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Event Summary/Chinese Military Activities

October 21, 2026

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

- At around 4:00 p.m., Monday, October 19, 2026, JMSDF spotted PLAN Jiangkai-II-class FFG x 1 (hull number 532) sailing eastward in the waters approximately 100 km west of Kuchinoerabu-jima Island.

- The PLAN FFG continued to sail eastward through Osumi Strait into the Pacific Ocean from October 19 to 20.

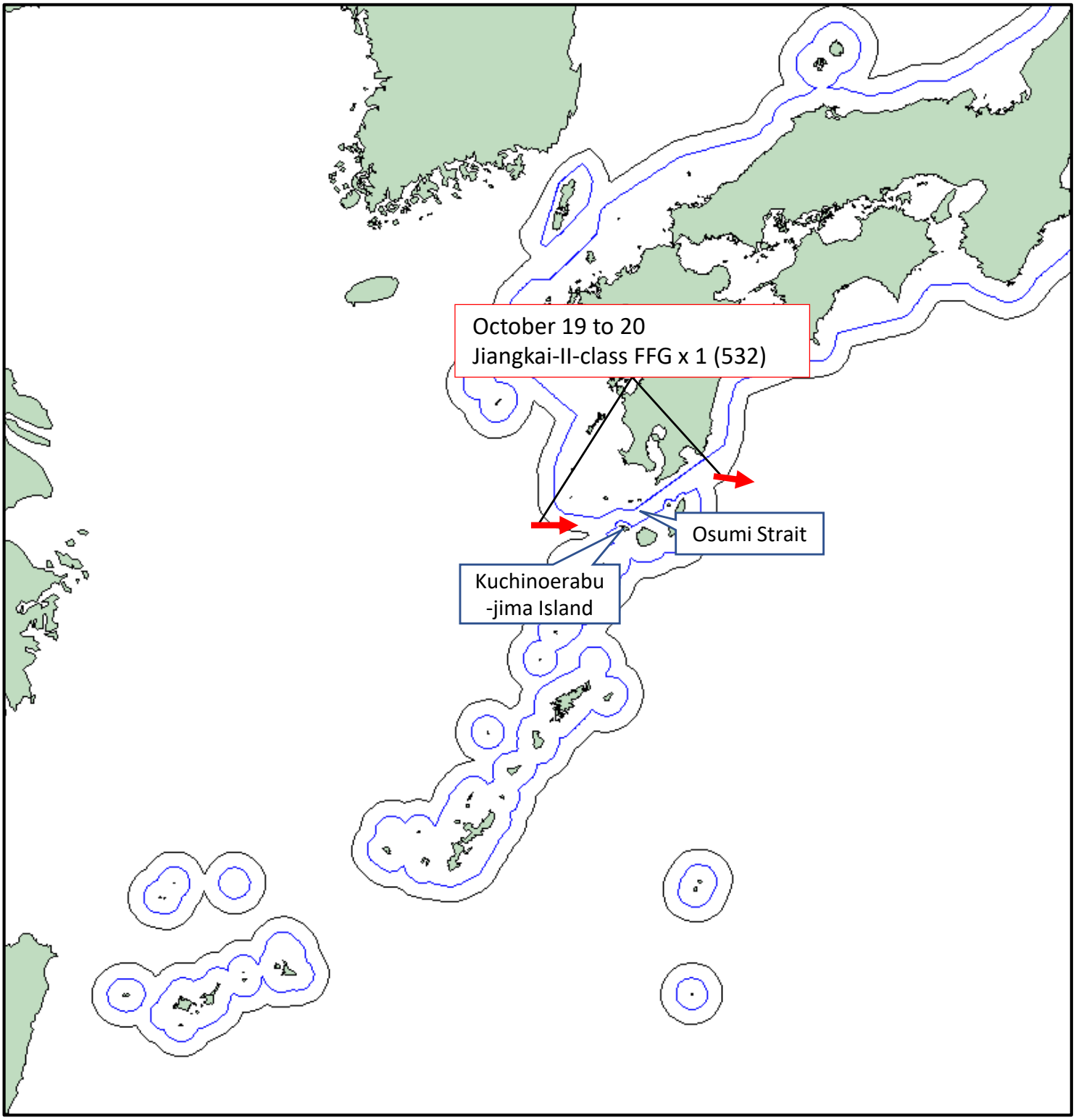
- JMSDF assets monitored the activities of the vessel.

ABBREVIATIONS
JMSDF: Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force
PLAN: People's Liberation Army Navy (China)
FFG: Guided Missile Frigate

Jiangkai-II-class FFG (hull number 532)



Overview of Activities



: PLAN vessel