

**Activities of Japanese P-3C Patrol Aircraft
Dispatched for Anti-Piracy Operations
(September 2009)
Provisional Translation**

1. Record of Mission (1 September - 30 September)

- Number of flights: 21 flights
(Accumulated total since June 2009: 72 flights)
- Flight hours: approximately 180 hours
(Accumulated total since June 2009: approximately 570)
- Number of visually confirmed commercial ships: approximately 1400 ships
(Accumulated total since June 2009: approximately 4800 ships)
- Number of times information was provided to Japanese destroyers, foreign warships, and/or commercial ships: approximately 140 times
(Accumulated total since June 2009: approximately 400 times)

2. Instances of when Japanese P-3Cs provided information to other nations' warships and/or commercial ships

(1) On 20 September, a Japanese P-3C aircraft was engaged in patrol operations when it received information from a commercial ship regarding the presence of a suspicious boat. The P-3C rushed to the site and visually confirmed the presence of a boat with contents including 8 passengers and an item which seemed to be a ladder (photograph 1). This information was provided to foreign warships and commercial ships sailing nearby. Thereafter, a German ship-based helicopter fired warning shots and stopped the boat in question. Then Australian speed RIBs conducted on-board inspections (photograph 2). After weapons and ammunition, such as rocket launchers and AK-47s, were confiscated, the said boat was released.

(2) In addition to the above case, the following incidents occurred in September.

- On 4 September, a Japanese P-3C was engaged in patrol operations when it received a report from a commercial ship regarding the presence of a suspicious

boat. The P-3C went to verify the reporting, but did not find any suspect boats, and reported as such to the commercial ship that originated the report.

- On 13 September, a Japanese P-3C was engaged in patrol operations when it detected a suspicious boat towing a small-sized boat. The P-3C passed this information on to foreign warships, at which time a Turkish warship went to investigate, but did not find anything particularly suspect.
- On 19 September, a Japanese P-3C received information from relevant organizations and countries regarding a South Korean warship chasing a suspect boat which had attacked a merchant ship and was attempting to escape. The P-3C flew to the site of the event and visually confirmed a suspect boat towing a small-sized boat (photograph 3). At that time, the South Korean warship conducted an on-board investigation of the boat in question, confiscated rocket launchers and ammunition, and released the boat.
- On 20 September, a Japanese P-3C was engaged in patrol operations when it received a report from a commercial ship regarding the presence of a suspicious boat. The P-3C went to verify the reporting, but did not find any suspect boats, and reported as such to the commercial ship that originated the report.
- On 23 September, a Japanese P-3C was engaged in patrol operations when it detected a suspicious boat towing two small-sized boats. This information was passed on to foreign warships, at which time a British ship-based helicopter went to verify the reporting, but did not find anything particularly suspect.
- On 26 September, a Japanese P-3C was engaged in patrol operations when it received a report from a commercial ship regarding the presence of a suspicious boat. The P-3C went to verify the reporting, but did not find any suspect boats, and reported as such to an Italian warship which was in contact with the commercial ship that originated the report.
- On 27 September, a Japanese P-3C was engaged in patrol operations when it received a report from a commercial ship regarding the presence of a suspicious boat. The P-3C went to verify the reporting, but other than 2 small boats, did not find anything particularly suspect. The P-3C reported as such to the commercial

ship that originated the report, and received a message of appreciation stating, "Thank you for your cooperation."

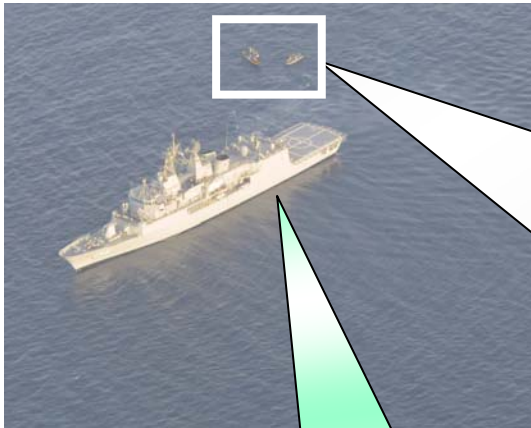


(Photograph 1)

Ladder-like item

8 passengers

(Photograph 2)



Australian warship

Australian speed RIB



Suspected boat



(Photograph 3)