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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 1:00 a.m., Friday, August 14, 2026, JMSDF spotted RFN Tarantul-III-class FSG × 4 (hull number 916, 946, 971, 978) sailing westward in the waters approximately 40km northeast of Cape Soya.
- These RFN vessels continued to sail westward through Soya Strait.
- These are the same vessels that sailed eastward through Soya Strait on August 9.
- JMSDF assets monitored the activities of these vessels.

ABBREVIATIONS

JMSDF: Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force

RFN: Russian Federation Navy

FSG: Guided-Missile Corvette

Tarantul-III-class FSG (hull number 916)



Tarantul-III-class FSG (hull number 946)



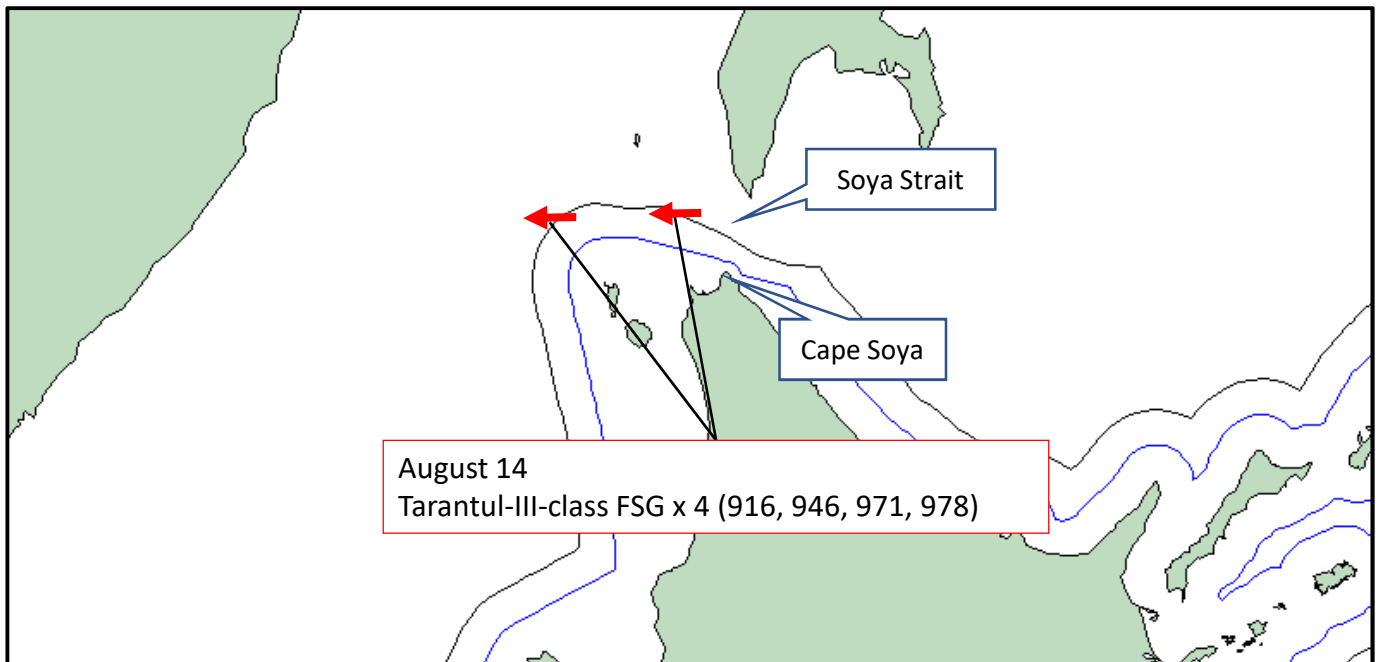
Tarantul-III-class FSG (hull number 971)



Tarantul-III-class FSG (hull number 978)

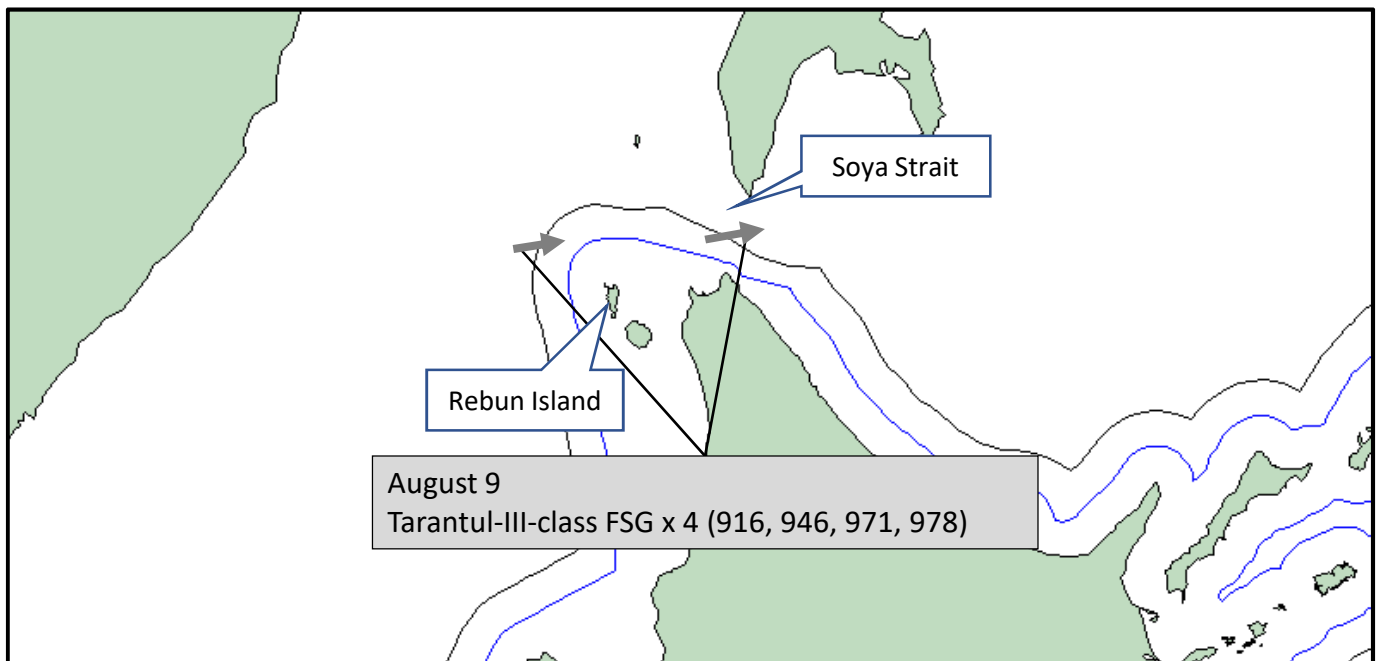


Overview of Activities



→ : RFN Vessels

□ : This time PR



→ : RFN Vessels

□ : Previous PR