

JAPAN JOINT STAFF PRESS RELEASE



Event Summary/ Chinese and Russian Military Activities

July 17, 2026

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

- At around 2:00 a.m., Thursday, July 16, 2026, JMSDF spotted the following four PLAN and RFN vessels sailing southward in the waters approximately 90 km southwest of Kume-jima Island.
 - PLAN Renhai-class DDG x 1 (hull number 103)
 - PLAN Luyang-III-class DDG x 1 (hull number 124)
 - PLAN Fuchi-class AOR x 1 (hull number 903)
 - RFN Steregushchiy-class FFG x 1 (hull number 343)
- These vessels continued to sail southward through the waters between Okinawa Main Island and Miyako-jima Island into the Pacific Ocean.
- The RFN Steregushchiy-class FFG x 1 (hull number 343) is the same vessel that conducted the following activities, which were reported in the previous PRs:
 - Sailed southwestward through Tsushima Strait from into the East China Sea May 9 to 10.
 - Sailed southwestward through the waters between Yonaguni-jima Island and Iriomote-jima Island into the Pacific Ocean from May 12 to 13.
 - Sailed northeastward through the waters between Yonaguni-jima Island and Iriomote-jima Island into the East China Sea on June 27.
- JMSDF assets monitored the activities of these vessels.

ABBREVIATIONS

JMSDF: Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force
PLAN: People's Liberation Army Navy (China)
RFN: Russian Federation Navy
DDG: Guided Missile Destroyer
AOR: Replenishment Oiler
FFG: Guided Missile Frigate

PLAN Renhai-class DDG (hull number 103)



PLAN Luyang-III-class DDG (hull number 124)



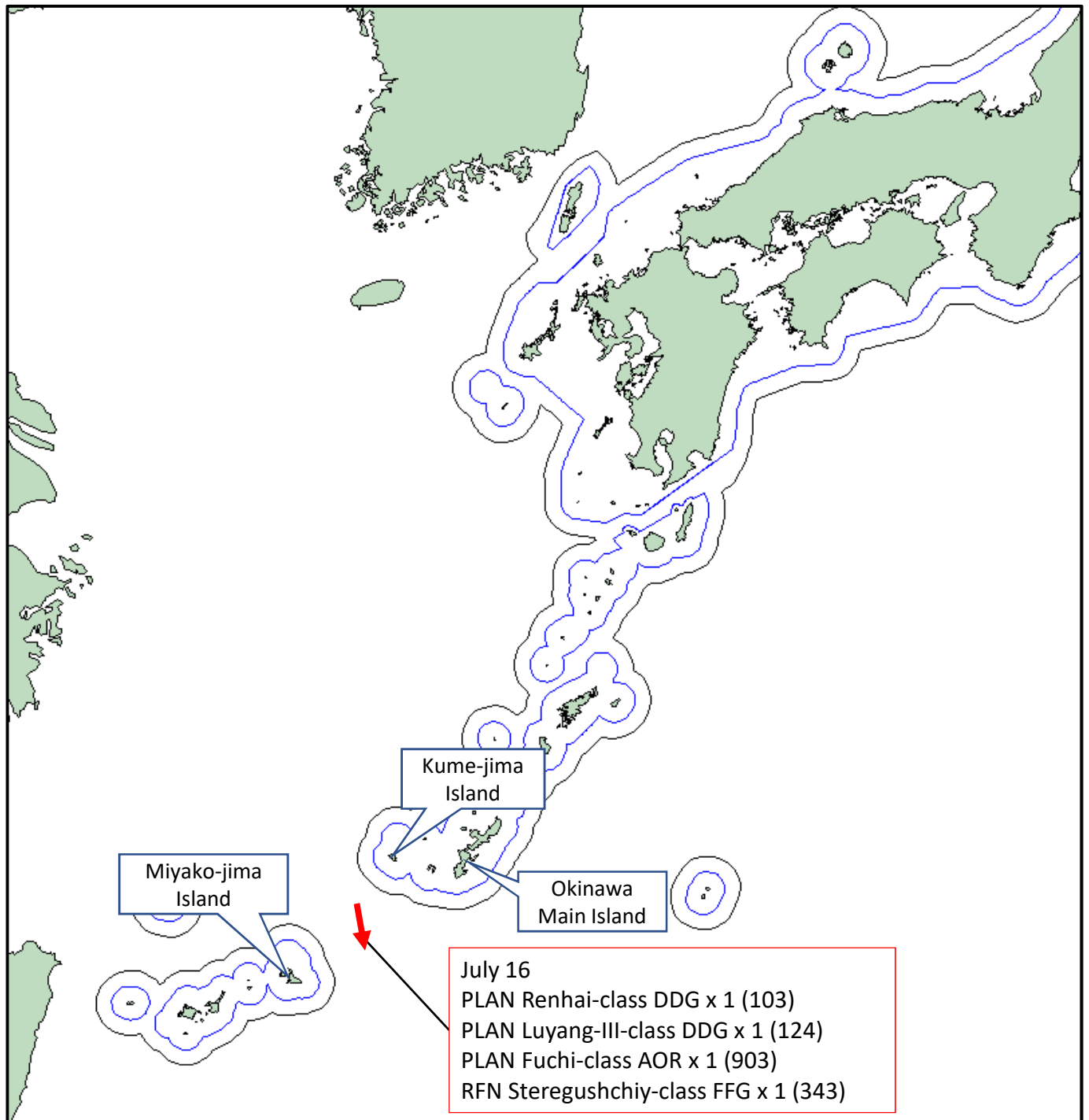
PLAN Fuchi-class AOR (hull number 903)



