

# Key Points of the Annual Report 2015 "Japan's Actions against Piracy off the Coast of Somalia and in the Gulf of Aden"

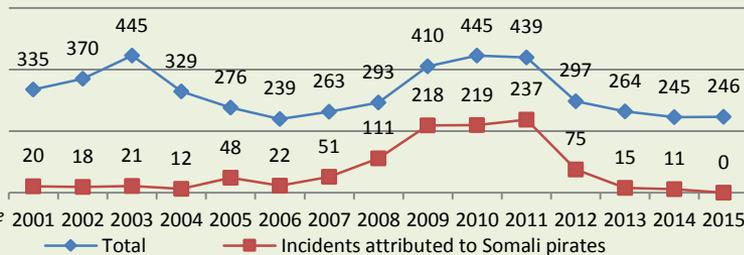
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Japan has engaged in counter piracy off the coast of Somalia and in the Gulf of Aden in cooperation with international community including dispatching the Japan Self-Defense Forces (JSDF) and the Japan Coast Guard (JCG)\*. Piracy incidents, Japan's actions and its achievements in 2015 are as follows.

\*Members of the JCG are on board of the JSDF's destroyers.

## Piracy Incidents

According to the ICC-IMB\*, no Somali piracy incidents were reported in 2015.



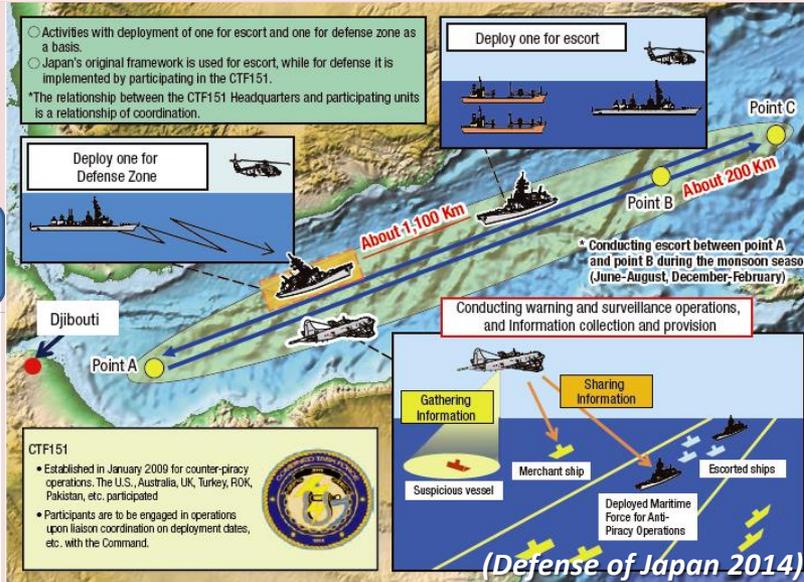
Although a marked reduction has been seen in the number of attacks and hijackings in 2012, Japan observes that the underlying causes of piracy remain in place, and the current decline is inherently reversible.

\*International Chamber of Commerce  
International Maritime Bureau

## The Counter-Piracy Operation by the Japan Self-Defense Forces (JSDF) and the Japan Coast Guard (JCG)

In June 2009, Japan enacted the "Anti-Piracy Measures Act". In July 2009, the JSDF commenced escort and warning/surveillance activities off the coast of Somalia and in the Gulf of Aden as the Counter-Piracy Operation under the Act.

## Act on Special Measures Concerning the Guarding of Japanese Ships in Pirate-Infested Waters



## Coordination and Cooperation with International Community

Joint Counter-Piracy  
Exercise with Naval  
Forces from CTF151



The First Commander from the JSDF  
to a Multinational Force  
since the Foundation of the JSDF



Destroyer escorting "Asuka II"

## Escort Results of 2015

- Escort by destroyers 78missions, 147 vessels
  - Surveillance activities by P-3C 227 missions, 1,720 flying hours
- Approx. 20,300 ships identified  
Information provided to vessels on around 1,280 occasions

Under the Act, privately contracted armed security personnel who are confirmed by the Minister of Land Infrastructure, Transportation and Tourism of Japan can guard Japanese flag vessels in the Pirate-Infested Waters.