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## **AERIAL SEARCH FOR FATHER, SON, GULF OF CARPENTARIA**

Australian Search and Rescue is coordinating an aerial search for a 36 year old man and a 10 year old boy who failed to return to their mother ship after checking shark nets in a five metre aluminium dinghy yesterday.

The father and son were checking the nets at a location 250 kms south-south-west of Weipa in the Gulf of Carpentaria. The nets were about three nautical miles (5.5 kms) off the coast.

They departed their mother ship at 6am yesterday and were reported overdue to the Queensland Police at 6.20pm yesterday. They were expected to return to the mother ship by about noon.

The police asked AusSAR to coordinate an aerial search and six fixed wing aircraft and a helicopter have been searching an 1100 square nautical mile region since this morning.

Further information:

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