Activities of Japanese P-3C Patrol Aircraft
Dispatched for Anti-Piracy Operations
(April 2011)
(Provisional Translation)

1. Record of Mission (1 April – 30 April)

- Number of flights: 18 flights
  (Accumulated total since June 2009: 454 flights)
- Flight hours: approximately 150 hours
  (Accumulated total since June 2009: approximately 3,510 hours)
- Number of visually confirmed commercial ships: approximately 1,490 ships
  (Accumulated total since June 2009: approximately 33,600 ships)
- Number of times information was provided to Japanese destroyers, foreign warships, and/or commercial ships: approximately 190 times
  (Accumulated total since June 2009: approximately 4,130 times)

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

- On April 12th, based on the information that a commercial ship sailing nearby was attacked by a suspicious boat, a German P-3C begun to keep the boat under surveillance. However the German P-3C had a engine trouble and a Japanese P-3C which was engaged in patrol operations took over surveillance activities. Later on, a Japanese helicopter based on JS SAZANAMI sailing nearby rushed to the boat and confirmed that the boat was carrying 7 passengers, a ladder and numerous fuel containers and the ladder was thrown away. Later on, the boat stepped away from the commercial ship. A Turkish warship took over surveillance activities.