

**GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS****Helicopter:** Agusta Westland**Length:** 15.24 m**Height:** 3.73 m**Max take-off weight:** 6,000 kg**Speed :** 311 km/h**Endurance:** 2 hr 15 min (4 hr 30 min with auxiliary fuel tanks)**Range:** 777 km**Wingspan:** 14,64 m**OVERVIEW**

The AgustaWestland AW159 Wildcat (previously called the Future Lynx and Lynx Wildcat) is an improved version of the Westland Super Lynx military helicopter designed to serve in the battlefield utility, search and rescue and anti-surface warfare roles. In British service, common variants are being operated by both the Royal Navy and British Army to replace their ageing Lynx Mk.7/8/9 rotorcraft. The AW159 has also been offered to several export customers, and been ordered by the Republic of Korea Navy and the Philippine Navy. The AW159 is the first helicopter by AgustaWestland to be designed inside an entirely digital environment. Among other changes, certain external elements of the Wildcat, such as the tail rotor, have been redesigned for greater durability and stealth qualities. On 23 March 2015, the Royal Navy's first Wildcat HMA2 began its initial operational deployment at sea. In September 2016, the AW159 Wildcat embarked onboard the HMS Diamond joining EUNAVFOR MED operation SOPHIA.

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