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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 (NOV 2023)

1. Record of Mission (NOV 1-30)

(1) Number of flights

16 flights (Accumulated Total (AT): 3,212 flights)

(2) Flight hours

Approx. 90 hours (AT: Approx. 23,020 hours)

(3) Number of visually confirmed commercial ships

1,253 ships (AT: 281,212 ships)

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

28 times (AT: 16,214 times)

2. Action in Response to Incidents

Receiving 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.



Aircraft maintenance crew guiding a P-3C



P-3C crew members on duty