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AERIAL SEARCH CONTINUES IN QLD FOR FATHER AND SON

The search for a 36 year old man and a 10 year old boy in a five metre fishing dinghy, who failed to return to their mother ship on Thursday, will continue tomorrow.

The father and son were checking shark nets about 250 kms south-west of Weipa in the Gulf of Carpentaria and about three nautical miles (5.5 kms) off the coast when they went missing. They were expected to return to the mother ship by about noon on Thursday.

Queensland Police requested AusSAR coordinate an aerial search and six fixed wing aircraft and a helicopter searched yesterday.

The search was scaled up today with 14 fixed wing and 1 helicopter and several fishing vessels covering 1300 sq nautical miles in an area north-west of the Kowanyama Aboriginal Community.

A further area of about 700 sq nautical miles will be searched at first light tomorrow (Sunday 8 June) with eight aircraft and several fishing vessels.

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