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Information Gathering Activities by the SDF Necessary for Ensuring the Safety of Japan-Related Vessels in the Middle East (March 2020)

1. Status of Activity Area

Although no abnormalities to Japan-related vessels confirmed in the areas of where the SDF operated there was the following event.

- On March 1st, JS TAKANAMI got information from a commercial ship that it was approached by an unidentified ship through international VHF marine radio. Later, JS TAKANAMI received information that there was no risk, so JS TAKANAMI has not responded to the situation.

2. JS TAKANAMI

- (1) Area of Activity: the high seas of the Gulf of Oman and the high seas of the northern Arabian Sea
- (2) Number of confirmed vessels: approx. 2,700 ships (Accumulated Total (AT): approx. 3,200 ships)

3. P-3C

- (1) Area of Activity: the high seas of Gulf of Aden and the high seas of the western part of the northern Arabian Sea
- (2) Number of confirmed vessels: approx. 2,400 ships (AT: approx. 4,900 ships)



JS" TAKANAMI" conducting Information Gathering Activities



P-3C Crew identifying vessels