



ITS LIBECCIO



Displacement: 3040 tons fully loaded
Length: 123 m
Beam: 12,9 m
Draft: 6,3 meters
Speed: 30 kts
Powerplant: 2 Gas Turbines Fiat-General Electric LM-2500 and 2 Diesel engines Warstila B230-20 MVM (50000 KW); 4 Diesel Generators (975 kW each); 2 shafts with variable pitch propellers

OVERVIEW

ITS LIBECCIO, an anti-submarine missile launcher frigate of the "Maestrale" class, was launched in September 1981. Thanks to her operational characteristics and its versatility is able to carry out a wide numbers of missions to protect national and international interests, such as the defense and control of the sea lines of communications, patrolling and surveillance in areas of national interest, countering terrorist threat and the phenomenon of piracy at sea. Equipped with a mixed propulsion system (diesel engines and GAS turbines), the Unit can reach a speed of 30 knots, with a range of over 7,000 miles. Her combat system integrates OTO MELARA medium (127/54) and short-range (40/70) artillery guns, OTOMAT anti-ship missiles and ASPIDE SAM system, two triple-torpedo launchers. She can carry up to two Augusta BELL SH212 helicopters or an SH101 helicopter, to support surface surveillance and anti-submarine operations. In 2009-2010 the Unit was subjected to a modernization, updating her technological level and expanding her control and command capabilities (suitable for CG/small CTF flagship role).



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