RFN Steregushchiy-class FFG (hull number 343)



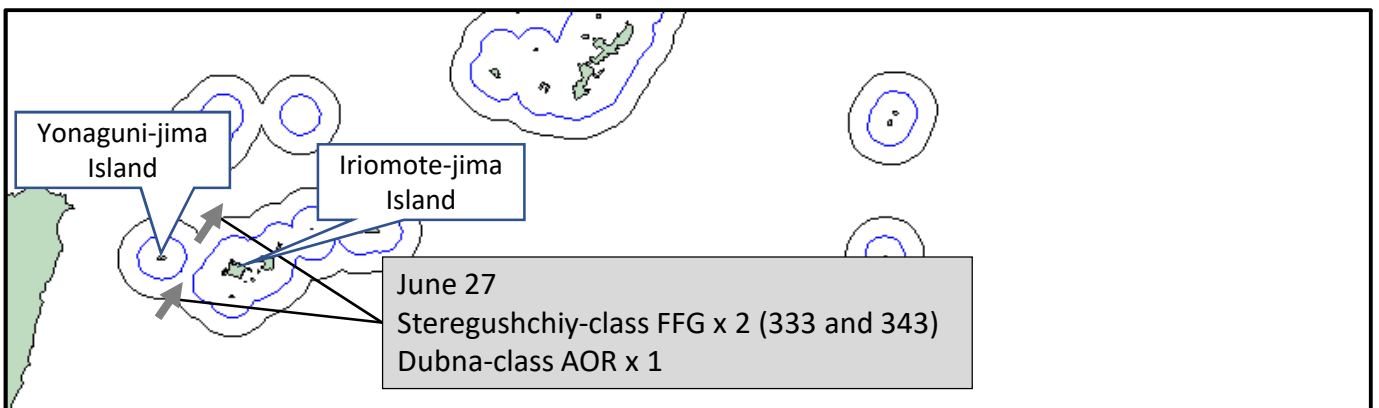
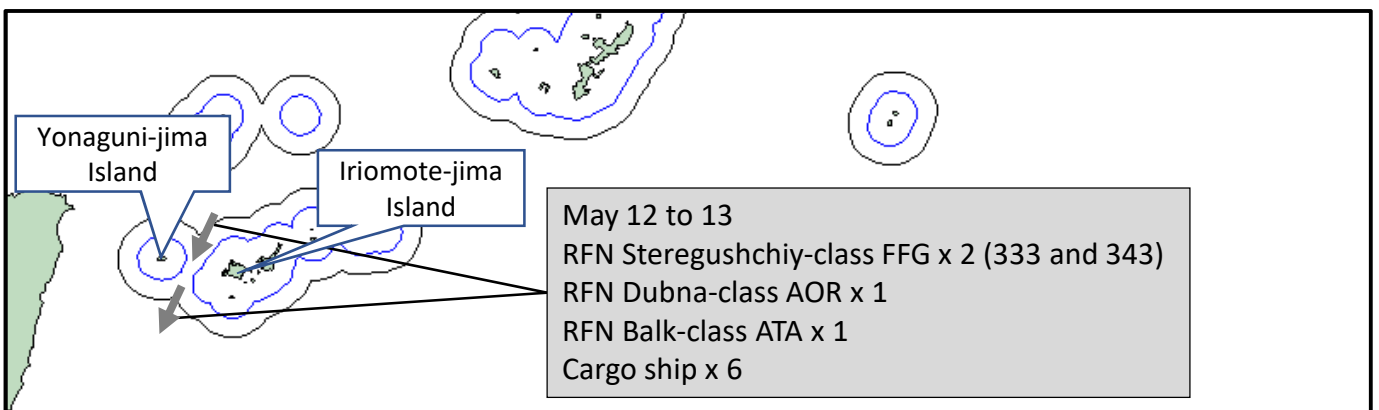
