

Japanese tourist missing in Mexico

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Authorities were searching Tuesday for a Japanese tourist who went missing Sunday when she was scuba diving off the Mexican resort island of Cozumel.

Cozumel naval officials said the woman went missing off the island's south coast, but did not immediately disclose her name. Local radio Turquesa reported however the woman was Yumiko Imai, 40.

A Civil Protection official said the search by sea and air had been on since the woman was reported missing Sunday.

"So far we have no idea where this tourist could be, we do not know if she is alive," one official said privately.

Cozumel is part of Mexico's Riviera Maya, a resort area which draws many of the country's international visitors.

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