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Event Summary/Russian Military Activities

August 19, 2026

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

- At around 11:00 a.m., Sunday, August 16, 2026, JMSDF spotted RFN Improved Kilo-class SS x 1 and Igor Belousov-class ASR x 1 sailing northeastward in the waters approximately 170 km southwest of Tsushima Island.
- These RFN vessels continued to sail northeastward through Tsushima Strait into the Sea of Japan from August 16 to 17.
- These are the same vessels that conducted the following activities, which were reported in the previous PRs:
 - Sailed southwestward through Tsushima Strait into the East China Sea from July 1 to 2.
 - Sailed southwestward through the waters between Yonaguni-jima Island and Iriomote-jima Island into the Pacific Ocean on July 19.
 - Sailed northeastward through the waters between Yonaguni-jima Island and Iriomote-jima Island into the East China Sea on August 13, 2026.
- JMSDF assets monitored the activities of these vessels.

ABBREVIATIONS

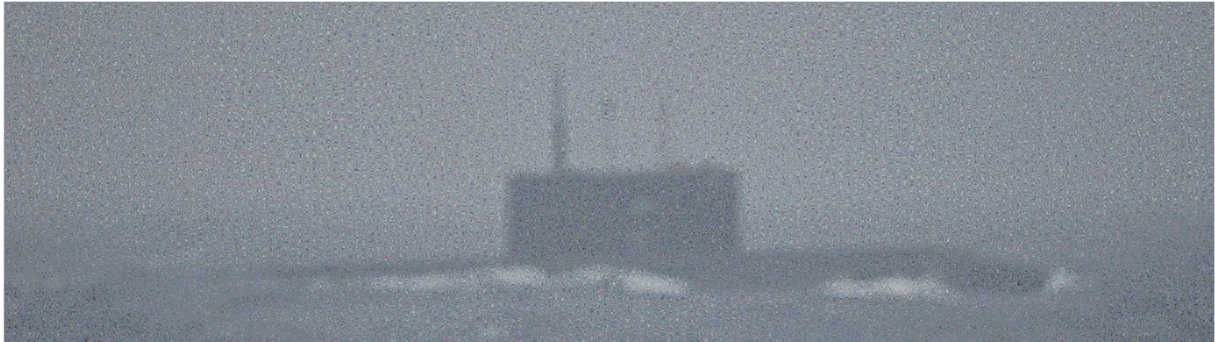
JMSDF: Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force

