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

1. Status of Activity Area

No abnormalities confirmed as an information gathering activity in the areas where the SDF operated.

As part of counter-piracy operations, having received information that “CENTRAL PARK”, a Liberian tanker operated by an UK company, was hijacked by someone on the Gulf of Aden on November 26, we immediately sent P-3C and JS “Akebono” of our counter-piracy enforcement to the site and promptly provided information gathered there to Combined Task Force 151, which is in charge of counter-piracy missions, while conducting surveillance and information gathering activities.

2. JS AKEBONO (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: 113 ships (Accumulated Total (AT): 88,971 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: 1,128 ships (AT: 80,469 ships)



A "AKEBONO" crew member on duty



P-3C after a mission