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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 April, 2015)

1. Direct Escort

(1) Number of direct escort operations: 7 times (641th – 647th)

(The 600th – 606th escort operation under Japan's Anti-Piracy Measures Law)

(2) Number of escorted vessels: 15 vessels

(AT of 3,550 escorted vessels since the start of operations under Japan's Anti-Piracy Measures Law)

[Breakdown]

– Japanese-registered ships: 1 (AT: 17)

– Foreign ships operated by Japanese shipping companies: 2 (AT: 645)

– Foreign ships other than above: 12 (AT: 2,888)

*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: 25 (AT: 383 days)

(2) Number of commercial vessels confirmed: Approx. 530 (AT: 10,780 vessels)

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(JS "HARUSAME" and JS "AMAGIRI"/JS "MURASAME" and JS "IKAZUCHI")

Mission No. (Mission No. under Japan's Anti-Piracy Measures Law)	641 (600)	642 (601)	643 (602)	644 (603)	645 (604)	646 (605)	647 (606)				(Total)
Date and time (JST)											/
	start	Mar. 29, PM	Apr. 4, PM	Apr. 6, PM	Apr. 9, PM	Apr. 21, PM	Apr. 24, PM	Apr. 26, PM			
	end	Apr. 1, AM	Apr. 6, AM	Apr.8, PM	Apr. 11, PM	Apr. 23, AM	Apr. 26, PM	Apr. 28, PM			
Total Number	5	2	3	1	1	2	1				15
Japanese-registered ships					1						1
Tanker											
Container											
LPG Tanker											
LNG Tanker											
General cargo ship											
Exclusive cargo ship											
Pure car carrier											
Passenger ship					(1)						(1)
Foreign ships operated by Japanese shipping companies		1		1							2
Tanker		(1)									(1)
Container											
LPG Tanker											
LNG Tanker											
General cargo ship											
Exclusive cargo ship				(1)							(1)
Pure car carrier											
Passenger ship											
Foreign ships other than above	5	1	3			2	1				12
Tanker	(1)	(1)	(1)			(1)					(4)
Container											
LPG Tanker	(1)										(1)
LNG Tanker											
General cargo ship	(3)		(2)			(1)	(1)				(7)
Exclusive cargo ship											
Pure car carrier											
Passenger ship											

※ Total numbers presented in the () is the accumulated total of Japanese-registered ships, Foreign ships operated by Japanese shipping companies, and Foreign ships other than above.