

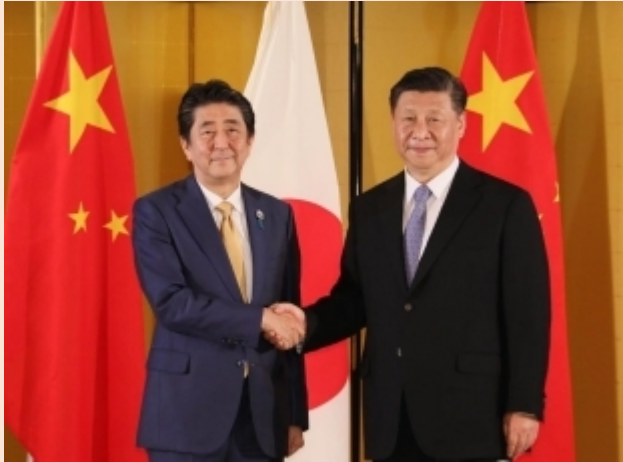
# Nexus of the East and South China Seas: A Japanese Perspective

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# Recent Improvements in Japan-China Diplomatic Relations

President Xi's Visit to Japan (July 2019)



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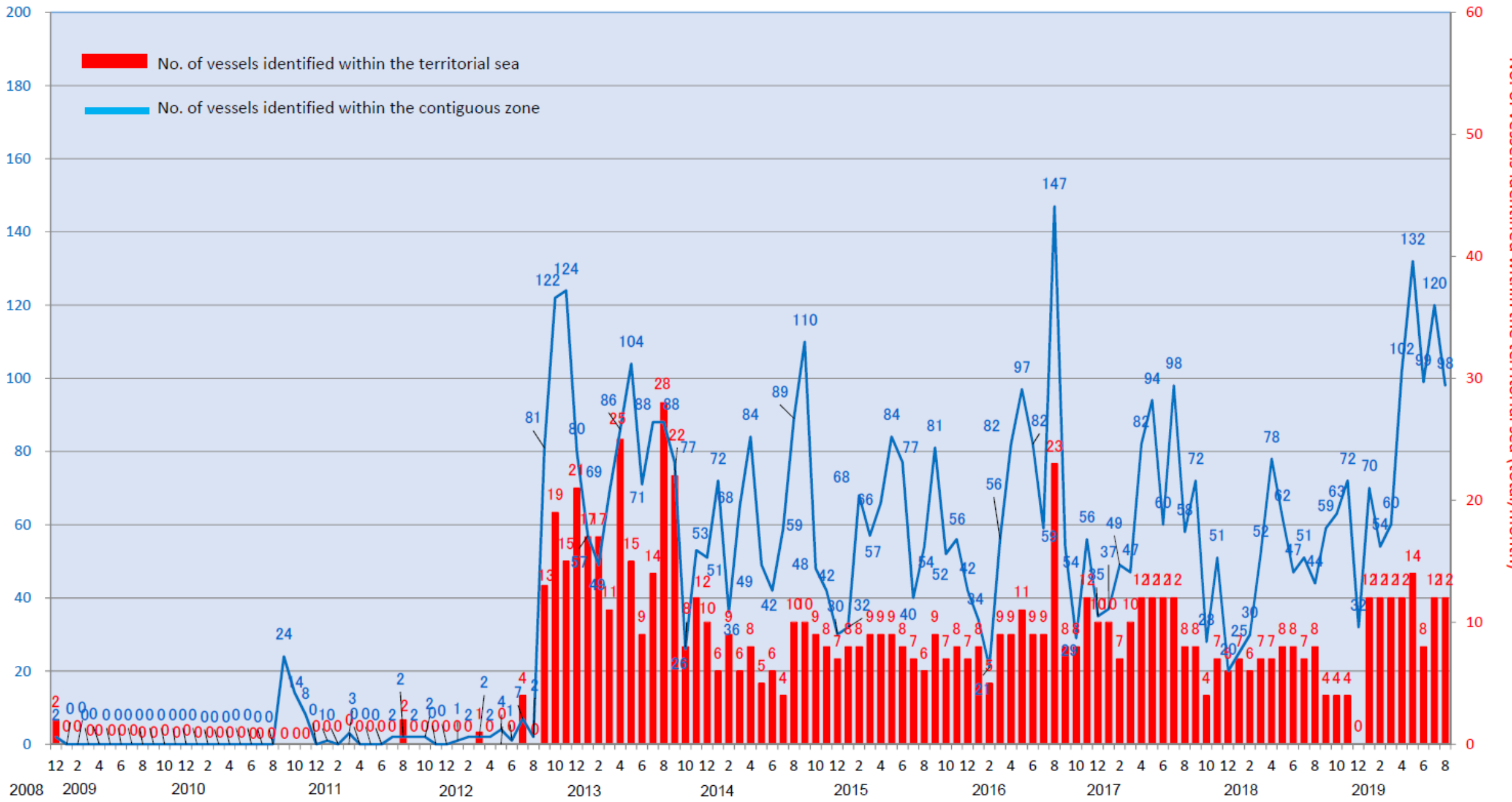
- Establishment of Maritime Communication Mechanism
- Defense Exchanges Resumed
- Coordination Mechanism on Mekong Cooperation

=> How about the East China Sea?

