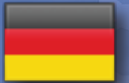




FGS Main



Auxiliary ship

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

Auxiliary ship : ELBE Class (type 404)

Length: 100,6 m

Beam: 15,8 m

Draft: 3,8 m

Displacement : 3.263 t

Speed : 15 kts

Propulsive power: 2.452 kW (3,300HP)



OVERVIEW

The Type 404 Elbe class replenishment ships of the German Navy were built to support its squadrons of Fast Attack Craft, submarines and minesweeper/hunters, as such they are usually referred to as tenders.

It is the purpose of those ships, to provide smaller units with fuel, fresh water, spare parts and ammunition, which can significantly enlarge the sea endurance. They also have a medical bay on board and with embarked doctors, therefore the ship can also give medical support to a small task group. The Elbe-class is also fitted with a landing deck for helicopter flight operations. With the possibility of staff embarkation, those ships can also serve as squadron or small task group flagships.

FGS Main is modified to support german submarines. For this purpose, FGS Main is capable of taking submarines alongside for replenishment in harbour. Furthermore, during torpedo firing exercises, FGS Main can take the role as recovering unit to get the fired exercise torpedo back on board. In addition FGS Main is fitted with a torpedo store and preparation room. This enables FGS Main also to provide submarines with german heavy weight torpedoes.

FGS Main took part to various operations, including United Nation mission off the coast of Lebanon. As well, FGS Main is often used as integral asset during all kind of national and international manoeuvres, which are related to submarine missions.

From October 2016 FGS Main is be part of the European Naval Operation in the Mediterranean, called EUNAVFOR MED operation SOPHIA for her first time.



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