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Statistics on scrambles through fiscal year 2014

1. Overall

The ASDF scrambled 943 times in FY2014 in total, which marked a significant increase of 133 times compared to the previous fiscal year. This was the second highest number of scrambles in 57 years since the ASDF began Airspace Anti-intrusion Measures in 1958.

The breakdown of scrambles by countries and regions was about 50% against Russian aircraft, about 49% against Chinese aircraft, and about 1% against aircraft from other countries and regions, although countries and regions also include supposition.

2. Breakdown of Scrambles by Regional Air Defense Force

In FY2014, Northern Air Defense Force aircraft scrambled 286 times, Central Air Defense Force aircraft scrambled 102 times, Western Air Defense Force aircraft scrambled 87 times, and Southwestern Composite Air Division aircraft scrambled 468 times.

All Regional Air Defense Forces, except for the Western Air Defense Force, conducted more scrambles in FY2014 compared to the previous fiscal year.

3. Characteristics of Responses in FY2014

ASDF aircraft scrambled 473 times against Russian aircraft, which marked a significant increase of 114 times compared to the previous fiscal year. In FY2014, a total of 36 cases, including the 5 cases detected during the fourth quarter, were made public as a peculiar case.

ASDF aircraft scrambled against Chinese aircraft 464 times, an increase of 49 times compared to the previous fiscal year. In FY2014, a total of 15 cases, including the 2 cases detected during the fourth quarter, were made public as a peculiar case.

There were no cases of the detection of airspace intrusion to be made public.

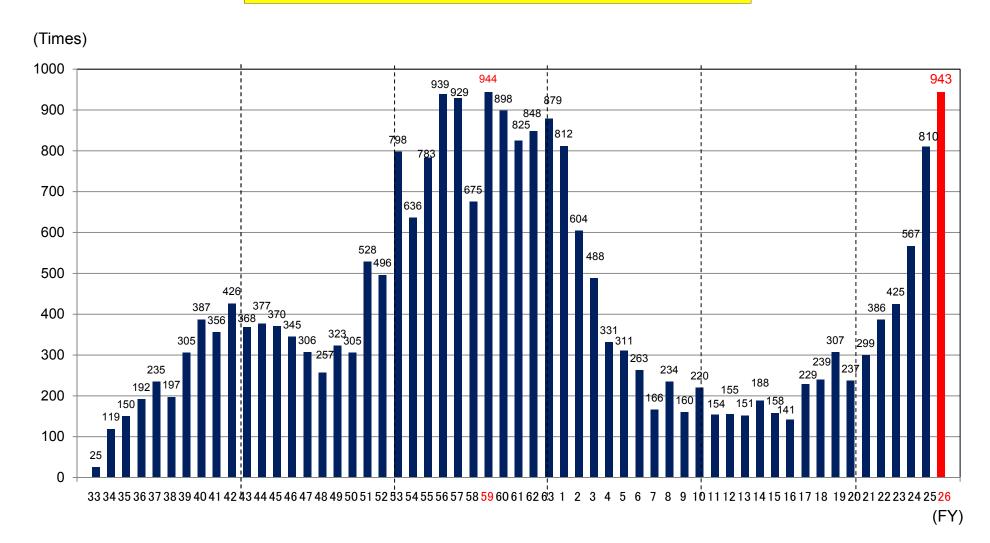
Scrambles against Russian surveillance aircraft and Chinese fighter aircraft were outstanding in frequency compared to other types of aircraft of each country, although this includes estimation.

These data were collected between April 1, 2014 and March 31, 2015.

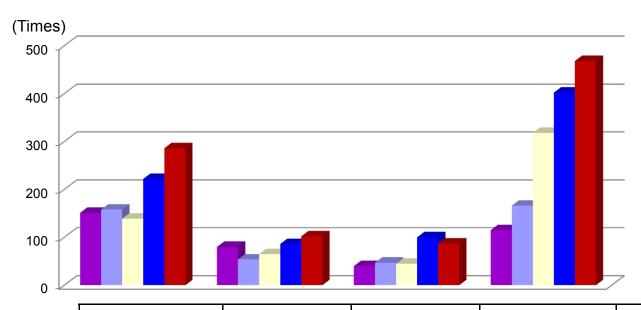
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Number of Scrambles by Fiscal Year



Number of Scrambles by Regional Air Defense Force (Past Five Years)



	Northern Air Defense Force	Central Air Defense Force	Western Air Defense Force	Southwestern Composite Air Division	Total
■ FY22	151	80	40	115	386
FY23	158	54	47	166	425
FY24	139	65	45	318	567
FY25	222	86	100	402	810
■ FY26	286	102	87	468	943

Number of Scrambles by Country and Region (Past Five Years)

Country and Region	Russia	China	Taiwan	North Korea	Other countries	Total
2 2	264	96	7	0	19	386
2 3	247	156	5	0	17	425
2 4	248	306	1	0	12	567
2 5	359	415	1	9	26	810
2 6	473	464	1	0	5	943

Number of Scrambles by Country and Region include some unconfirmed cases

Number of Scrambles by Quarter

1 Number of Scrambles by Regional Air Defense Force

	Northern Air Defense Force	Central Air Defense Force	Western Air Defense Force	Southwestern Composite Air Division	Total
1 st Quarter	113	65	58	104	340
2 nd Quarter	76	8	3	106	193
3 rd Quarter	24	14	4	169	211
4 th Quarter	73	15	22	89	199
Total	286	102	87	468	943

2 Number of Scrambles by Country and Region

	Russia	China	Taiwan	North	Other	Total
				Korea	countries	
1 st Quarter	235	104	0	0	1	340
2 nd Quarter	89	103	0	0	1	193
3 rd Quarter	45	164	0	0	2	211
4 th Quarter	104	93	1	0	1	199
Total	473	464	1	0	5	943

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