

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

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

- Number of flights: 20 flights
(Accumulated total since June 2009: 106 flights)
- Flight hours: approximately 150 hours
(Accumulated total since June 2009: approximately 830 hours)
- Number of visually confirmed commercial ships: approximately 1400 ships
(Accumulated total since June 2009: approximately 7300 ships)
- Number of times information was provided to Japanese destroyers, foreign warships, and/or commercial ships: approximately 160 times
(Accumulated total since June 2009: approximately 640 times)

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

(1) On 7 November, 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, and confirmed the presence of a small boat with an item which appeared to be a ladder. Later on, the P-3C visually confirmed that the ladder had been disposed of. A Dutch warship took over surveillance activities via a ship-based helicopter and the Japanese P-3C completed its surveillance activities..

(2) In addition to the above case, the following incident occurred in November.

- On 9 November, 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 anything particularly suspect, and reported as such to the commercial ship that originated the report.