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Maritime Staff Office

(Announcement)

### Japan- U.S. Bilateral Exercise (Rescue Flag Okinawa)

The JMSDF, together with the JASDF, conducted a bilateral exercise with the U.S. Armed Forces (USF) as described below in order to strengthen the capability of the Japan-U.S. Alliance for effective deterrence and response.

#### 1. Objectives

- (1) To improve the JMSDF's tactical capabilities
- (2) To enhance cooperation among the JMSDF, the JASDF, and the USF

#### 2. Period

January 21 – 30

#### 3. Exercise Area

The sea and airspace around Okinawa Island and Ukibaru Island.

#### 4. Participating Units

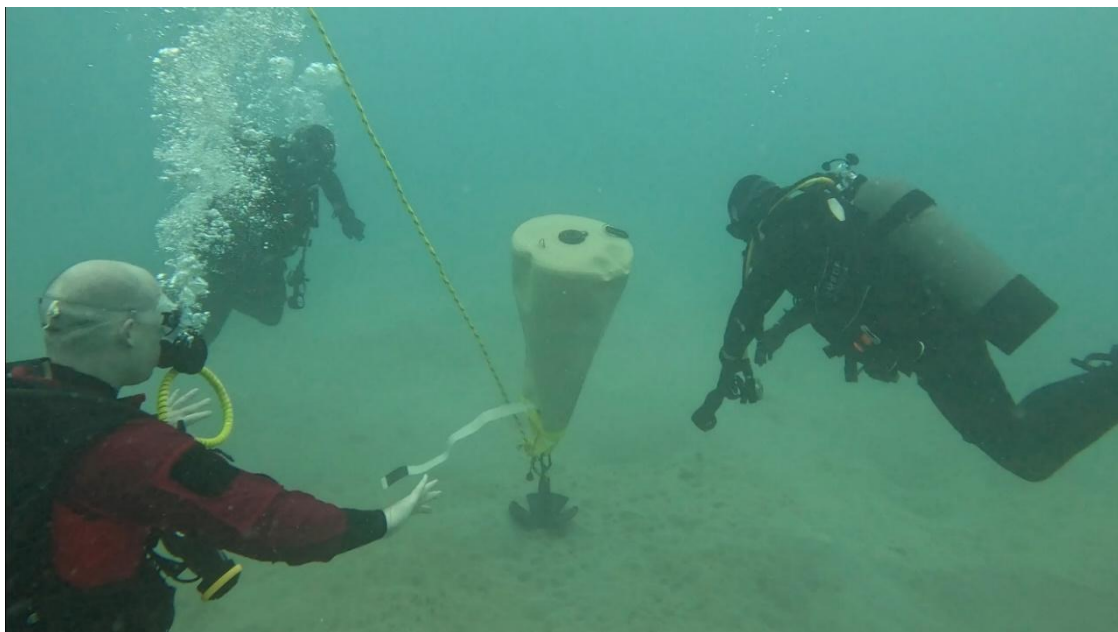
- (1) JMSDF: US-2
- (2) JASDF: U-125A, UH-60J
- (3) U.S. Air Force: MC-130J, HH-60
- (4) U.S. Marine Corps: MV-22

#### 5. Type of Exercise

Search and Rescue exercise



US-2 and MC-130J



JMSDF and USF members conducting exercise