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

1. Record of Mission (1 July – 31 July)
   - Number of flights: 18 flights
     (Accumulated total since June 2009: 506 flights)
   - Flight hours: approximately 140 hours
     (Accumulated total since June 2009: approximately 3,920 hours)
   - Number of visually confirmed commercial ships: approximately 1,420 ships
     (Accumulated total since June 2009: approximately 37,800 ships)
   - Number of times information was provided to Japanese destroyers, foreign warships, and/or commercial ships: approximately 160 times
     (Accumulated total since June 2009: approximately 4,610 times)

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

   - On 22 July, based on the information that a commercial ship sailing in the Gulf of Aden was being attacked by pirates, a Japanese helicopter based on JS SAMIDARE was dispatched and confirmed the safety of the commercial ship. The helicopter couldn’t find any suspicious boats and asked a Japanese P-3C which was engaged in patrol operations to take over the surveillance activities. Later, the P-3C found a suspicious skiff carrying five passengers, a ladder, numerous plastic containers and an outboard engine and provided the information with the U.S. warship sailing nearby. The U.S. warship took over activities and the P-3C returned to patrol operations.