

Agenda Item No.3

TITLE
MSI SELF ASSESMENT – NAVAREA XI
Submitted by Japan

1. ACTION REQUIRED:

None, submitted for information only.

2. BACKGROUND:

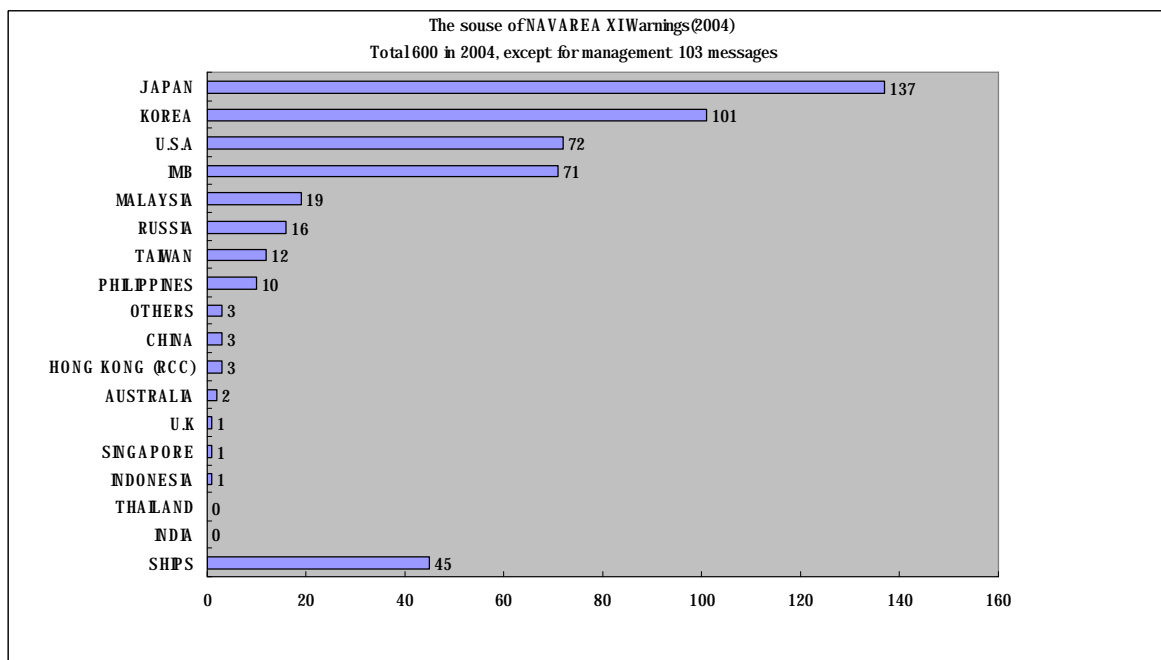
10 national Co-ordinators are working within NAVAREA XI, and Japan is the Co-ordinator for NAVAREA XI.

3. COMMENTS:

a NAVAREA WARNING

653 NAVAREA Warnings were issued in 2003, and 600 in 2004.

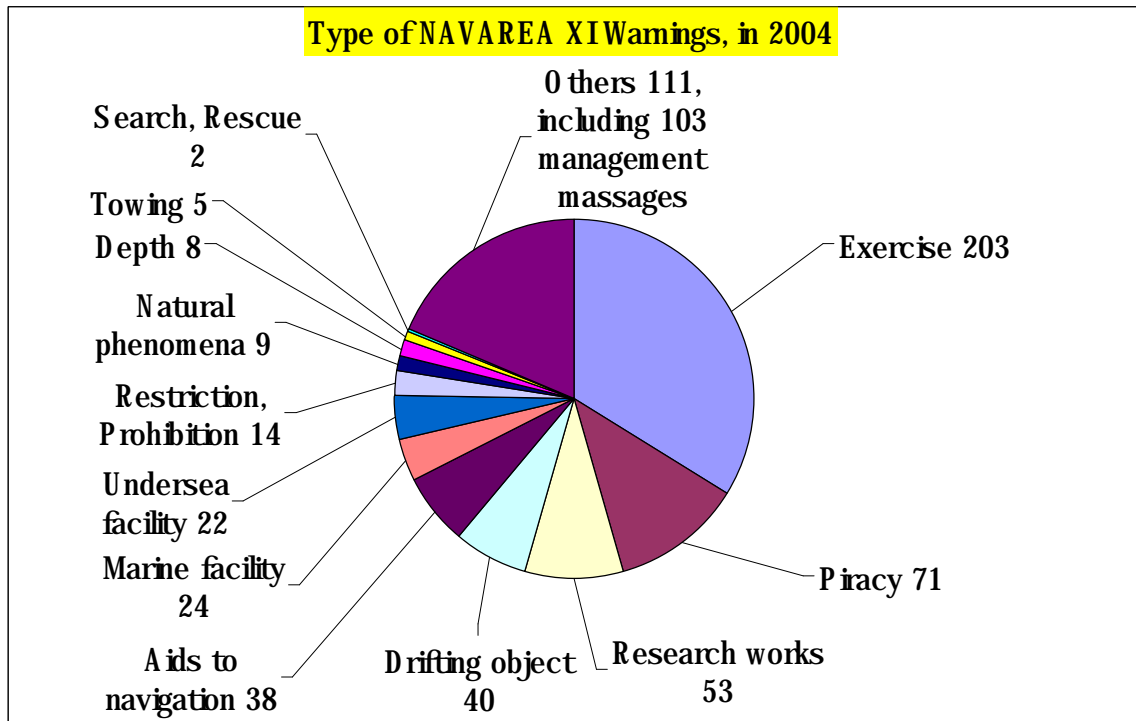
Among the information issued in 2004, 103 were management messages. The information sources of NAVAREA Warnings other than that are as follows.



The information offered from IMB Piracy Reporting Center accounts for more than ten percent.

The type of NAVAREA Warnings issued in 2004 is as follows. Gunnery and

bombing accounts for about 30 percent, and warnings about piracy and armed robbery follows.



b Coastal Warnings

27 NAVTEX stations are operating within this area.

No new NAVTEX stations have been established recently. But Vietnam and Philippines are planning to establish NAVTEX stations.

In addition, Coastal Warnings are promulgated through non-NAVTEX in Philippines.

c Local Warnings in Japan

In Japan, 11 Regional Coast Guard Headquarters and 67 Coast Guard Offices issue Navigational Warnings by means of VHF radiophone in their office has jurisdictions.

d Nippon Koukou-keihou (Japan Navigational Warnings)

We offer Japan Navigational Warnings on website for the Pacific Ocean and the Indian Ocean in addition to WWNWS. These are offered only in Japanese.

Besides provided on website, the information is offered for Japanese vessels by facsimile news that agency offers and the fishery radio for fishing boats

e Navigational Warning about Earthquake and Tsunami

In Japan and its adjacent sea, we have earthquakes frequently and have had experiences of being suffered serious damage by large earthquakes and tsunamis.

When an earthquake with a seismic intensity of “5 lower” or more (the Meteorological Agency defines the intensity class) occurs in coastal area, the information will be promulgated by VITAL message as a NAVTEX navigational warnings that there is a possibility of depth change, drifts, destruction, and malfunction of harbour facilities and navigational aids.

Moreover, when the Meteorological Agency issues a tsunami warning of the purport with a possibility that tsunami may occur, the Navigational Warnings (for calling for attention) is offered.

f ISPS security level information

Japanese Government provide the information of ISPS security level status for main port to ships, and the information is promulgated by Coastal Warnings on tree times in a day.