

# Sidescan Sonar Finds 170-year-old Wreck

One of the two ships of the Arctic expedition of Sir John Franklin has been found and imaged using technology including Klein sidescan sonar. The Prime Minister of Canada, Stephen Harper, said in a statement that Franklin's ships are an important part of Canadian history given that his expedition, which took place nearly 170 years ago, laid the foundations of Canada's Arctic sovereignty.

Queen Elizabeth wrote that she was “greatly interested to learn of the discovery of one of the long-lost ships of Captain Sir John Franklin. Prince Philip joins me in sending congratulations and good wishes to all those who played a part in this historic achievement.”

This find ranks as one of the most important shipwrecks ever found with the help of sidescan sonar, which also include RMS *Titanic*, USS *Monitor*, *Hamilton & Scourge*, *H.L. Hunley*, HMS *Mary Rose*, the African Boy shipwreck, and the Lake George *Radeau*. The sidescan sonar used reportedly was a [L-3 Klein System 3000](#).

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