



ITS SPICA



Class: Constellations
Commissioned: 1989
Displacement: 1475 tons
Length: 79.8 m
Beam: 11.8 m
Draft: 3.6 m
Speed: 20 Kts (Max)

OVERVIEW

ITS Spica is the third Unit of the 'Constellations Class'. She was built at the Cantieri del Mugello in La Spezia, and delivered to the Italian Navy in March 1991. Spica (ear) is the brightest star in the Virgo constellation. The constellation is the second largest and one of the first to be observed and outlined. Spica, the brightest star of the Virgo constellation, lies in the celestial equator, precisely south of the Dipper's rudder. In the ancient sky charts it was depicted as a winged woman holding a wheat ear in her hands. The image of the winged woman gliding on the water symbolizes the match between the sea and the sky. The Crest highlights the name, the optical badge and the motto of the Unit in the outer section, while inside it shows the Virgo constellation, highlighting the Spica star as the brightest and clearest.



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