# Situation in the East China Sea

- Far from being stabilized, even deteriorating
- More frequent intrusions of Chinese government vessels into Senkaku Waters
- China's military expansion beyond East China Sea southward

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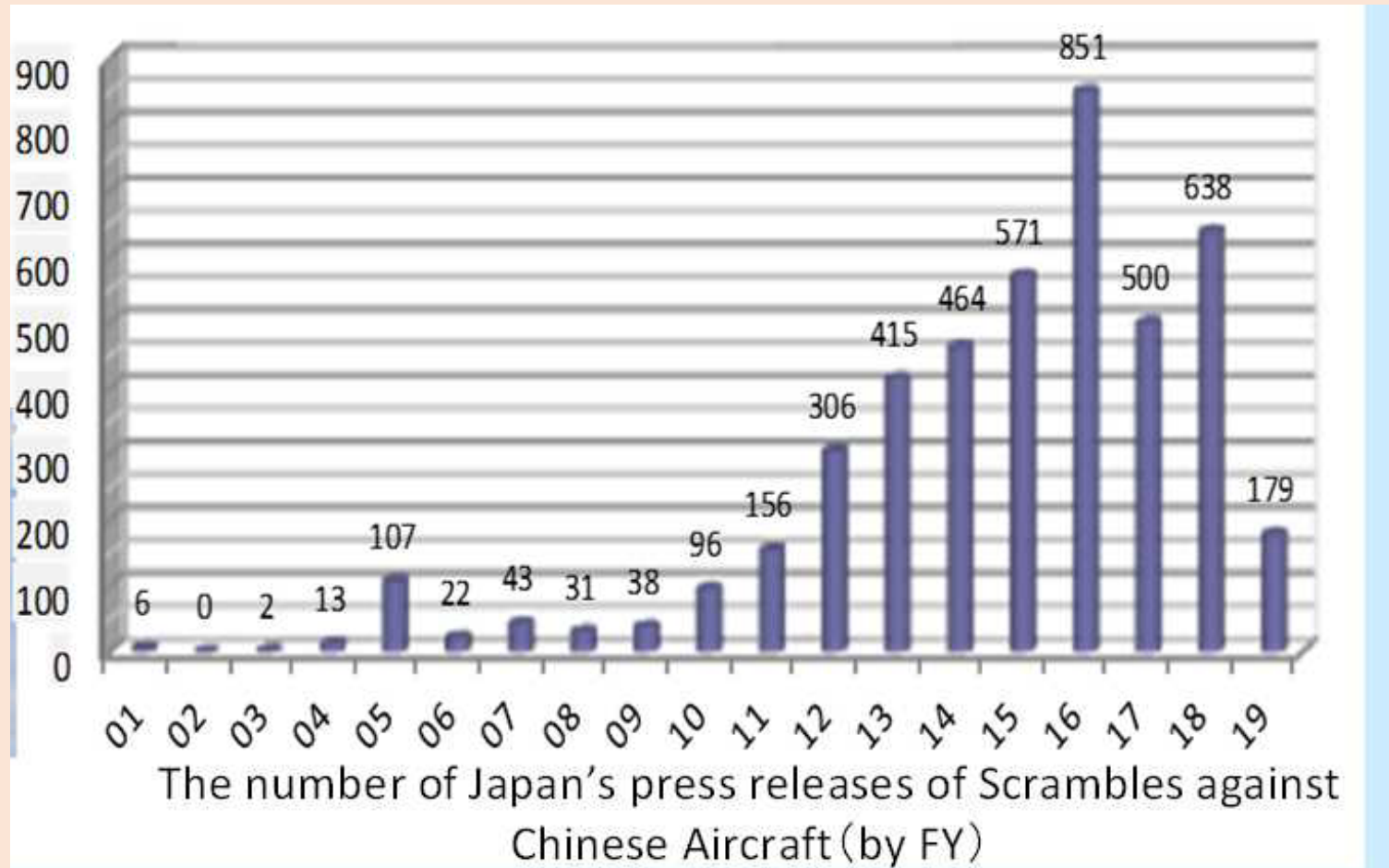


