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## Antarctic research ship halted

The RSV *Aurora Australis* had a fire in its engine room last night during a winter research voyage.

There have been no injuries among the ship's 54 expeditioners and 25 crew. The fire has been extinguished and the extent of the damage is presently being assessed. The vessel is in no immediate danger.

The vessel is in sea ice about 1300 nautical miles (2500 km) south of Hobart and 100 nautical miles (185 km) from the Antarctic coast. Weather conditions are good.

The RSV *Aurora Australis* is owned by P&O Australia and chartered to the Antarctic Division.

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**Note:** Media Representatives are requested not to attempt to contact the ship.

