

# JAPAN JOINT STAFF PRESS RELEASE



## Event Summary/Chinese Military Activities

April 21, 2026

### The activity of Chinese Navy vessels in the waters surrounding Japan.

- At around 11:00 a.m., Sunday, April 19, 2026, JMSDF spotted PLAN Luyang-III-class DDG x 1 (hull number 133) and Jiangkai-II-class FFG x 1 (hull number 577) sailing eastward in the waters approximately 60 km southwest of Yokoate-jima Island.
- These PLAN vessels continued to sail northeastward through the waters between Amami-Oshima Island and Yokoate-jima Island into the Pacific Ocean.
- JMSDF assets monitored the activities of these vessels.

#### ABBREVIATIONS

JMSDF: Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force

PLAN: People's Liberation Army Navy (China)

DDG: Guided Missile Destroyer

FFG: Guided Missile Frigate

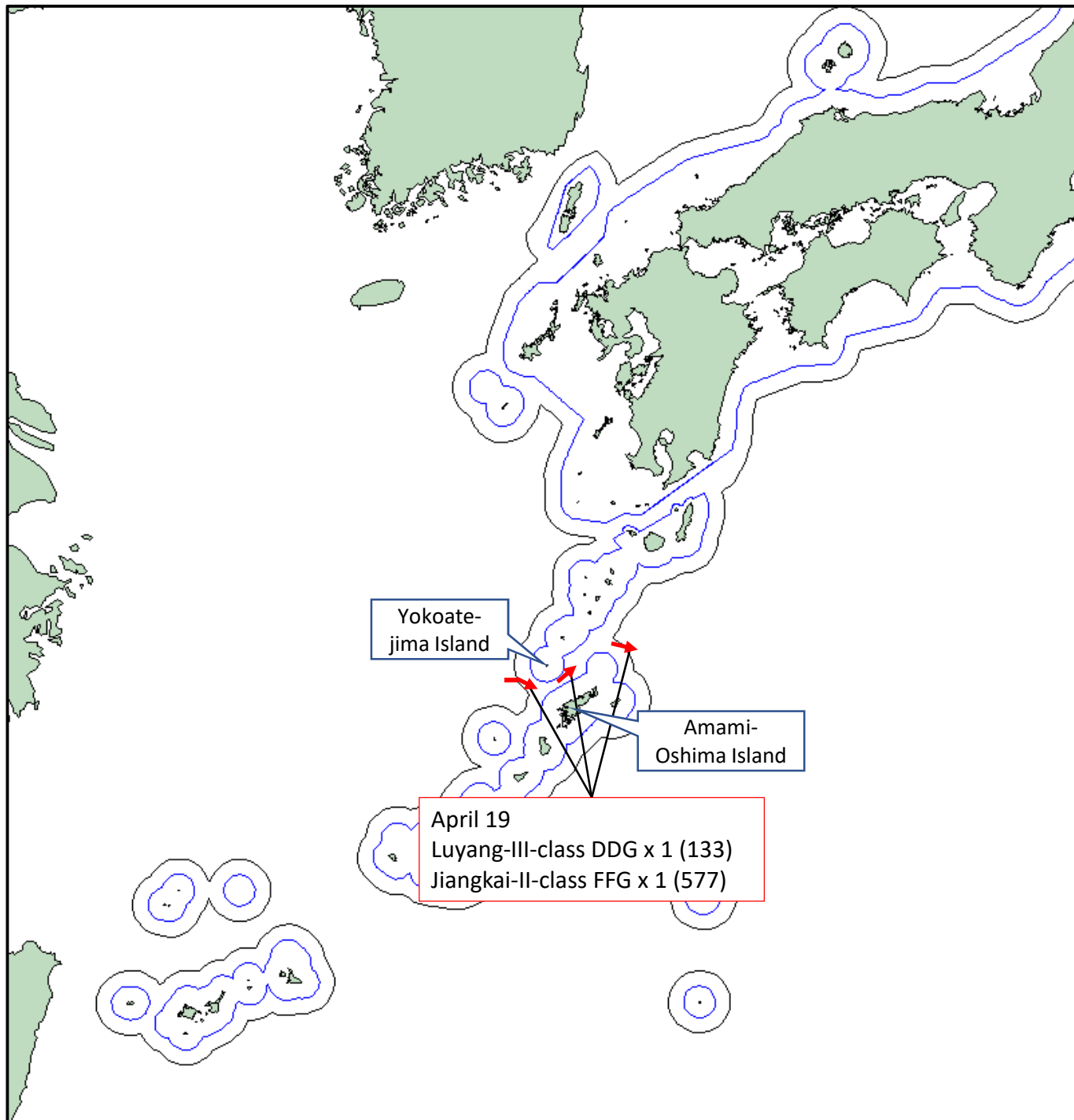
Luyang-III-class DDG (hull number 133)



Jiangkai-II-class FFG (hull number 577)



# Overview of Activities



→ : PLAN vessels