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Japan-U.S. Bilateral Exercise (ILEX23-4)

The JMSDF conducted a bilateral exercise with the U.S. Navy (USN) in order to strengthen the capability of Japan-U.S. Alliance for effective deterrence and response as described below.

1. Objectives

- (1) To improve the JMSDF's tactical capabilities
- (2) To improve interoperability between the JMSDF and the U.S. Navy

2. Date

July 28

3. Exercise Area

Southeast of the Kii Peninsula

4. Participating units

- (1) JMSDF: JS *TOKIWA*
- (2) USN: USS *BENFOLD*

5. Type of exercise

Replenishment at Sea



Replenishment at Sea on USS *BENFOLD*



JMSDF members seeing of the USS *BENFOLD*