

# JOINT STAFF PRESS RELEASE



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Escort operations performed by MSDF units (Deployed Maritime Units) off the coast of Somalia and in the Gulf of Aden

Record of Mission (As of March, 2015)

## 1. Direct Escort

- (1) Number of direct escort operations: 6 times (635th – 640th)  
(The 594th – 599th escort operation under Japan's Anti-Piracy Measures Law)
- (2) Number of escorted vessels: 13 vessels  
(AT of 3,535 escorted vessels since the start of operations under Japan's Anti-Piracy Measures Law)

[Breakdown]

- Japanese-registered ships: 0 (AT: 16)
  - Foreign ships operated by Japanese shipping companies: 0 (AT: 643)
  - Foreign ships other than above: 13 (AT: 2,876)
- \*The above record does not include the 1st – 41st escort operation performed as Maritime Security Activities.

- (3) For more details of each mission, see the attached file.

## 2. Zone Defense

- (1) Number of days: 27 (AT: 358 days)
- (2) Number of commercial vessels confirmed: Approx. 760 (AT: 10,250 vessels)