

# JAPAN JOINT STAFF PRESS RELEASE



## Event Summary/Russian Military Activities

April 23, 2026

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

- At around 0:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 21, 2026, JMSDF spotted the following three RFN vessels sailing northeastward in the waters approximately 50 km south of Yonaguni-jima 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 northeastward through the waters between Yonaguni-jima Island and Iriomote-jima Island into the East China Sea.
- These are the same vessels that sailed southwestward through Tsushima Strait from March 5 to 6 and sailed southwestward through the waters between Yonaguni-jima Island and Iriomote-jima Island into the Pacific Ocean on March 9, 2026.
- 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)



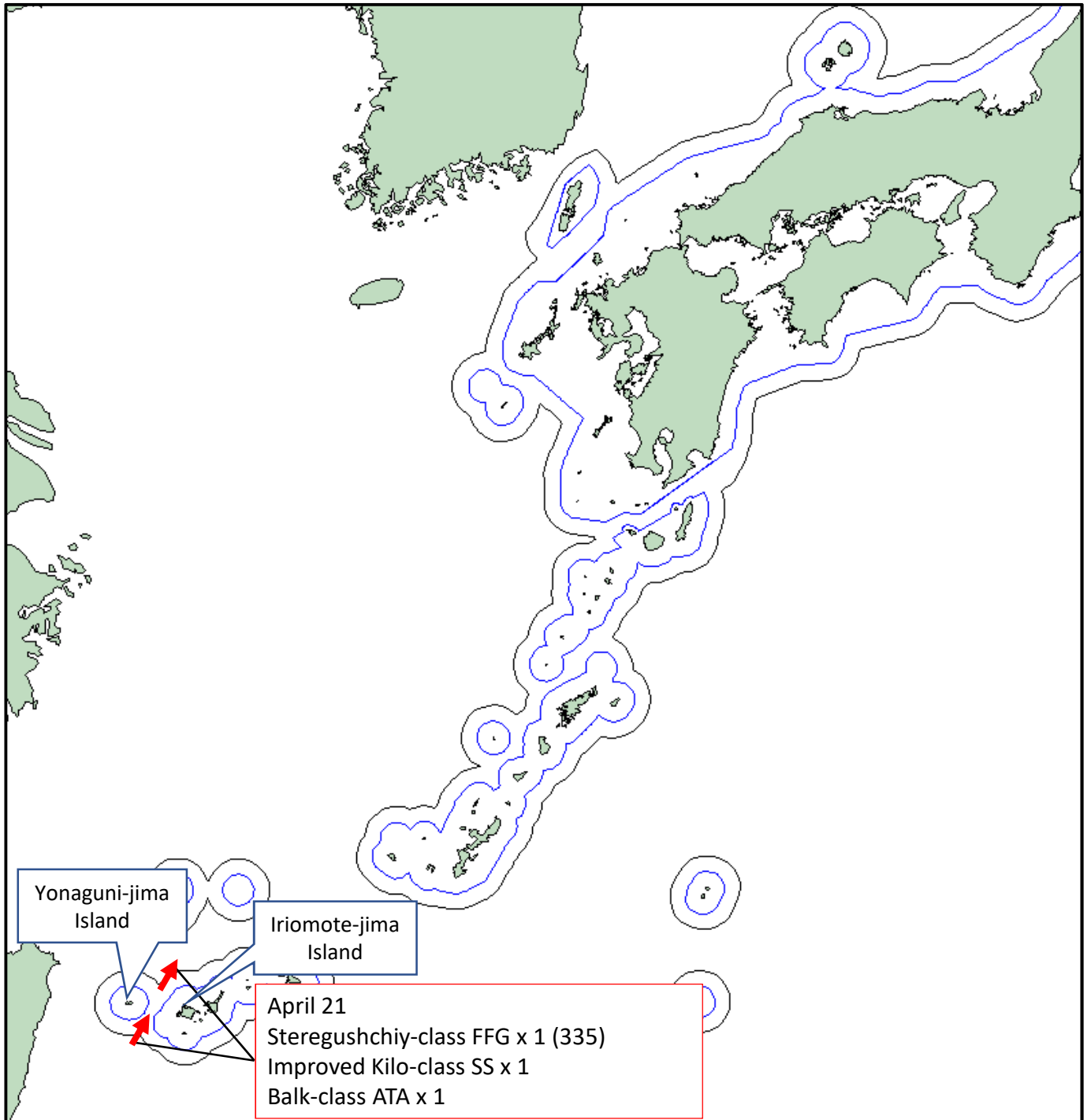
Improved Kilo-class SS



Balk-class ATA



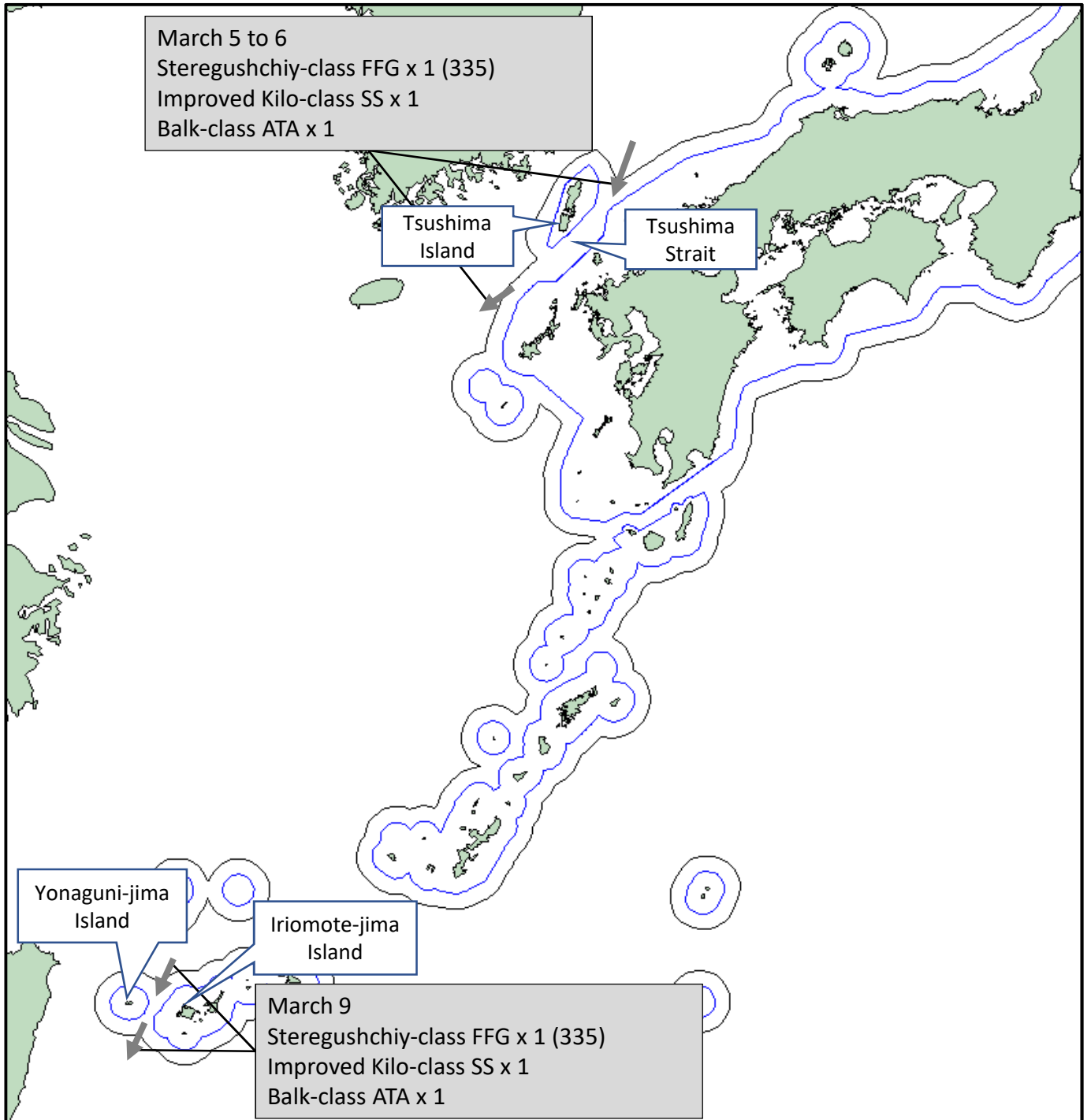
# Overview of Activities



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