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Event Summary/Chinese Military Activities

May 1, 2026

The activity of a Chinese Navy vessel in the waters surrounding Japan.

- At around 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 28, 2026, JMSDF spotted PLAN Luyang-III-class DDG x 1 (hull number 120) sailing northeastward in the waters approximately 70 km southwest of Tsushima Island.
- The PLAN DDG continued to sail northeastward through Tsushima Strait into the Sea of Japan from April 28 to 29.
- This is the same vessel that sailed northeastward through Tsushima Strait into the Sea of Japan from March 30 to 31 and sailed southwestward through Tsushima Strait into the East China Sea on April 27, 2026.
- JMSDF assets monitored the activities of the vessel.

ABBREVIATIONS

JMSDF: Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force

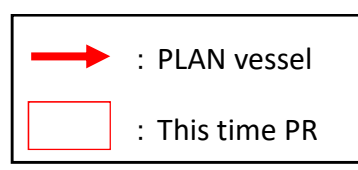
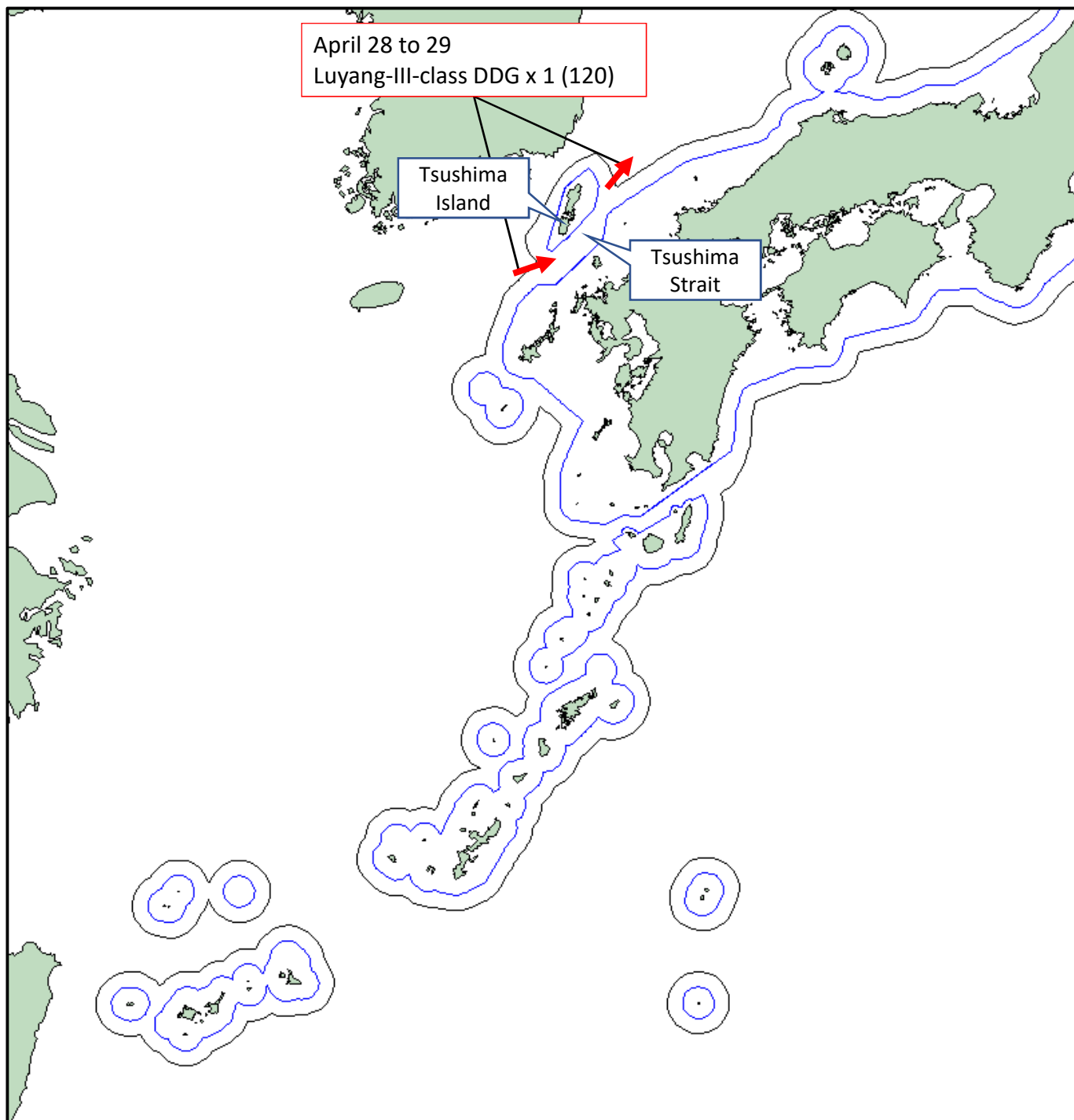
PLAN: People's Liberation Army Navy (China)

