

Key Points of the Annual Report 2019

"Japan's Actions against Piracy off the Coast of Somalia and in the Gulf of Aden"

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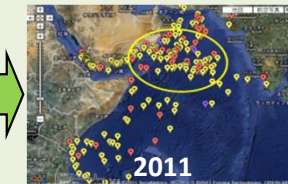
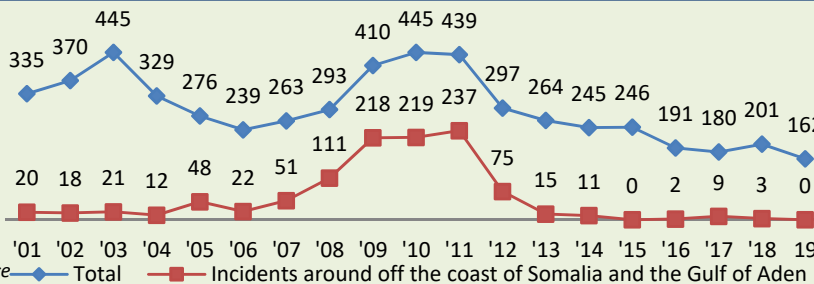
Japan has engaged in counter piracy off the coast of Somalia and in the Gulf of Aden in cooperation with international community including dispatching the Japan Self-Defense Forces (JSDF) and the Japan Coast Guard (JCG)*. Piracy incidents, Japan's actions and its achievements in 2019 are as follows.

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

Piracy Incidents

According to the ICC-IMB*, no piracy incident around off the coast of Somalia and the Gulf of Aden was reported in 2019.

*International Chamber of Commerce International Maritime Bureau



No incident

2019

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 without the international effort.

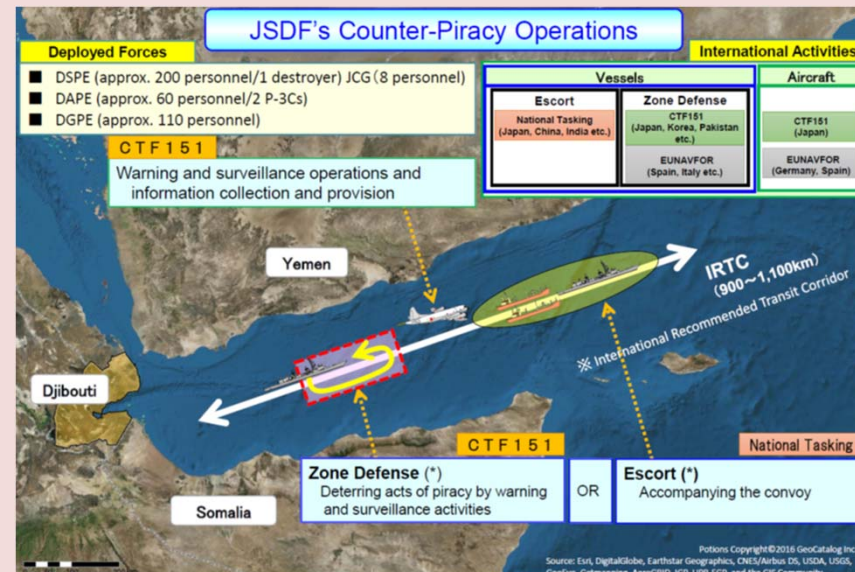
The Counter-Piracy Operation by the Japan Self-Defense Forces (JSDF) and the Japan Coast Guard (JCG)

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



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.



JSDF's Activities in 2019

- Escort by destroyers
30 missions, 38 vessels
- Surveillance by P-3C
flight missions: 240
flying hours: about 1,600
vessels identified: 20,000
provisions of Information to vessels: about 620

Coordination and Cooperation with International Community



Summit between Japan and Somalia

