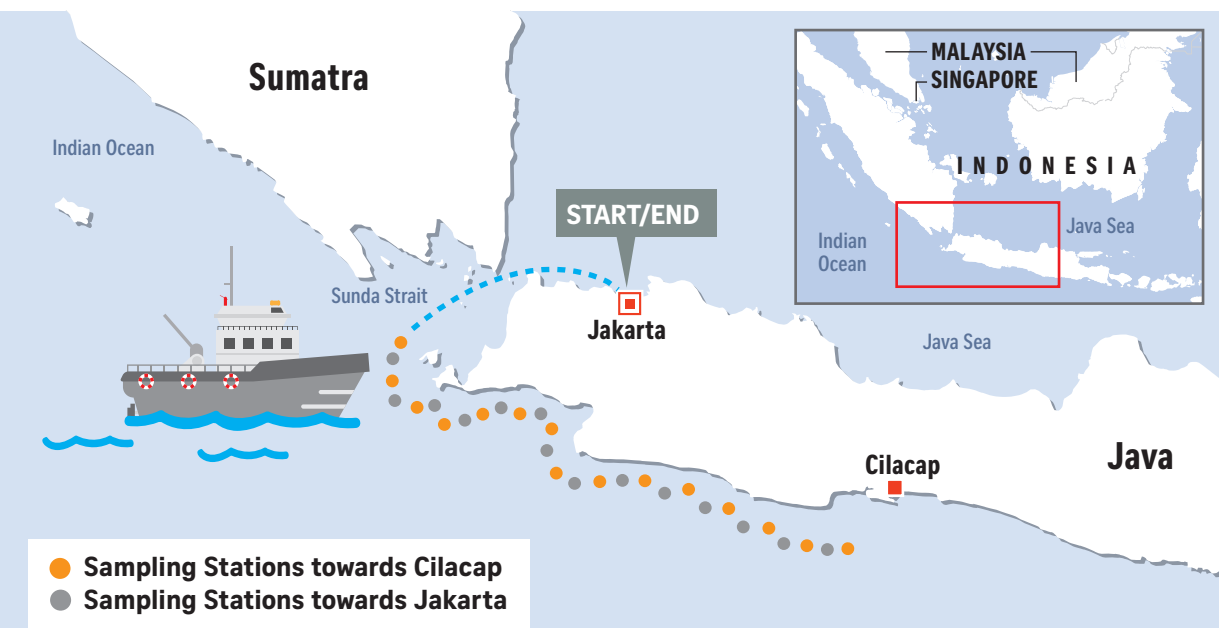


Into the deep

A Singapore-Indonesia expedition team has set off for the southern coast of West Java, to find out what lies 500m to 2,000m beneath the water surface. They will sail from the Sunda Strait to the waters off sea port Cilacap, and back, and will use dredges and other apparatus to trawl for marine creatures at 29 sites.



The multi-national team of researchers, scientists and support staff will be led by Professor Peter Ng from Singapore and Dr Dwi Listyo Rahayu from Indonesia

Their focus will be on crabs, prawns, shells, sponges, jellyfish, worms, starfish, urchins and fishes, with the hope of discovering new species.



Depths between

500m and 2,000m

hold the richest diversity of species

Cost of expedition

>\$400,000

Duration

14days

Team strength

30

Baruna Jaya VIII

Indonesian research vessel

Length Cruising speed

53m 10knots

