

# Key Points of the Annual Report 2016 "Japan's Actions against Piracy off the Coast of Somalia and in the Gulf of Aden"

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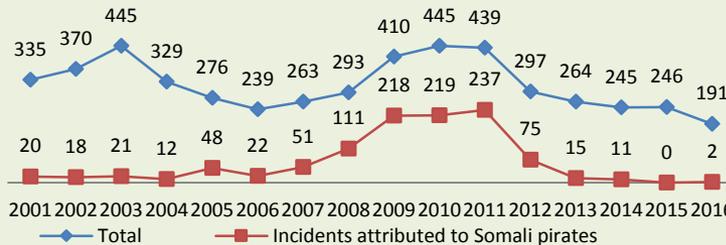
Japan has engaged in counter piracy off the coast of Somalia and in the Gulf of Aden in cooperation with international community including dispatching the Japan Self-Defense Forces (JSDF) and the Japan Coast Guard (JCG)\*. Piracy incidents, Japan's actions and its achievements in 2016 are as follows.

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

## Piracy Incidents

According to the ICC-IMB\*, two Somali piracy incidents were reported in 2016.

\*International Chamber of Commerce International Maritime Bureau

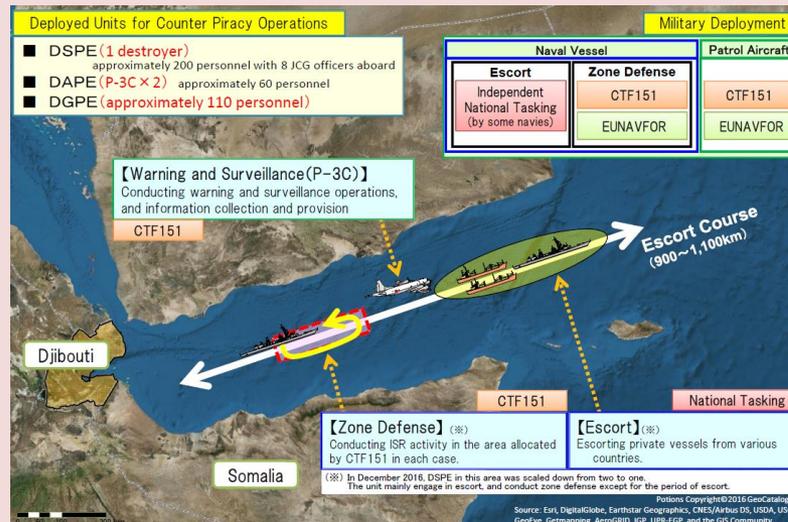


Although a marked reduction has been seen in the number of attacks and hijackings in 2012, Japan observes that the underlying causes of piracy remain in place, and the current decline is inherently reversible.

## 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



## Escort Results of 2016

- Escort by destroyers  
72missions, 114 vessels
- Surveillance activities by P-3C  
233 missions, 1,750 flying hours  
Approx. 19,600 ships identified  
Information provided to vessels on around 890 occasions

## Coordination and Cooperation with International Community



## Official Visit to Djibouti by H.E. Ms. Inada, Defense Minister of Japan



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.