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

1. Record of Mission (1 December – 31 December)
   - Number of flights: 18 flights
     (Accumulated total since June 2009: 599 flights)
   - Flight hours: approximately 140 hours
     (Accumulated total since June 2009: approximately 4,640 hours)
   - Number of visually confirmed commercial ships: approximately 1,540 ships
     (Accumulated total since June 2009: approximately 45,770 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 5,460 times)

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

   - On 5 December, a Japanese P-3C which was engaged in patrol operations detected a suspicious skiff with a long ladder, several tanks and two out-board engines. The P-3C reported this to a U.S. warship and commercial ships sailing nearby. The U.S. warship dispatched its on-board boats and took over surveillance activities. The P-3C returned to patrol operations.