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Event Summary/Chinese Military Activities

November 18, 2026

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

- At around 9:00 a.m., Monday, November 16, 2026, JMSDF spotted PLAN Luyang-III-class DDG x 1 (hull number 121) and Fuchi-class AOR x 1 (hull number 890) sailing northward in the waters approximately 60 km west of Kume-jima Island.

- The Luyang-III-class DDG x 1 (hull number 121) is the same vessel that conducted the following activities, which were reported in the previous PRs:
  - Sailed eastward through Osumi Strait into the Pacific Ocean on October 17.
  - Sailed northwestward through the waters between Okinawa Main Island and Miyako-jima Island into the East China Sea on November 1.
  - Sailed southeastward through the waters between Okinawa Main Island and Miyako-jima Island into the Pacific Ocean on November 2.
  - Sailed northwestward through the waters between Okinawa Main Island and Miyako-jima Island into the East China Sea on November 4.
  - Sailed southeastward through the waters between Okinawa Main Island and Miyako-jima Island into the Pacific Ocean on November 12.

- The Fuchi-class AOR x 1 (hull number 890) is the same vessel that sailed southeastward through the waters between Okinawa Main Island and Miyako-jima Island into the Pacific Ocean on November 2.

- 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
AOR: Replenishment Oiler

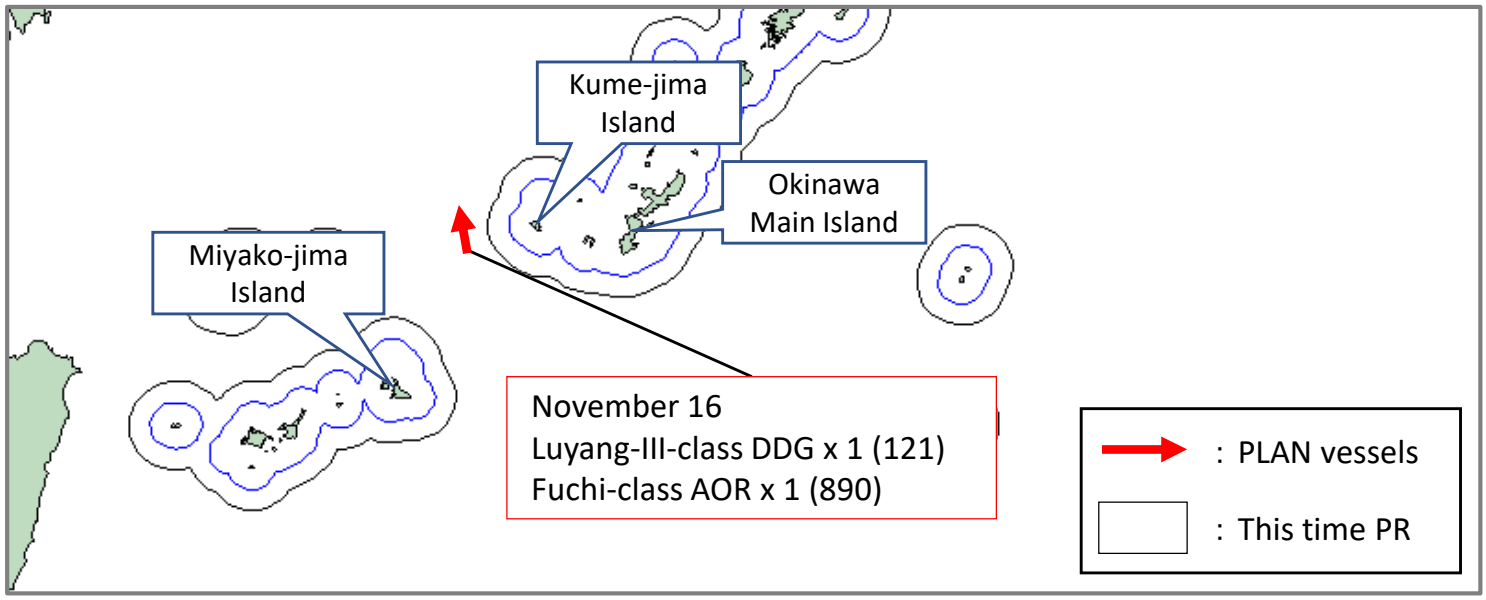
Luyang-III-class DDG (hull number 121)

