

Vessel Freed From Ice

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The Transportation Ministry said Sunday that two icebreakers have freed a large fish-processing ship that had been trapped in ice off the country's far eastern coast since New Year's Eve.

The ship has been towed to open water in the Sea of Okhotsk, the ministry said.

The Sodruzhestvo was the last of three ships that became trapped on Dec. 31. It was the most difficult to free because it is wider than the path an icebreaker can clear. Previous rescue operations had been impeded by heavy winds and poor visibility.

The ministry had said earlier that all ships had adequate supplies of food and water and the crews were not in danger.

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