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### **Research on Collision between MSDF DDG ATAGO and a fish boat SEITOKU MARU -Rough state of sea halts the Research Vessel NATSUSHIMA's search operation-**

The Research Vessel NATSUSHIMA, operated by the Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science and Technology (JAMSTEC; Mr. Yasuhiro Kato, President), halted the search operation at 10:50 on February 29, 2008 because of the rough state of sea and the NATSUSHIMA had to move away from the bad weather. Research will be resumed when the weather serves.

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