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Event Summary/Russian Military Activities

August 18, 2026

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

- At around 4:00 p.m., Thursday, August 13, 2026, JMSDF spotted RFN Improved Kilo-class SS x 1 and Igor Belousov-class ASR x 1 sailing northeastward in the waters approximately 80 km south of Yonaguni-jima Island.
- These vessels continued to sail northeastward through the waters between Yonaguni-jima Island and Iriomote-jima Island into the East China Sea.
- These are the same vessels that sailed southwestward through Tsushima Strait from July 1 to 2 and sailed southwestward through the waters between Yonaguni-jima Island and Iriomote-jima Island into the Pacific Ocean on July 19, 2026.
- JMSDF assets monitored the activities of these vessels.

ABBREVIATIONS

JMSDF: Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force

RFN: Russian Federation Navy

SS: Attack Submarine

ASR: Auxiliary Submarine Rescue

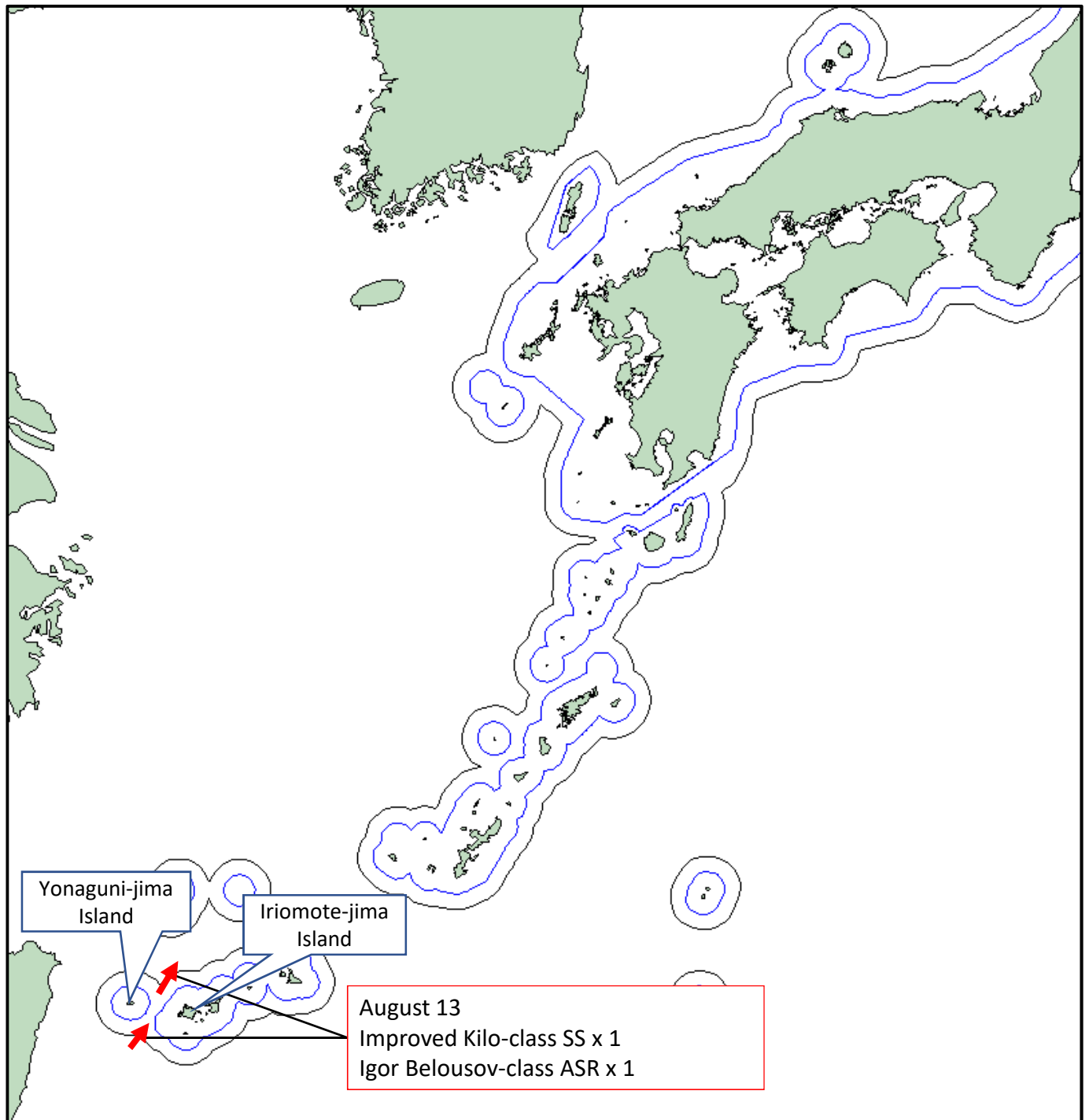
Improved Kilo-class SS



Igor Belousov-class ASR



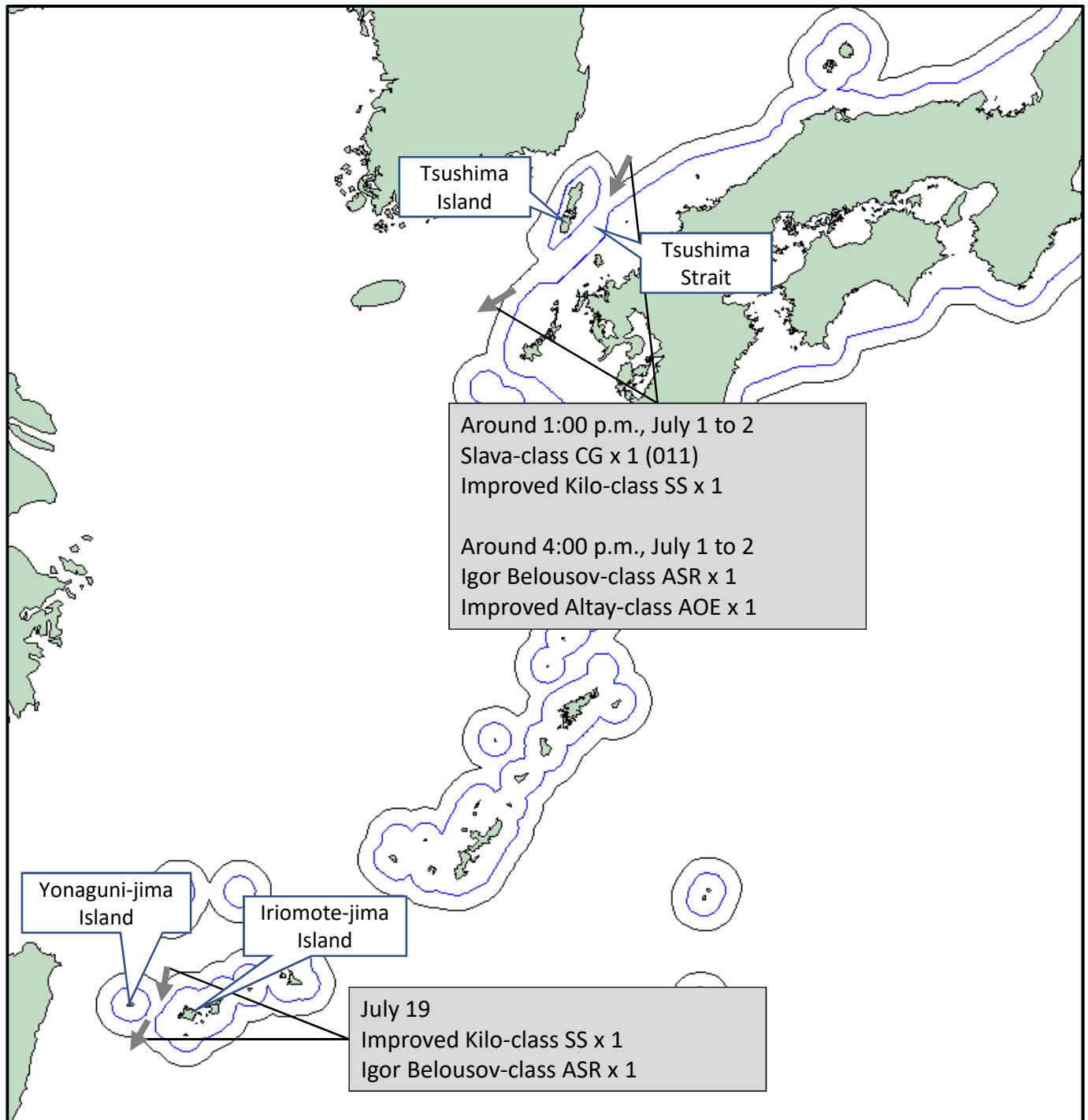
Overview of Activities



→ : RFN Vessels

□ : This time PR

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■ : Previous PRs