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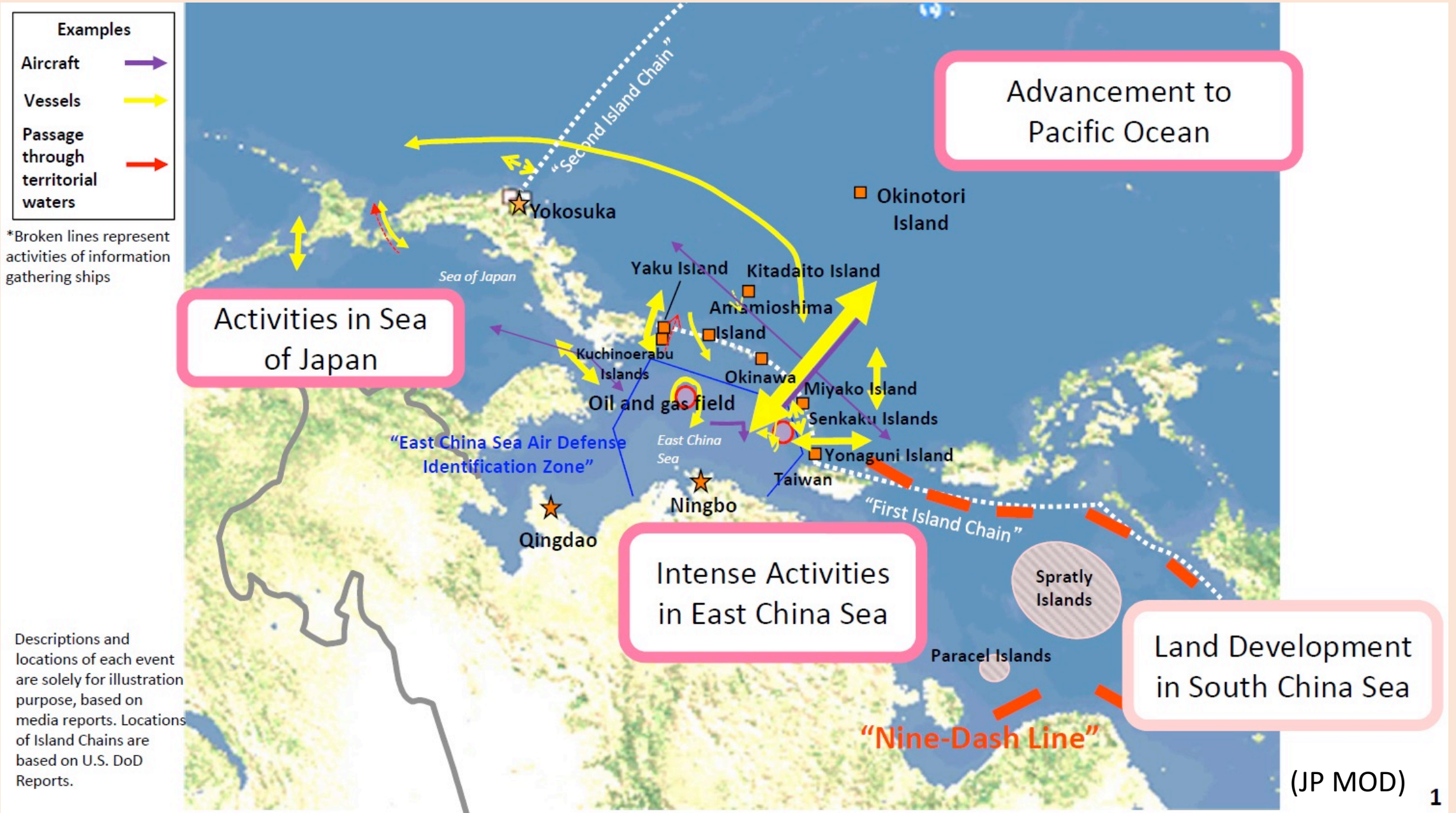
As of 31 August

The PLAN submarine that entered Japan's contiguous zone around the Senkaku Islands



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# Japan's Perception of China's Military Activities surrounding Japan



# Japan's Vision for Maritime Security: Nexus of the Two Seas

- Rule of Law, Freedom of Navigation
- Free and Open Indo-Pacific
- Vientiane Vision



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# Japan's Approach to the South China Sea

- Multilateral: Active Participation in ASEAN Dialogues
- Bilateral: Provision of Patrol Vessels
  - Capacity Building Assistance
  - Strategic Port Call
  - Bilateral/Trilateral/Quadrilateral Exercises