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Aerial activities of P-3C patrol aircraft as the Counter-Piracy Operation off the coast of Somalia and in the Gulf of Aden (APR 2023)

1. Record of Mission (APR 1-30)

(1) Number of flights

13 flights (Accumulated Total (AT): 3,102 flights)

(2) Flight hours

Approx. 90 hours (AT: Approx. 22,280 hours)

(3) Number of visually confirmed commercial ships

1,585 ships (AT: 268,582 ships)

(4) Number of the information provided to Japanese destroyers, foreign warships, and/or commercial ships

40 times (AT: 16,012 times)

2. Record of Action towards Incidents

None in particular.

3. Other

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



Crew members of a P-3C on duty



Members seeing off a P-3C