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The guidline "GUIDANCE TO SHIPOWNERS AND SHIP OPERATORS, SHIPMASTERS AND CREWS ON PREVENTING AND SUPPRESSING ACTS OF PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS", which is attached to the MSC/Circ.623/Rev.3, 29 May 2002.

The Japan Coast Guard provides useful information on piracy prone areas, trends, modus-operandi, etc. -on its homepage and through the Japanese Ship Owners Association.

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Request to coastal states for appropriate actions by diplomatic channels etc.

Japan (International shipping division, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport) will request for appropriate actions (provision of necessary information,) to the coastal State through diplomatic channel, as the occasion demands.

Gathering Information

(a) pirates;

(b) persons who have committed armed robbery against ships; (c) ships or aircraft used for committing piracy or armed robbery against ships, and ships taken by and under the control of pirates or persons who have committed armed robbery against ships; or (d) victim ships and victims of piracy or armed robbery against ships. • JCG does not focus on dispatching our fleet, but on helping each country maintain peace in its waters.

• The most important thing is to enhancement international cooperation among related countries.

