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Event Summary/Chinese Military Activities

September 18, 2026

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

- At around 7:00 a.m., Tuesday, September 15, 2026, JMSDF spotted PLAN Luyang-III-class DDG x 1 (hull number 159) and Jiangkai-II-class FFG x 1 (hull number 537) sailing northwestward in the waters approximately 50 km southeast of Cape Toi.
- These PLAN vessels continued to sail westward through Osumi Strait into the East China Sea.
- These are the same vessels that sailed southward through the waters between Okinawa Main Island and Miyako-jima Island on August 22.
- JMSDF assets monitored the activities of these vessels.

ABBREVIATIONS

JMSDF: Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force

PLAN: People's Liberation Army Navy (China)

DDG: Guided Missile Destroyer

FFG: Guided Missile Frigate

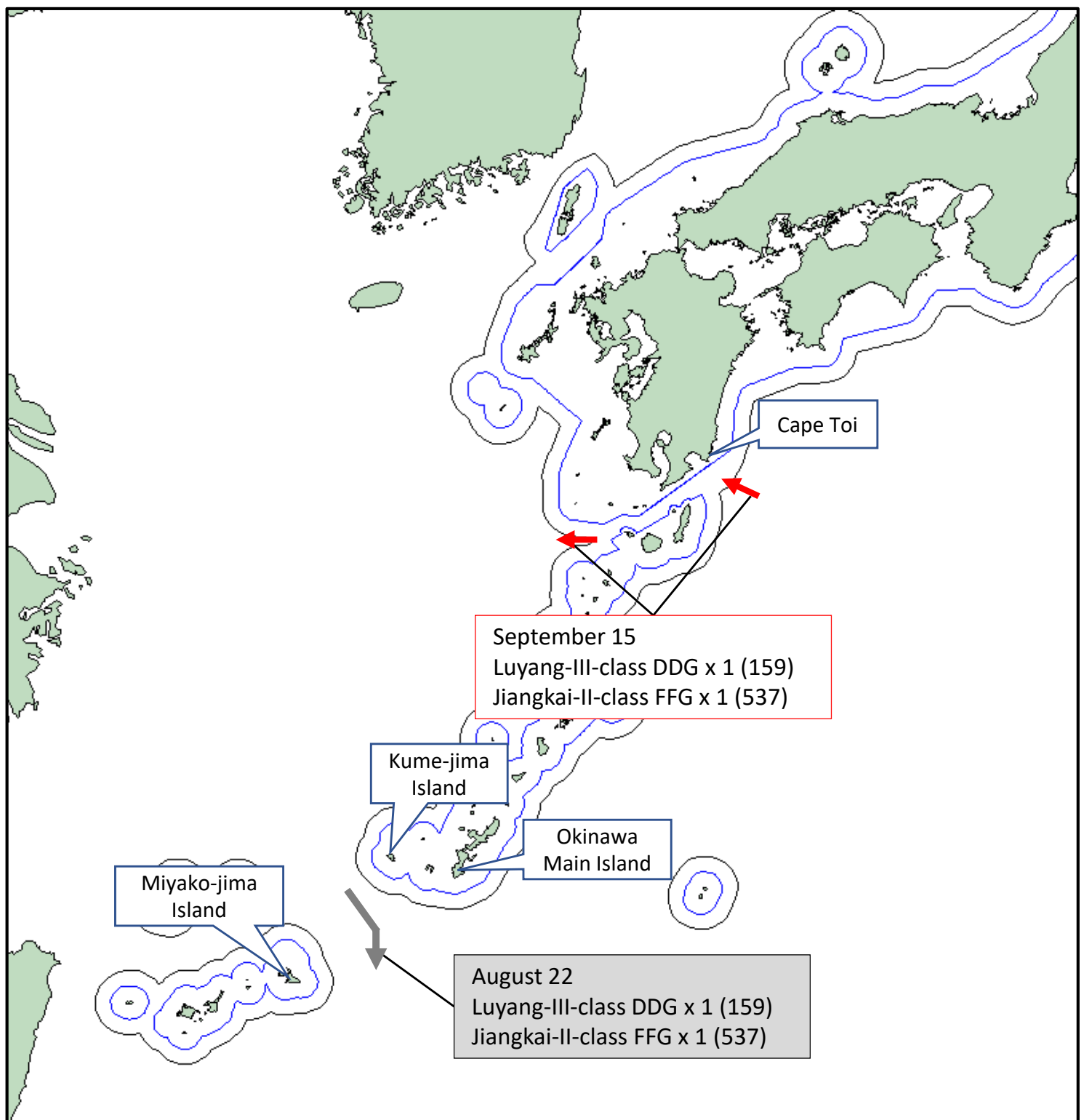
Luyang-III-class DDG (hull number 159)



Jiangkai-II-class FFG (hull number 537)



Overview of Activities



 : PLAN vessels

 : This time PR

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