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Event Summary/Russian Military Activities

April 27, 2026

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

- At around 3:00 p.m., Thursday, April 23, 2026, JMSDF spotted RFN Steregushchiy-class FFG x 2 (hull number 333 and 343) and Dubna-class AOR x 1 sailing northeastward in the waters approximately 130 km southwest of the Goto Islands.
- These RFN vessels continued to sail northeastward through Tsushima Strait into the Sea of Japan from April 23 to 24.
- These are the same vessels that conducted the following activities, which were reported in the previous PRs:
 - Sailed southwestward through Tsushima Strait into the East China Sea on February 14.
 - Sailed southwestward through the waters between Yonaguni-jima Island and Iriomote-jima Island into the Pacific Ocean on February 16.
 - Sailed northeastward through the waters between Yonaguni-jima Island and Iriomote-jima Island into the East China Sea on April 22.
- JMSDF assets monitored the activities of these vessels.

ABBREVIATIONS

JMSDF: Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force

RFN: Russian Federation Navy

FFG: Guided Missile Frigate

AOR: Replenishment Oiler

Steregushchiy-class FFG (hull number 333)



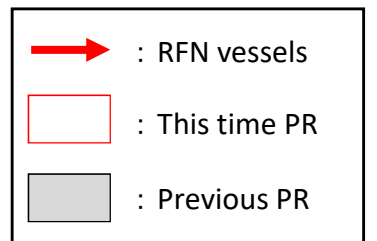
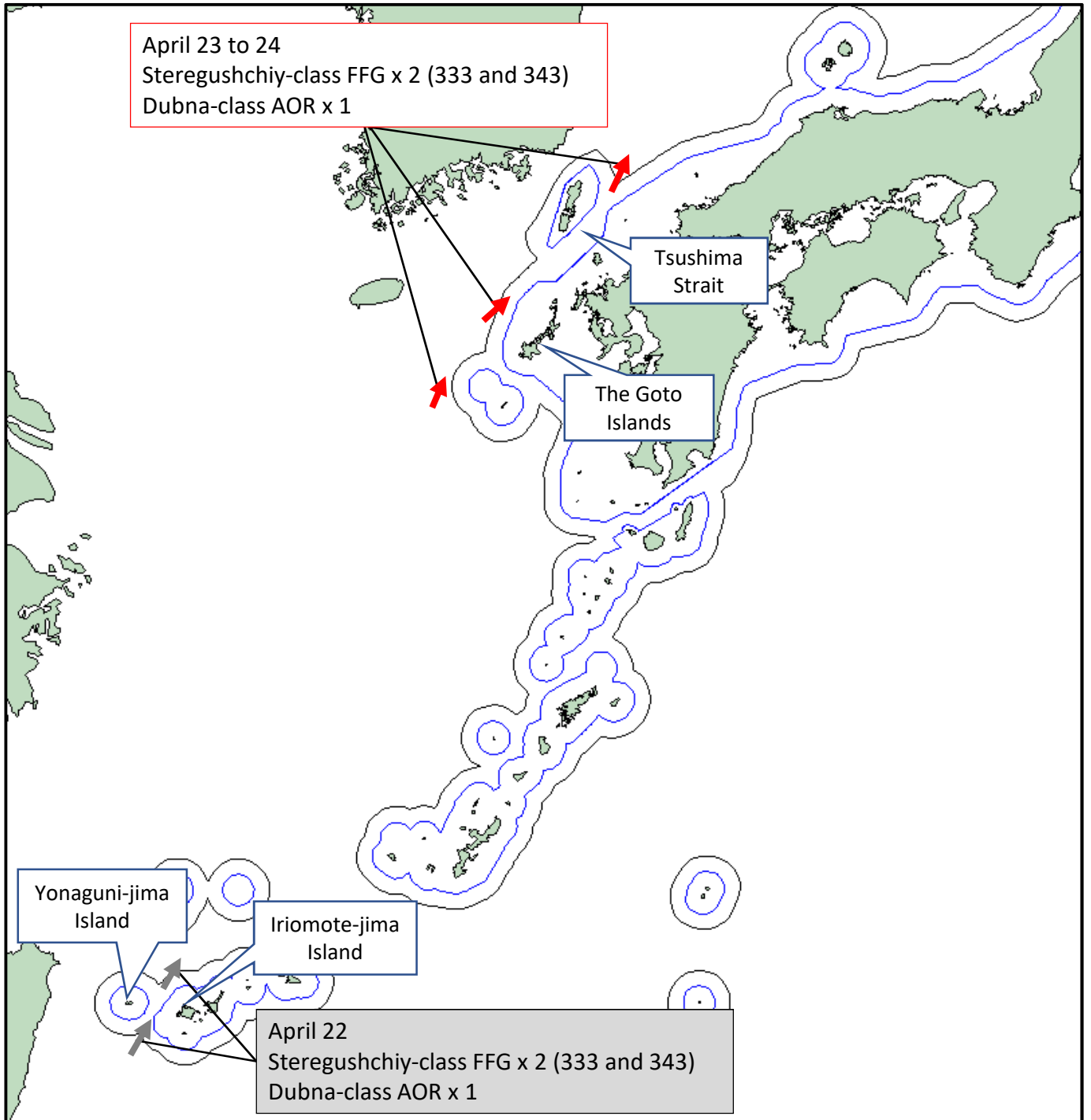
Steregushchiy-class FFG (hull number 343)



Dubna-class AOR



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