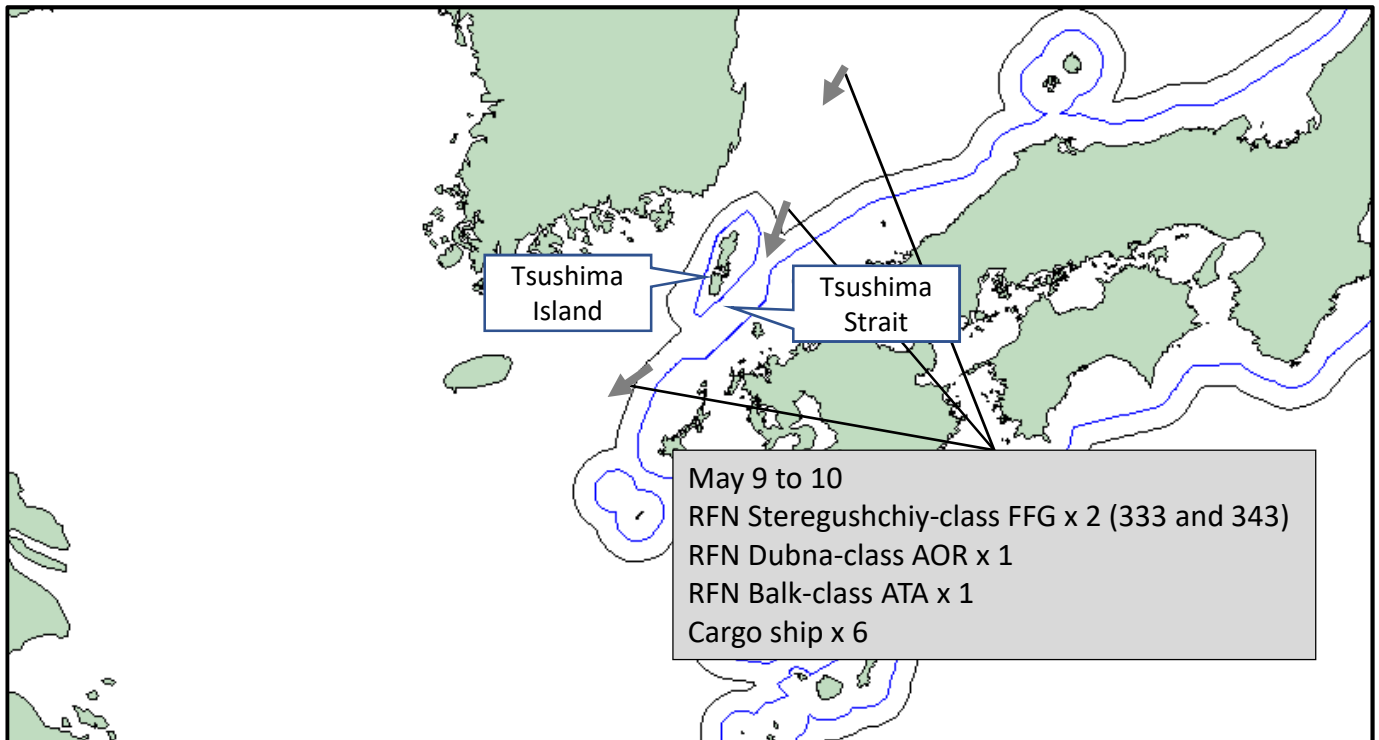
Overview of Activities



→ : PLAN and RFN vessels

□ : This time PR

Overview of Activities



→ : RFN vessels
■ : Previous PRs