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Event Summary/Russian Military Activities

September 18, 2026

The activity of a Russian Navy vessel in the waters surrounding Japan.

- At around 4:00 a.m., Tuesday, September 15, 2026, JMSDF spotted RFN Steregushchiy-class FFG x 1 (hull number 343) sailing southwestward in the waters approximately 60 km north of Iriomote-jima Island.
- The RFN vessel continued to sail southwestward through the waters between Yonaguni-jima Island and Iriomote-jima Island into the Pacific Ocean.
- This is the same vessel that sailed southwestward through Tsushima Strait from September 12 to 13.
- JMSDF assets monitored the activities of the vessel.

ABBREVIATIONS

JMSDF: Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force

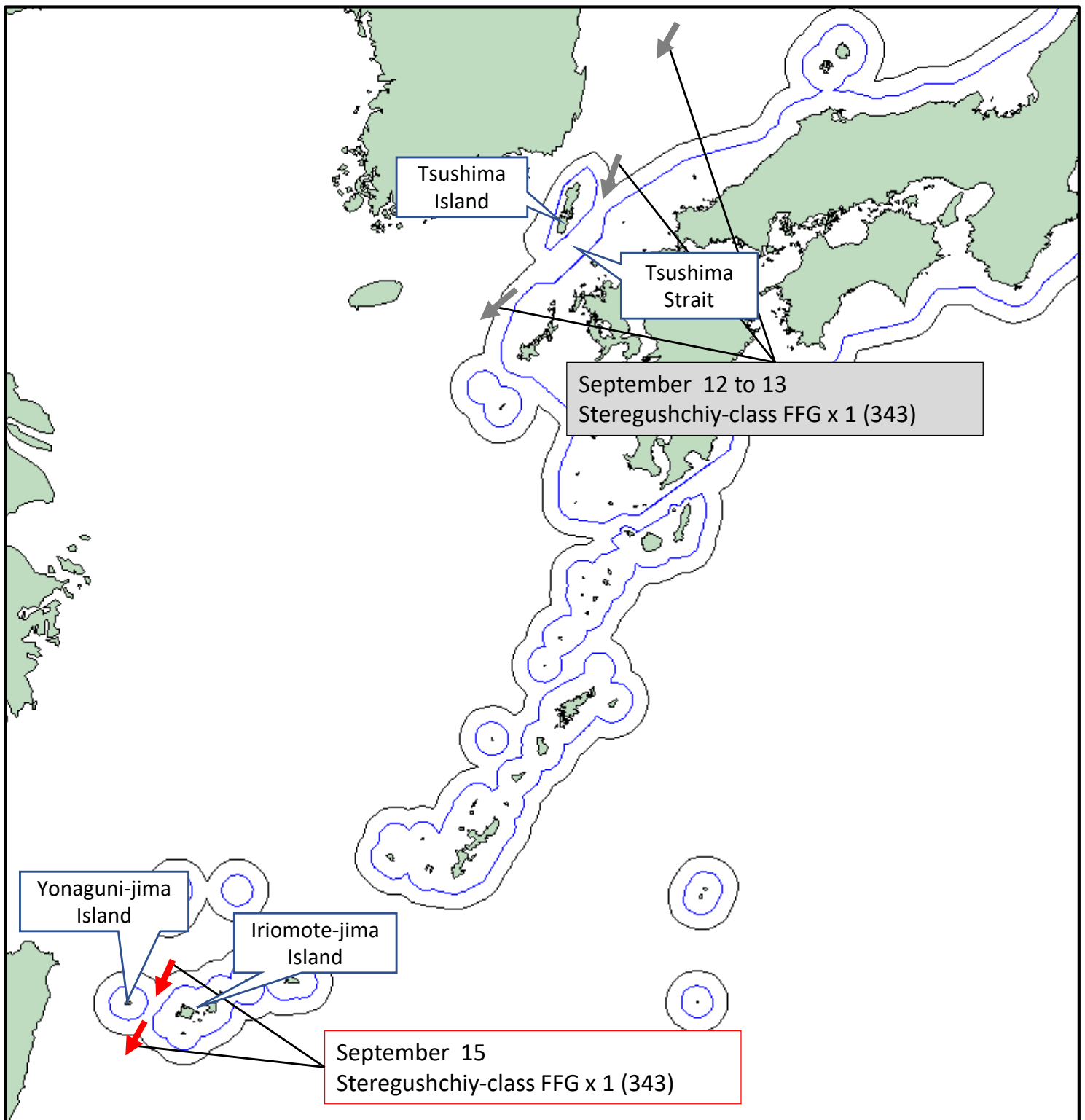
RFN: Russian Federation Navy

FFG: Guided Missile Frigate

Steregushchiy-class FFG (hull number 343)



Overview of Activities



-  : RFN Vessel
-  : This time PR
-  : Previous PR