

# Maps



*This map shows the wartime Indian Ocean routes flown by Qantas Catalinas. The sector Perth-Ceylon was 3,513 miles and was the longest non-stop airline route in the world. The Cocos Islands lay midway along the route and were overflown in darkness because patrolling Japanese aircraft were often active there.*

*The Perth-Ceylon Catalina service began in June 1943 and continued for over two years until July 1945. From November 1943 the service included an additional Ceylon-Karachi sector.*