

5 scuba divers vanish in Indonesia

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JAKARTA -- The search continued Friday for five European scuba divers who disappeared in the waters of Komodo National Park in Indonesia. The group included three Britons, all living in Indonesia and involved in diving, and women from France and Sweden, The Telegraph reported. One of the missing divers, Kathleen Mitchison, runs a turtle sanctuary and diving school with her husband, Ernest Lewandowski. Lewandowski, who was leading another dive party nearby when his wife vanished Thursday, said that the darkness of the new moon had hampered the search. "Time is critical," he told The Telegraph. "It's absolutely blistering hot out there. There were three boats out today searching. I was on a speedboat going around all the beaches and everything to see if they had washed up." He said that Indonesian police and military vessels were participating in the search. The area where the divers vanished is known for strong and erratic currents.

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