Record of Escort Operations Performed by
Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force Units Dispatched for Anti-Piracy Activities
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(Provisional Translation)

1. Number of Escort Operations: 9 times (The 103rd – the 111th escort operation)
   (The 62nd – the 70th escort operation under Japan’s Anti-Piracy Measures Law)

2. Number of Escorted Vessels: 90 vessels
   (Accumulated total of 552 escorted vessels since the start of operations under Japan’s Anti-Piracy Measures Law)

Breakdown:

Japanese-registered ships – 0 (Accumulated total of 4 escorted vessels under Japan’s Anti-Piracy Measures Law)

Foreign ships operated by
Japanese shipping companies – 19 (Accumulated total of 159 escorted vessels under Japan’s Anti-Piracy Measures Law)
   (No Japanese citizen was on board.)

Foreign ships other than above – 71 (Accumulated total of 389 escorted vessels under Japan’s Anti-Piracy Measures Law)

* The above record does not include the 1st – 41st escort operation performed as Maritime Security Activities, which were performed before the establishment of the Anti-Piracy Measures Law.

** If the Anti-Piracy Measures Law had not come into force, Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force destroyers would not have been able to legally escort 70 of the 90 escorted vessels (the 70 foreign ships not operated by Japanese shipping companies).
3. Instances of when Japanese destroyers provided information to other nations’ warships and/or commercial ships

- On 19 February, a Japanese helicopter which was based on JS Takanami was engaged in patrol operations when it detected a suspicious boat (photograph), heading north, that was located more than ten nautical miles north of the 109th escorted convoy. The helicopter visually confirmed that the boat was carrying seven passengers, numerous plastic containers, and a ladder-like item, and the information was provided to relevant organizations and countries. A foreign ship-based helicopter took over surveillance activities and the Japanese helicopter returned to JS Takanami.