DDG: Guided Missile Destroyer

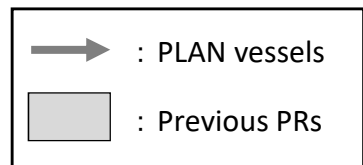
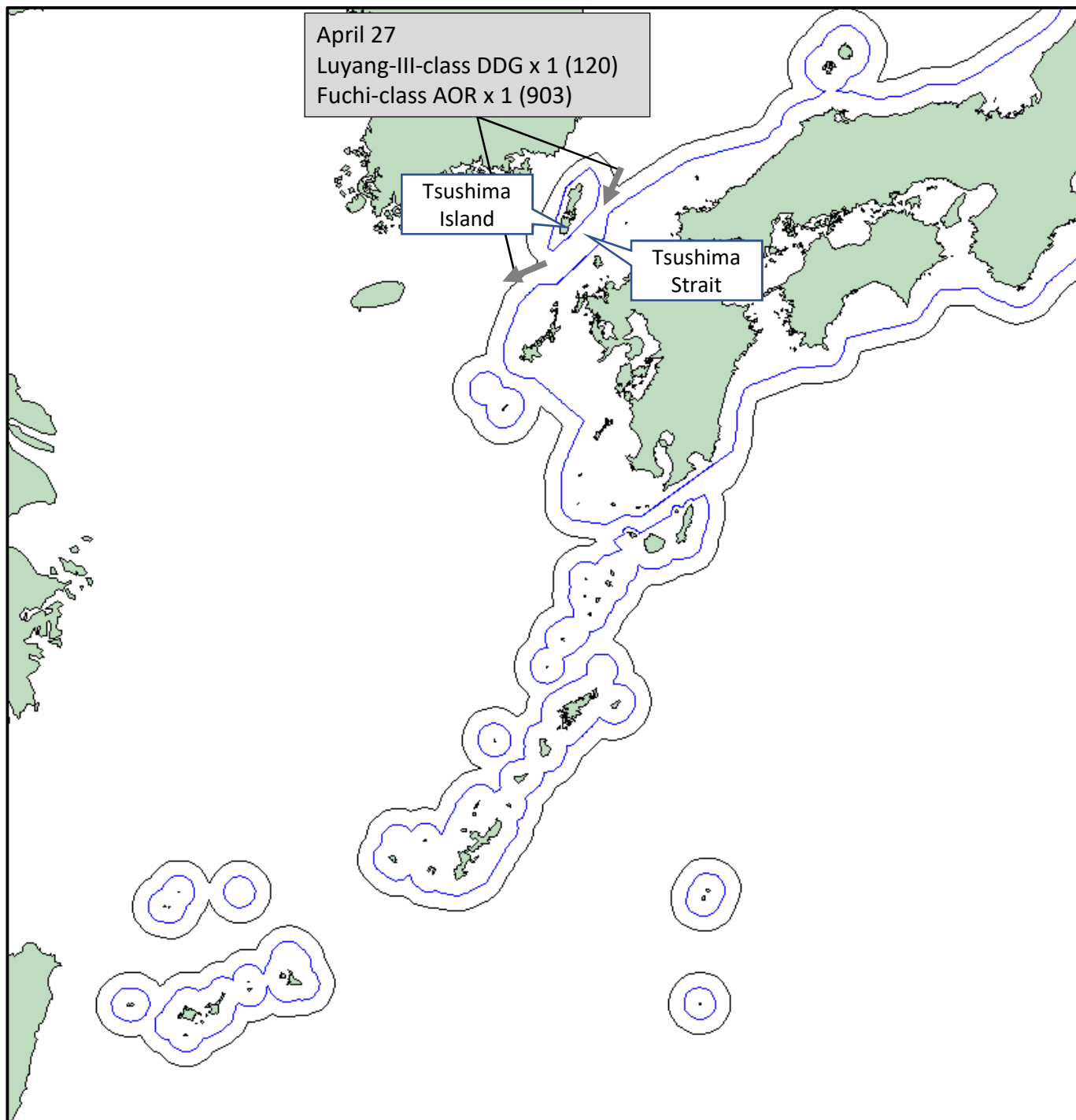
Luyang-III-class DDG (hull number 120)



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