RFN: Russian Federation Navy

SS: Attack Submarine

ASR: Auxiliary Submarine Rescue

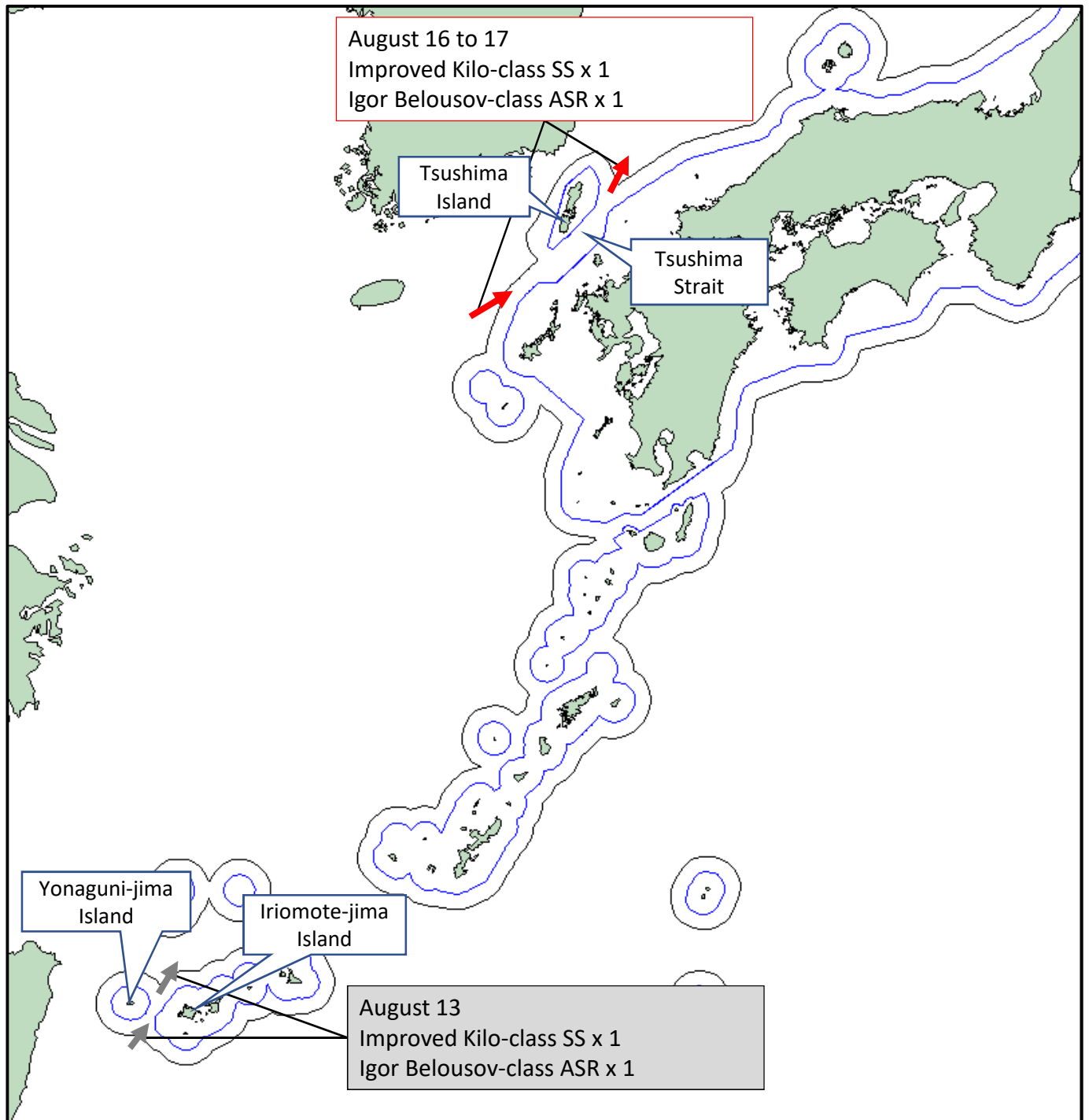
Improved Kilo-class SS



Igor Belousov-class ASR

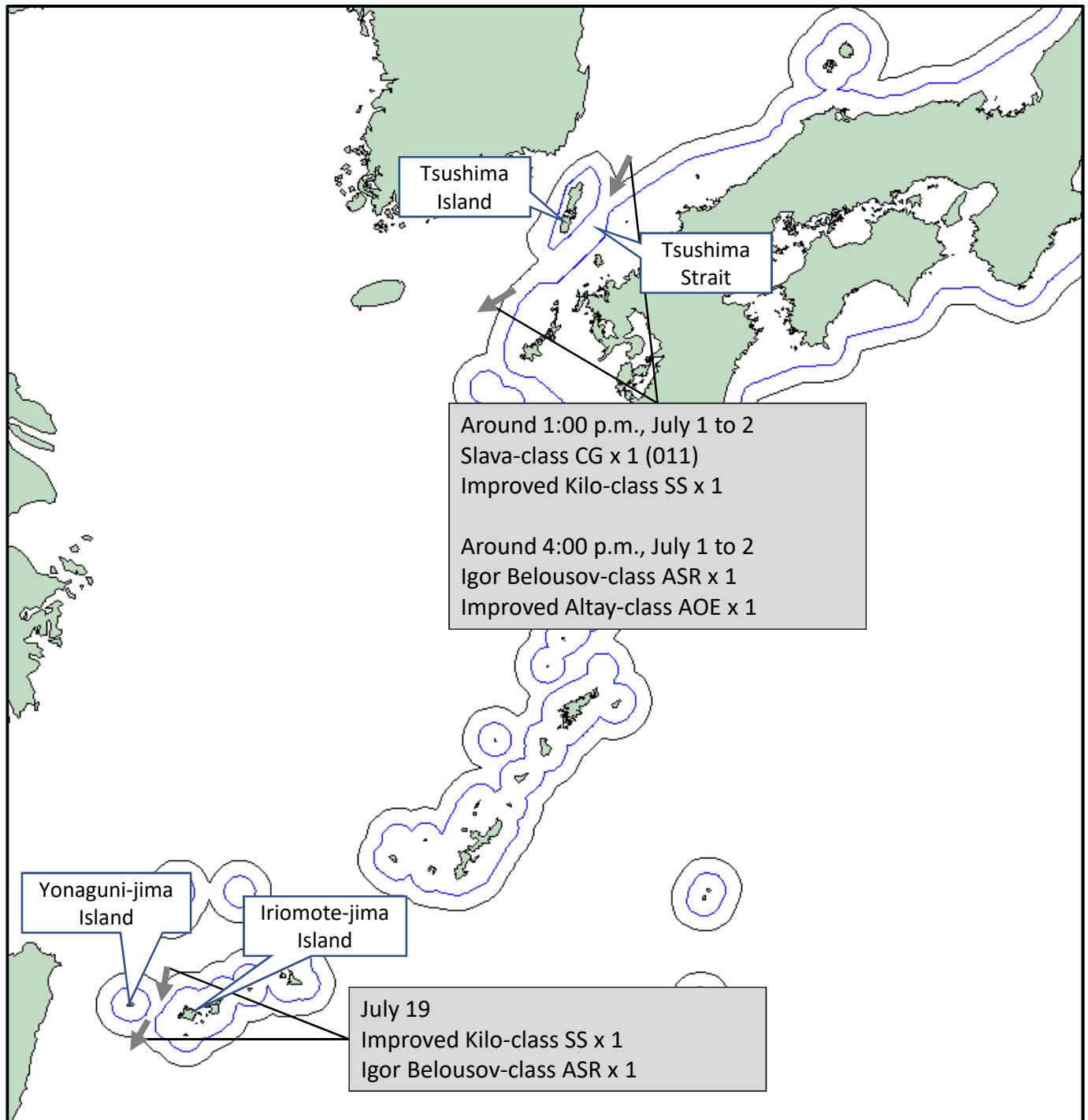


Overview of Activities



-  : RFN vessels
-  : This time PR
-  : Previous PR

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→ : RFN Vessels
■ : Previous PRs