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: 10 times (The 132nd – the 141st escort operation)
   (The 91st – the 100th escort operation under Japan’s Anti-Piracy Measures Law)

2. Number of Escorted Vessels: 101 vessels
   (Accumulated total of 814 escorted vessels since the start of operations under Japan’s Anti-Piracy Measures Law)

Breakdown:

Japanese-registered ships – 0 (Accumulated total of 8 escorted vessels under Japan’s Anti-Piracy Measures Law)

Foreign ships operated by Japanese shipping companies – 22 (Accumulated total of 221 escorted vessels under Japan’s Anti-Piracy Measures Law)
   (Out of the 22 foreign ships, a Japanese citizen was on board 1 ship.)

Foreign ships other than above – 79 (Accumulated total of 585 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 79 of the 101 escorted vessels (the 79 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 4 May, at 5:46 pm (Japan Standard Time), a Japanese helicopter based on JS Onami was engaged in patrol operations for the 133rd escorted convoy when it detected a suspicious boat (photograph) that was located approximately ten nautical miles north of the convoy (12 commercial ships) and carrying a ladder-like item. JS Onami warned the boat of its presence via VHF radio and Long Range Acoustic Device to prevent any acts of piracy, and shined a searchlight on it. The helicopter continued monitoring the boat and provided this information to relevant countries and organizations. Afterwards, a Greek warship that had received the information dispatched her ship-based helicopter. This incident was officially announced on 4 May.

*Later on, the Greek warship fired warning shots and stopped the boat from trying to flee. While the boat tried to escape, the crew of the boat was seen to dispose of some items. After the Greek warship conducted an on-board inspection, the boat was released.*