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Information Gathering Activities by the SDF Necessary for Ensuring the Safety of Japan-Related Vessels in the Middle East (MAR 2023)

1. Status of Activity Area

No abnormalities confirmed in the areas where the SDF operated

2. JS SUZUTSUKI (Deployment Surface Force for Counter-Piracy Enforcement)

(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: 191 ships (Accumulated Total (AT): 85,599 ships)

3. P-3C (Deployment Air Force for Counter-Piracy Enforcement)

(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: 1,937ships (AT: 66,819 ships)



A P-3C crew member identifying navigating vessels



A shipboard helicopter landing on the mother ship after flight operations