian authorities in January declared that all on board were presumed dead. – July 30, 2015.

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