

SHIPWRECK & SURVIVAL

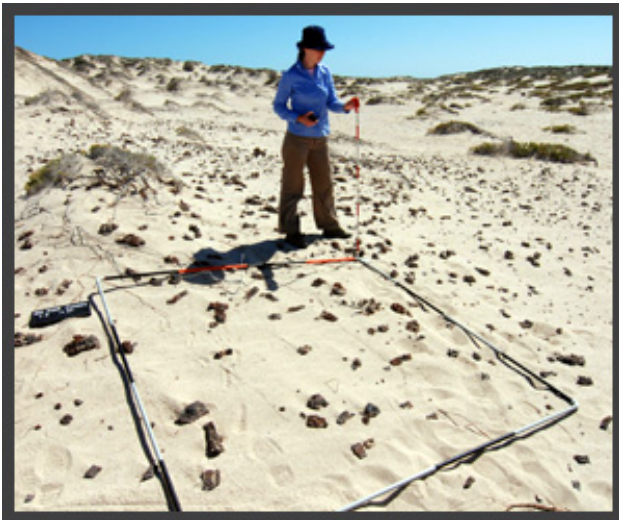
Perseverant Survival Camp

In 1841 the French whaler Persévérant was wrecked on the North East coast of Dirk Hartog Island.

The crew established a camp on the shore of the island.

After ten weeks on the island, during which time five men died of scurvy, remaining officers and crew made a desperate journey for survival by setting off to Java in four boats, with one boat surviving.

In 2003 and 2006 the Western Australian Museum (Department of Maritime Archaeology) undertook survey and excavation to determine whether they had found the Perseverant survivors' camp.



Target audience:

Secondary school: Years 7-10

Study area: Maritime archaeology/ history

Duration: 3 hours

Numbers: Maximum of 60 students

Skills developed:

- Ability to study and format a research proposal on an historical narrative
- Apply archaeological and survey techniques to help answer questions about the historical past
- Archaeological survey & excavation skills
- How to attribute historical sites using archaeological skills and historical evidence

Workshop outcomes:

- Understanding and appreciation of Western Australia's maritime heritage
- Ability to analyse and dissect the past using historical and archaeological skills

Cost: \$500

Teacher's note:

Please note that the provision of two teachers is necessary for the effective delivery of this workshop.