SS Tuncurry
LOST 1916
DISCOVERED 93 YEARS LATER

SS Tuncurry was a wooden screw steamer built in 1903 at Cape Hawke by John Wright. Tuncurry was en route from Sydney to Brisbane when it sprung a leak off the north end of Whitsunday Passage on 22 October 1916. Lost approx. 250 nautical miles SSW of Fraser Island, the vessel rests on a sand plateau in 106m of water. It went down carrying a full cargo of explosives, cement, whisky, and jam.

The wreck site was found by recreational divers in early 2000. The Heritage Ecotech now manages this important historic shipwreck as part of the NSW Maritime Archaeology Program, and has been working with the divers, NSW Water Police and the Australian Centre for Field Robotics at the University of Sydney to map the wreck. Tuncurry is protected by the Commonwealth Historic Shipwrecks Act 1984.

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