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

1. Record of Mission (1 January – 31 January)
   - Number of flights: 19 flights
     (Accumulated total since June 2009: 400 flights)
   - Flight hours: approximately 150 hours
     (Accumulated total since June 2009: approximately 3,080 hours)
   - Number of visually confirmed commercial ships: approximately 1,500 ships
     (Accumulated total since June 2009: approximately 29,200 ships)
   - Number of times information was provided to Japanese destroyers, foreign warships, and/or commercial ships: approximately 170 times
     (Accumulated total since June 2009: approximately 3,610 times)

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

   - On 2 January, a Japanese P-3C which was engaged in patrol operations detected a suspicious boat with contents including 7 passengers, a ladder, several fuel tanks and two out-board engines. The P-3C reported this information to a U.S. warship sailing nearby, and the U.S. warship dispatched her ship-based helicopter and took over surveillance. Later on, the U.S. warship conducted an on-board inspection and found AK-47s’ magazine filled with live bullets and knives. (photograph 1)

   - On 12 January, requested by CMF (Combined Maritime Force), a Japanese P-3C which was engaged in patrol operations went to verify the commercial ship which came to be out of contact after claiming that it was attacked by pirates. The P-3C visually confirmed that a ladder-like item was leaned and provided this information to a Turkish warship sailing nearby. The Turkish warship dispatched her ship-based helicopter and took over surveillance activities. (photograph 2)
Photograph 1

Photograph 2