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

1. Record of Mission (1 April – 30 April)
   - Number of flights: 18 flights
     (Accumulated total since June 2009: 671 flights)
   - Flight hours: approximately 140 hours
     (Accumulated total since June 2009: approximately 5,190 hours)
   - Number of visually confirmed commercial ships: approximately 1,520 ships
     (Accumulated total since June 2009: approximately 51,500 ships)
   - Number of times information was provided to Japanese destroyers, foreign warships, and/or
     commercial ships: approximately 140 times
     (Accumulated total since June 2009: approximately 6,020 times)

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

   - On 21 April, a Japanese P-3C which was engaged in patrol operations detected a suspicious
     skiff with 6 crews, 2 ladders, several tanks, two out-board engines and no fishing implement.
     The P-3C reported this to CMF Headquarters and commercial ships sailing nearby.
     Following by CMF Headquarters’ requirement, a South Korean warship dispatched its
     on-board helicopter and the P-3C returned to patrol operations.
On 28 April, a Japanese P-3C which was engaged in patrol operations detected a suspicious skiff with 8 crews, a long ladder, several tanks, two out-board engines and no fishing implement. The P-3C reported this to CMF Headquarters and commercial ships sailing nearby. The P-3C kept an eye on the suspicious skiff and confirmed that the crews aborded a dhow. Being informed that a South Korean warship would take actions toward the skiff and the dhow following by CMF Headquarters’ requirement, the P-3C returned to patrol operations