

NAVAL ASSET

FS COURBET



GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

Displacement: 3900 tons

Length: 125 meters

Beam: 15 meters

Draught: 6,5 meters

Maximum Speed: 22 knots

Propulsion: 4 × SEMT Pielstick 12PA6V280
STC2 diesel engines, 21,000 hp (16,000 kW)

OVERVIEW

FS COURBET is the third ship of the La Fayette class of the French Navy. She was built by the Direction des Constructions Navales (today Naval Group) in France and was launched in 1994. She is the third French vessel taking her name from Amédée, Anatole, Prosper Courbet a graduate of the Ecole Polytechnique at the age of twenty, who joined the Navy in 1849. An excellent engineer, he perfected firing methods and artillery during his time at the gunnery school, then led the 1870 battles in the West Indies before writing a course on tactics. Chief of staff of the Mediterranean squadron and then governor of New Caledonia, where he led administrative reform and agricultural development by combating mining and land speculation, he was appointed rear-admiral in 1880. It was at the head of the Indochina squadron in 1883 that he seized the citadel of Hûe, forcing Annam to negotiate. Occupying Fou-tchéou, Keelung and what is now Taiwan, he wiped out the Chinese fleet on the Blue River. He died of exhaustion on 11 June 1885. FS COURBET took part in a number of operations, including: ENDURING FREEDOM (2005), ATALANTA (2011, 2013 and 2023), EUNAVFORMED SOPHIA (2015), SEA GUARDIAN (2020) and multiple deployments in Eastern Mediterranean and the Indian Ocean. FS COURBET was the first ship of her class to begin a mid-life upgrade in October 2020. The upgrade is designed to permit the frigate to operate through the 2020s and into the 2030s and incorporates the addition of hull-mounted sonar, improved point air defence systems as well as the capacity to carry the latest variant of the Exocet anti-ship missile.



Contact details

Operation EUNAVFOR MED Irini

Media and Public Information Office

Tel: +39 06 4691 9442

Email: media.pio@euohq.difesa.it; eunavformed.pi@gmail.com

Website: www.operationirini.eu

Operation EUNAVFOR MED
IRINI



Website

