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Event Summary/Russian Military Activities

May 8, 2026

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

- At around 0:00 a.m., Sunday, May 3, 2026, JMSDF spotted the following three RFN vessels sailing northeastward in the waters approximately 70 km west of the Goto Islands.
 - 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 Tsushima Strait into the Sea of Japan.
- These are the same vessels that conducted the following activities, which were reported in the previous PRs:
 - Sailed southwestward through Tsushima Strait from March 5 to 6.
 - Sailed southwestward through the waters between Yonaguni-jima Island and Iriomote-jima Island into the Pacific Ocean on March 9.
 - Sailed northeastward through the waters between Yonaguni-jima Island and Iriomote-jima Island into the East China Sea on April 21, 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)



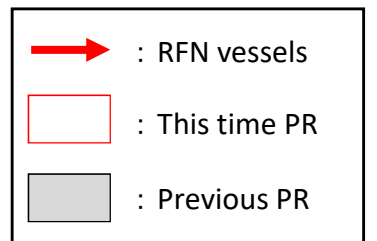
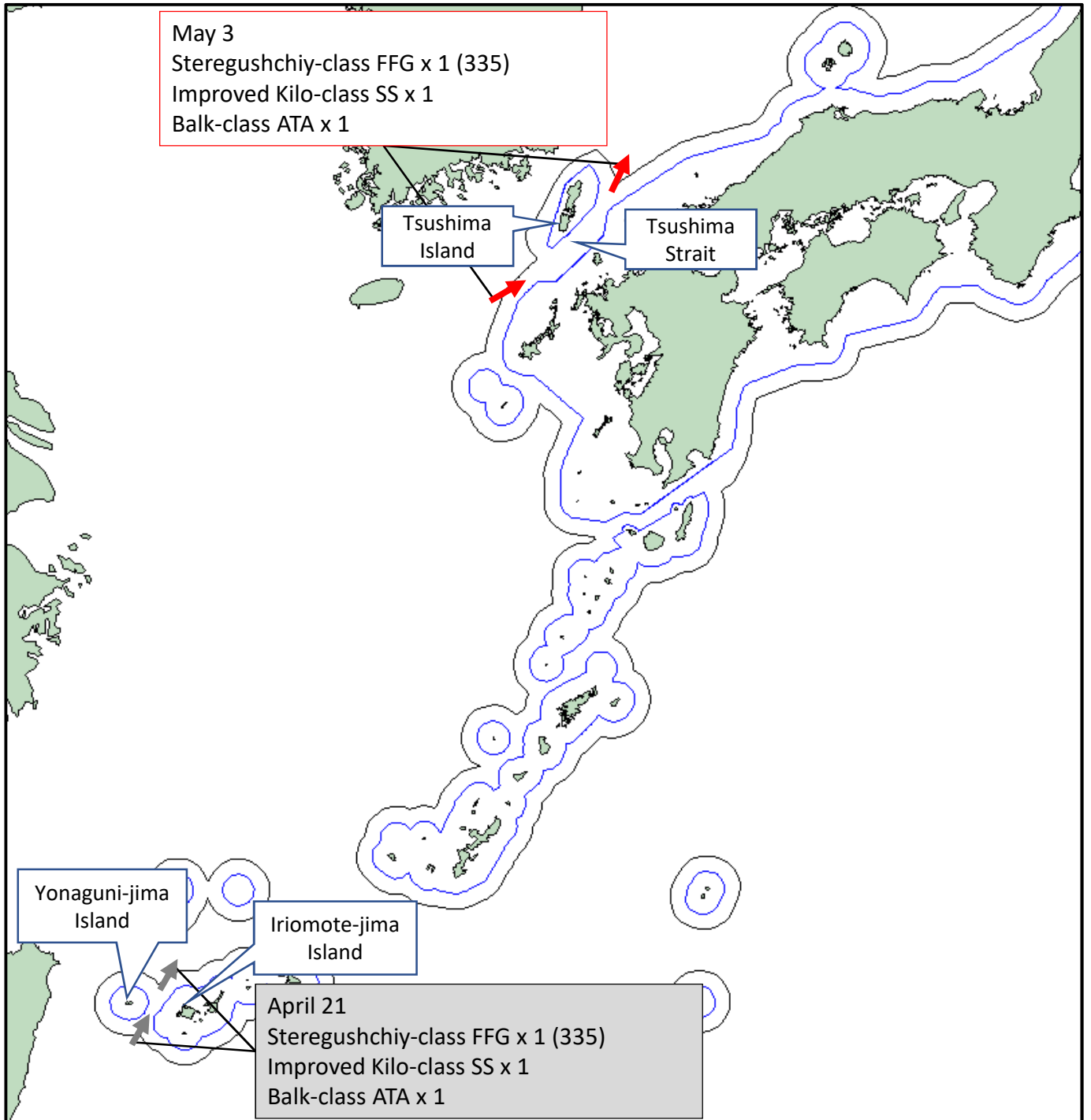
Improved Kilo-class SS



Balk-class ATA



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