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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 (JUN 2024)

1. Record of Mission (JUN 1–30)

(1) Number of flights

14 flights (Accumulated Total (AT): 3,304 flights)

(2) Flight hours

Approx. 110 hours (AT: Approx. 23,610 hours)

(3) Number of visually confirmed commercial ships

638 ships (AT: 284,711 ships)

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

15 times (AT: 16,355 times)

2. Action in Response to Incidents

On June 17, receiving information that “SUMMER LADY”, the merchant ship operated by a Greek company, was being followed by a small vessel in the Gulf of Aden, we immediately dispatched P-3C from our counter-piracy unit to the site, and communicated with the ship and conducted surveillance around the ship. The P-3C confirmed that there was no damage to the ship and that the surrounding area was safe. After providing the information to the Combined Task Force 151, which is in charge of counter-piracy missions, the P-3C returned to its duties.



Crew members of a P-3C on duty



Aircraft maintenance crew guiding a P-3C