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

1. Status of Activity Area

No abnormalities confirmed in the areas where the SDF operated

2. JS MAKINAMI (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: 15 ships (Accumulated Total (AT): 85,614 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: 1,617 ships (AT: 68,436 ships)

4. Other

P-3C and JS MAKINAMI temporarily left missions of counter-piracy activities and information gathering activities in the Middle East during the period of April 20-23 for P-3C and April 23-28 for JS MAKINAMI, respectively. Instead, they stood ready to transport Japanese nationals in Sudan.



A P-3C crew member identifying navigating vessels



A shipboard helicopter landing on the shipboard "MAKINAMI"