



Aerial activities of P-3C patrol aircraft as the Counter-Piracy Operation off the coast of Somalia and in the Gulf of Aden (NOV 2025)

1. Record of Mission (NOV 1-30)

(1) Number of flights

11 flights (Accumulated Total (AT): 3,510 flights)

(2) Flight hours

Approx. 70 hours (AT: Approx. 24,980 hours)

(3) Number of visually confirmed commercial ships

287 ships (AT: 291,707 ships)

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

16 times (AT: 16,582 times)

2. Action in Response to Incidents

On November 6, upon receiving information that the Maltese-flagged tanker “HELLAS APHRODITE” was being boarded by pirates in waters of Indian Ocean, off the coast of Somalia, the P-3C of the counter-piracy unit was immediately dispatched to the area. The P-3C conducted information gathering on the tanker, including taking photographs, and provided the information to Combined Task Force 151, which is tasked with counter-piracy operations.



Commemorative photo making the completion of 3,500 mission flights



Crew conducting inspection on the P-3C