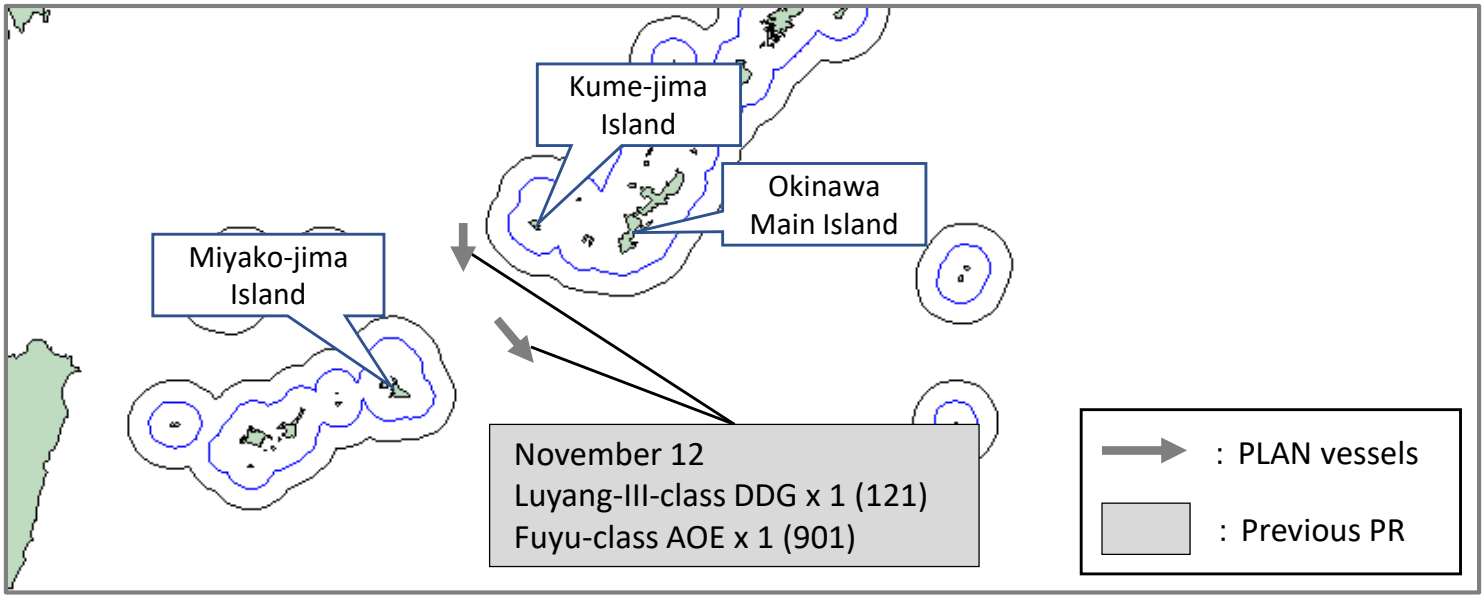


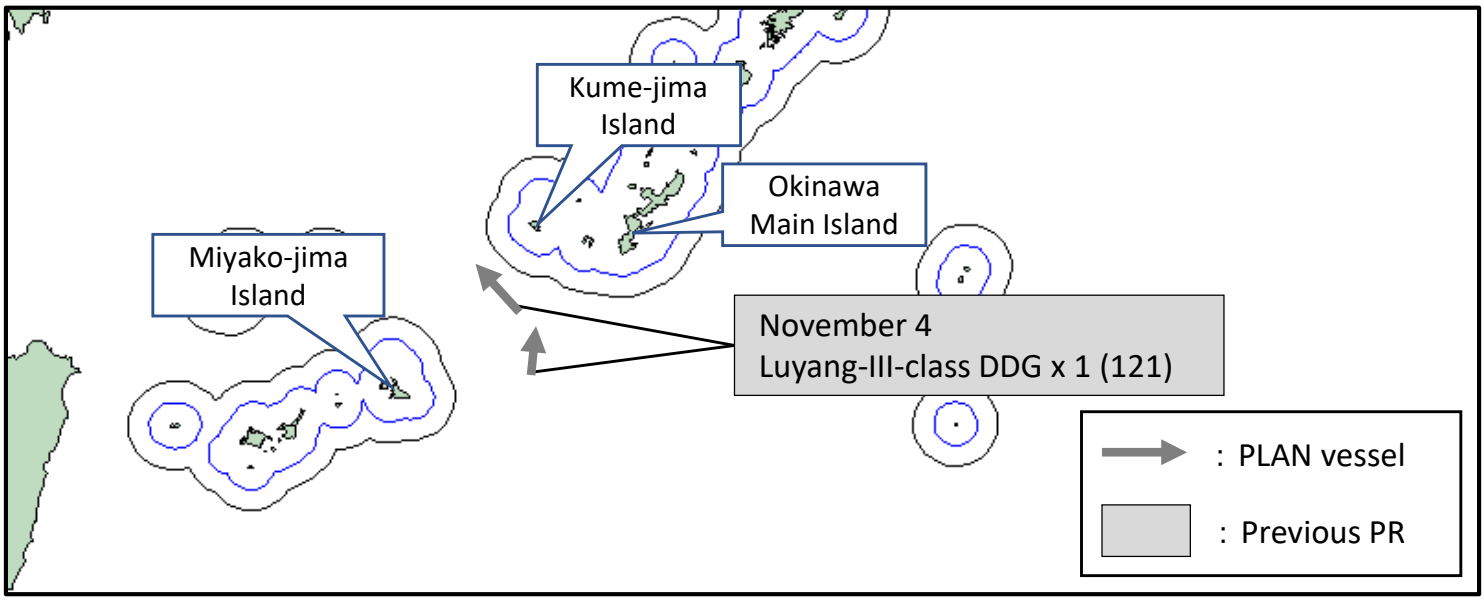
Fuchi-class AOR (hull number 890)



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