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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 December, 2015)

1. Direct Escort

(1) Number of direct escort operations: 5 times (693th – 697th)

(The 652th – 656th escort operation under Japan's Anti-Piracy Measures Law)

(2) Number of escorted vessels: 11 vessels

(AT of 3,640 escorted vessels since the start of operations under Japan's Anti-Piracy Measures Law)

[Breakdown]

– Japanese-registered ships: 0 (AT: 17)

– Foreign ships operated by Japanese shipping companies: 3 (AT: 658)

– Foreign ships other than above: 8 (AT: 2,965)

*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: 588 days)

(2) Number of commercial vessels confirmed: Approx. 130 (AT: 12,690 vessels)

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(JS "SUZUNAMI" and JS "MAKINAMI")

Mission No. (Mission No. under Japan's Anti-Piracy Measures Law)	693 (652)	694 (653)	695 (654)	696 (655)	697 (656)						(Total)
Date and time (JST)											/
start	DEC. 9, PM	DEC. 17, PM	DEC. 22, PM	DEC. 26, PM	DEC. 28, PM						
end	DEC. 11, AM	DEC. 19, AM	DEC. 24, AM	DEC. 28, PM	DEC. 30, PM						
Total Number	3	2	1	2	3						11
Japanese-registered ships	0	0	0	0	0						0
Tanker											
Container											
LPG Tanker											
LNG Tanker											
General cargo ship											
Exclusive cargo ship											
Pure car carrier											
Passenger ship											
Foreign ships operated by Japanese shipping companies	1	0	1	1	0						3
Tanker	(1)		(1)								(2)
Container											
LPG Tanker											
LNG Tanker											
General cargo ship				(1)							(1)
Exclusive cargo ship											
Pure car carrier											
Passenger ship											
Foreign ships other than above	2	2	0	1	3						8
Tanker	(2)	(1)			(1)						(4)
Container											
LPG Tanker											
LNG Tanker											
General cargo ship		(1)		(1)	(2)						(4)
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.