

The research vessel *Atalante* changed course yesterday in the afternoon to provide assistance in the search for the submarine *Titan* lost off Newfoundland.



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Ifremer, as operator of the French oceanographic fleet, has been contacted this Monday in mid-afternoon by the U.S. Navy and the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, in order to mobilize means at sea and provide support in the ongoing research to find the submarine *Titan*.

The research vessel *Atalante*, then in mission for the Shom, was within 48 hours of navigation from the Titanic wreck location. On her board is the autonomous robot *Victor 6000*, which can dive to the wreck depth. In consultation with the French Navy and Shom, the direction of the French oceanographic fleet thus immediately requested her

Captain to change course and head for the search area, which they would reach this Wednesday June 21th around 8 pm (local time), and join the search and rescue forces coordinated by the U.S. Coast Guard.

As soon as the personnel could be mobilized in emergency and the necessary equipment gathered, a team from Genavir, Ifremer's subsidiary in charge of operations at sea, left Toulon (France) at midday today. They will be joining *Atalante* on Wednesday evening or Thursday morning in order to operate *Victor 6000*, to rescue the crew of the submarine in distress.

The staff from Ifremer and Genavir is doing their best, in the respect of the maritime law, to help find the submarine.

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