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Escort operations as the Counter-Piracy Operation off the Coast of Somalia and in the Gulf of Aden (FEB 2024)

Record of Mission

1. Direct Escort

(1) Number of direct escort operations: 0

(2) Number of escorted vessels: 0

(Accumulated Total (AT) of 3,955 escorted vessels since the start of operations under Japan's Anti-Piracy Measures Law)

[Breakdown]

– Japanese-registered ships: 0 (AT: 26)

– Foreign ships operated by Japanese shipping companies: 0 (AT: 701)

(Foreign ships which carry Japanese nationals: 0 (AT: 51))

– Foreign ships other than above: 0 (AT: 3,228)

*The record above does not include the 1st - 41st escort operation performed as Maritime Security Activities.

2. Zone Defense

(1) Number of days: 20 days (AT: 2,710days)

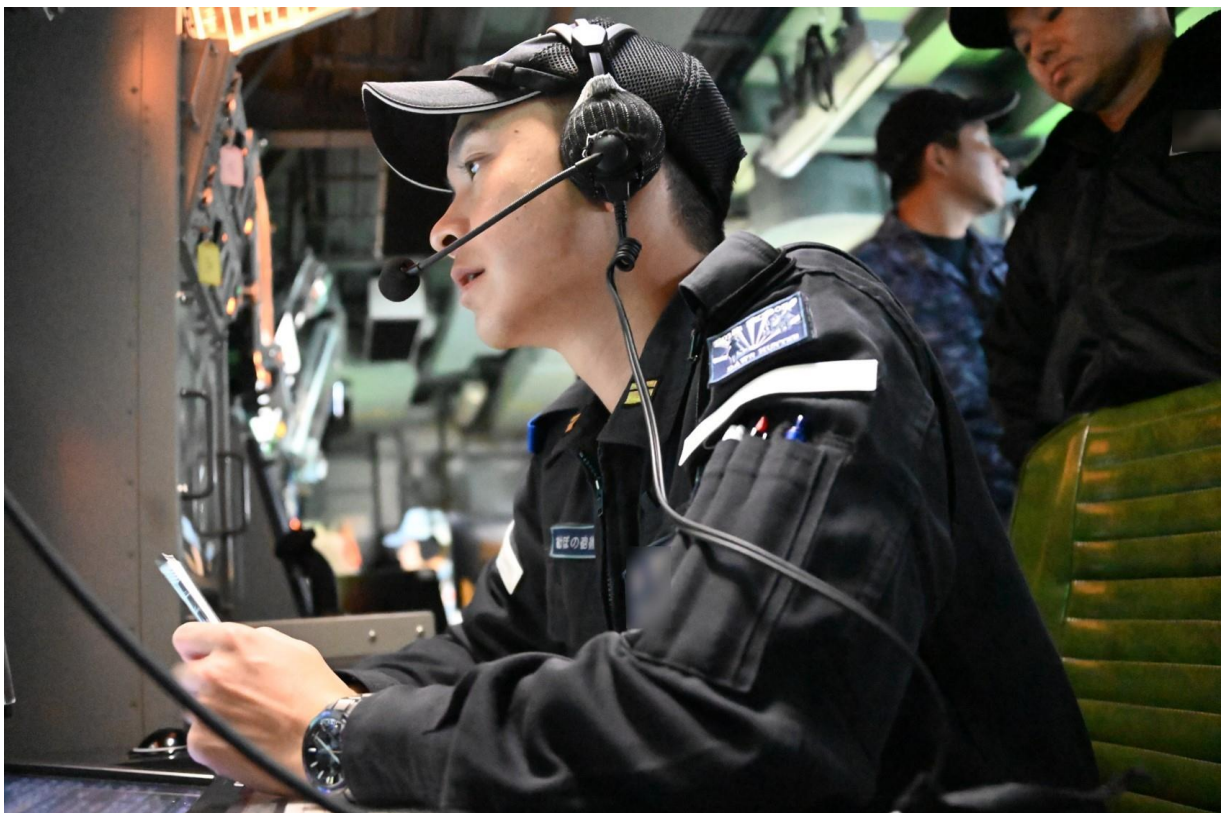
(2) Number of commercial vessels confirmed: 161 vessels (AT: 33,403 vessels)

3. Action in Response to Incidents

On February 7, receiving information that “AL AMEEN”, an Iranian flagged fishing boat, was being attacked by a small vessel suspected of piracy off the coast of Somalia, we immediately sent JS “AKEBONO” from our counter-piracy enforcement to the site, and conducted surveillance and information gathering activities along with our shipboard helicopter. JS “AKEBONO” communicated with the boat and confirmed that its safety had already been secured and that there was no need for assistance. The information gathered was provided to the Combined Task Force 151, which is in charge of counter-piracy missions.



A scene from an Anti-Piracy drill



JS "AKEBONO" crew members on duty