Activities of Japanese P-3C Patrol Aircraft
Dispatched for Anti-Piracy Operations
(August 2010)
(Provisional Translation)

1. Record of Mission (1 August – 31 August)

- Number of flights: 20 flights
  (Accumulated total since June 2009: 296 flights)
- Flight hours: approximately 146 hours
  (Accumulated total since June 2009: approximately 2,260 hours)
- Number of visually confirmed commercial ships: approximately 1,600 ships
  (Accumulated total since June 2009: approximately 20,600 ships)
- Number of times information was provided to Japanese destroyers, foreign warships, and/or commercial ships: approximately 210 times
  (Accumulated total since June 2009: approximately 2,510 times)

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

- On 10 August, a Japanese P-3C detected a suspicious boat with contents including many plastic containers. This information was provided to nearby foreign warship, and Danish ship-based helicopter and Danish warship that received information rushed to the suspected boat and conducted an on-board inspection. Later on, they released suspected boat because there wasn’t enough evidence of piracy although the boat was strongly suspicious. 【Photograph 1】

- On 19 August, a Japanese P-3C detected a suspicious Dhow ship with contents including many drums and a suspicious small boat with contents including 8 passengers, ladder and two out-board engines. This information was provided to nearby foreign warships, French ship-based helicopter rushed to the suspected ships and stopped them by firing warning shot. Later on, the French warship conducted an on-board inspection, and released them because there wasn’t enough evidence of piracy although the boat was strongly suspicious. 【Photograph 2】

- On 29 August, a Japanese P-3C detected a suspicious small boat with contents
including 7 passengers, ladder, many plastic containers and two out-board engines. This information was provided to nearby foreign warships and merchant vessels. Later on a Danish ship-based helicopter confirmed the suspected small boat and the U.S warship conducted an on-board inspection. 【Photograph 3】

【Photograph 1】

【Photograph 2】
【Photograph 3】

- Long ladder
- Many plastic containers
- 7 passengers