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## U.S., Australia, and Philippine led Multilateral Exercise (Exercise SAMASAMA/LUMBUS 2022)

The Indo-Pacific Deployment 2022 (IPD22) unit, JS *KIRISAME* and US-2, participated in a multilateral exercise “Exercise SAMASAMA/LUMBUS 2022” hosted by the United States Navy (USN), the Royal Australian Navy (RAN) and the Philippine Navy (PN) in order to strengthen cooperation and to realize a “Free and Open Indo-Pacific” as described below.

### 1. Objectives

- (1) To improve the JMSDF’s tactical capabilities
- (2) To strengthen relationship with the participating navies

### 2. Period

October 11-18

### 3. Exercise Area

Sulu Sea

### 4. Participating units

- (1) JMSDF: JS *KIRISAME* (IPD22 Second Surface Unit), US-2 (IPD22 Third Aerial Unit)
- (2) USN: USS *MILIUS*, P-8A
- (3) RAN: HMAS *HOBART*, HMAS *STALWART*
- (4) PN: BRP *JOSE RIZAL*, C-90, etc.
- (5) French Armed Forces in French Polynesia: FALCON200
- (6) Royal Navy: HMS *SPEY*

### 5. Type of exercise

Search and Rescue exercise, Replenishment at Sea, etc.

### 6. Notes

Preventive measures against COVID-19 were implemented during the exercise.



From the left, HMAS *STALWART*, HMS *SPEY*



IPD22 Third Aerial Unit personnel and the Philippine Navy (US-2 background)