

BNS Louise-Marie



Frigate



GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

Frigate: Karel Doorman-class

Length: 124,24 m

Beam: 14,4 m

Draft: 6,2 m

Displacement : 3510 t

Speed : 29 kts

Propulsive power: CODOG (combined diesel or gas turbine)



OVERVIEW

BNS Louise-Marie is a multipurpose frigate build in 1991, it is one of the two Belgian frigates of the Karel Doorman-class named after the first king and queen of the Belgians.

She was bought from the Netherlands navy, with whom we have a bilateral agreement concerning operations, maintenance and training. Both of these ships replaced the 4 Wielingen-class frigates in 2006.

The M-frigates can operate in the 3 main warfare areas, anti submarine warfare, anti-surface warfare and anti air warfare.

In 2014 BNS Louise-Marie underwent a major overhaul including the modernization of sensors and interfaces to use them.

BNS Louise-Marie has taken part in various operations, including the European operation Atalanta and the NATO Active Endeavour.

Louise-Marie is one of the two Belgian frigates taking part, alternatively, to Operation Sophia. The other one is BNS Leopold I.



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