

PRESS RELEASE

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EMBASSY OF JAPAN

The Embassy of Japan shares the grave concern regarding the Japanese-registered fishing vessel, Eihatsu Maru, which ran aground on Clifton Beach in Cape Town on 12 May. In order to deal with the situation, the Embassy has been in close contact with the Government of the Republic of South Africa, including the South African Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA).

The Government of Japan has strongly urged the owner of the vessel to fully cooperate with the South African authorities and to take urgent actions help salvage the vessel. The Embassy of Japan will continue to cooperate fully with the Government of the Republic of South Africa for the expeditious salvaging of the vessel.

The Embassy of Japan expresses its sincere appreciation to SAMSA, the National Sea Rescue Institute (NSRI) and the Government of the Republic of South Africa for their tireless efforts in the ongoing operation.