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Event Summary/Russian Military Activities

March 9, 2026

The activity of Russian Navy vessels in the waters surrounding Japan.

- At around 10:00 p.m., Thursday, March 5, 2026, JMSDF spotted the following three RFN vessels sailing southwestward in the waters approximately 60 km northeast of Tsushima Island.
 - Steregushchiy-class FFG x 1 (hull number 335)
 - Improved Kilo-class SS x 1
 - Balk-class ATA x 1
- These RFN vessels continued to sail southwestward through Tsushima Strait into the East China Sea from March 5 to 6.
- JMSDF assets monitored the activities of these vessels.

ABBREVIATIONS

JMSDF: Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force

RFN: Russian Federation Navy

FFG: Guided Missile Frigate

SS: Attack Submarine

ATA: Auxiliary Ocean Tug

Steregushchiy-class FFG (hull number 335)



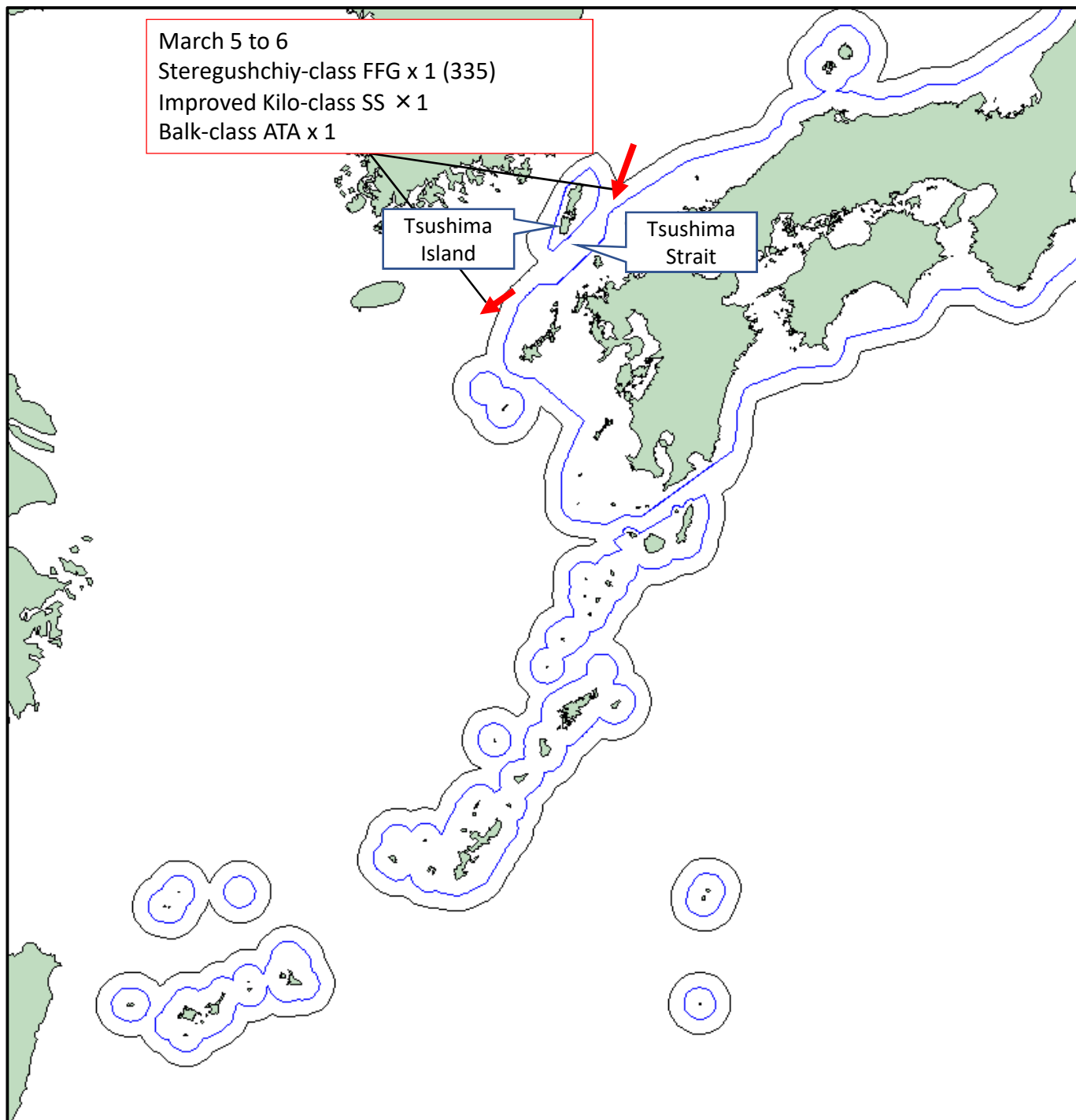
Improved Kilo-class SS




Balk-class ATA



Overview of Activities



 : RFN vessels