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Event Summary/Russian Military Activities

May 26, 2026

Russian aircraft activity around Japan

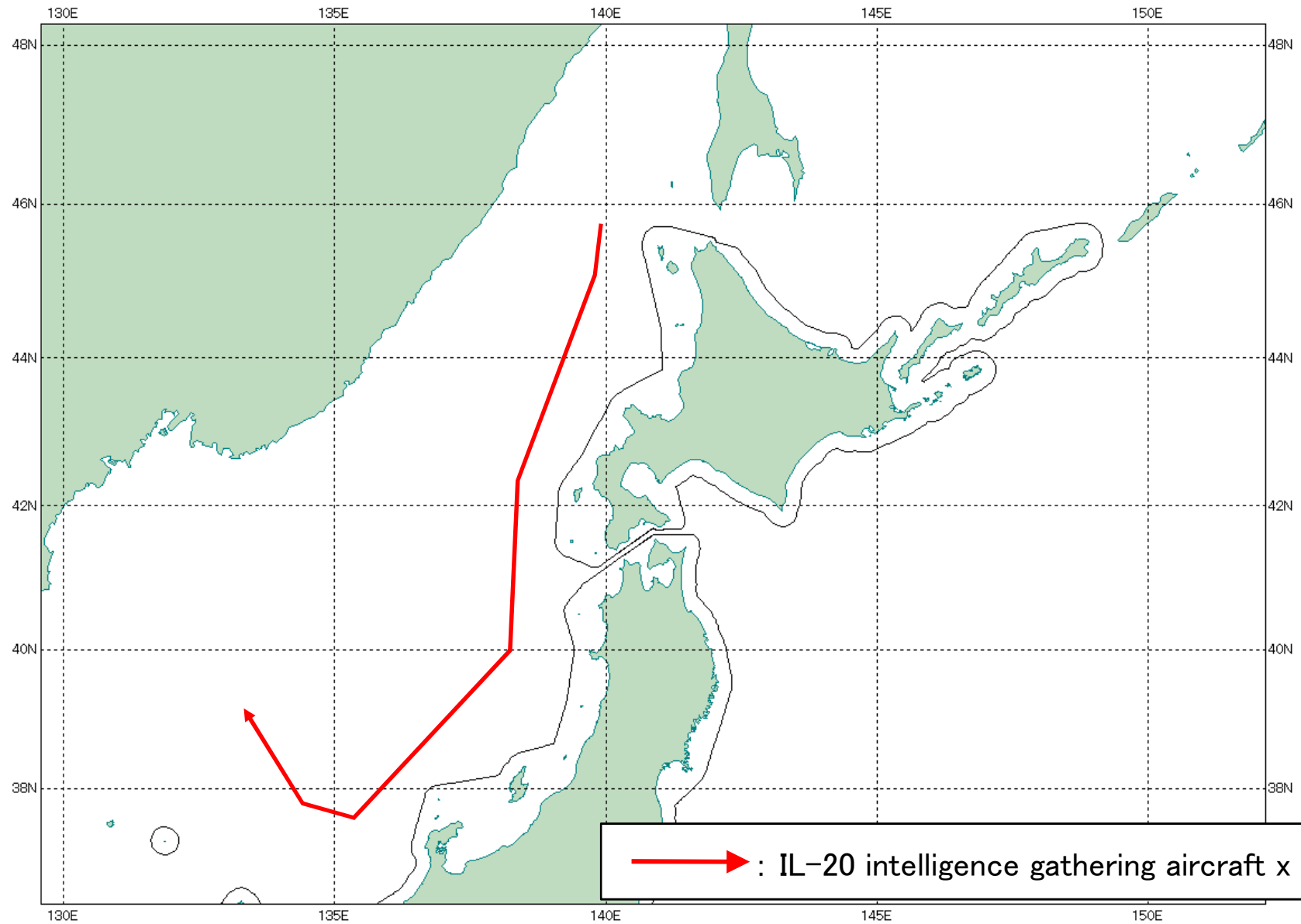
- From the morning through the afternoon of Thursday, May 21, 2026, JASDF spotted a Russian aircraft over the Sea of Japan.
- JASDF fighters conducted scrambles to monitor the activity of this aircraft.

ATTACHMENT: Overview of Activity

ABBREVIATIONS

JASDF: Japan Air Self-Defense Force

Overview of Activity



IL-20 intelligence gathering aircraft



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