

Key Points of the Annual Report 2017 "Japan's Actions against Piracy off the Coast of Somalia and in the Gulf of Aden"

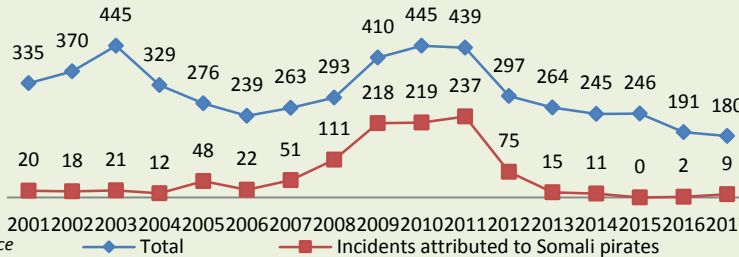
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Japan has engaged in counter piracy off the coast of Somalia and in the Gulf of Aden in cooperation with international community including dispatching the Japan Self-Defense Forces (JSDF) and the Japan Coast Guard (JCG)*. Piracy incidents, Japan's actions and its achievements in 2017 are as follows.

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

Piracy Incidents

According to the ICC-IMB*, nine Somali piracy incidents were reported in 2017.



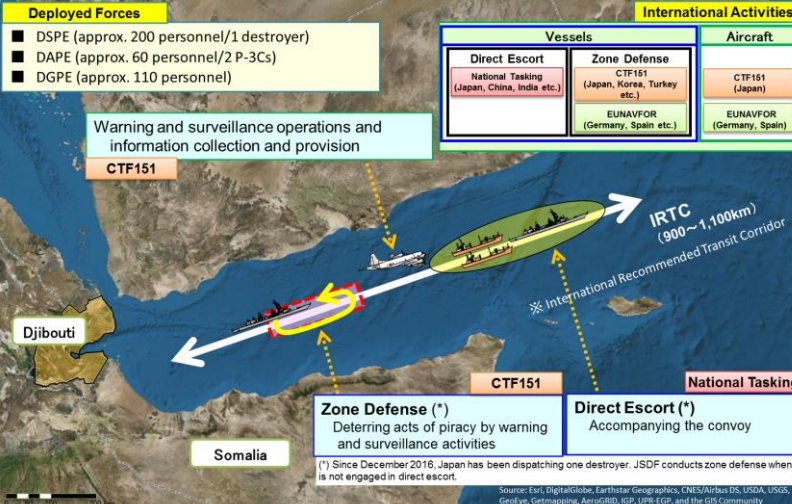
Although a marked reduction has been seen in the number of attacks and hijackings in 2012, Japan observes that the underlying causes of piracy remain in place, and the current decline is inherently reversible.

*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.

Overview of the Counter-Piracy Operation of Japan



Coordination and Cooperation with International Community



Serve as Commander of Multinational Forces



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



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.

Escort Results of 2017

- Escort by destroyers 43missions, 72 vessels
- Surveillance activities by P-3C 243 missions, 1,800 flying hours
Approx. 19,900 ships identified
Information provided to vessels on around 690 occasions