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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 (MAR 2024)

1. Record of Mission (MAR 1-31)

(1) Number of flights

12 flights (Accumulated Total (AT): 3,267 flights)

(2) Flight hours

Approx. 80 hours (AT: Approx. 23,360 hours)

(3) Number of visually confirmed commercial ships

441 ships (AT: 283,469 ships)

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

21 times (AT: 16,299 times)

2. Action in Response to Incidents

On March 21, receiving information that “YAMILAH III”, Liberian tanker operated by UAE company, was being followed by several small vessels equipped weapons in the Arabian sea, we immediately dispatched P-3C from our counter-piracy enforcement to the site, and communicated with the boat and confirmed the safety of the crew and the vessel. The information was provided to the Combined Task Force 151, which is in charge of counter-piracy missions.



P-3C going on a mission



P-3C crew members on duty