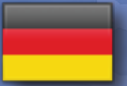


## FGS Rhein



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 Rhein belongs to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Minessweeper squadron located in Kiel.

It can support a wide variety of ships, including submarines.

FGS Rhein took part to various operations, including United Nation mission off the coast of Lebanon.

FGS Rhein is also often used as integral asset during all kind of national and international manoeuvres.

From April 2017 FGS Main is part of the European Naval Operation in the Mediterranean, called EUNAVFOR MED operation SOPHIA for her first time.



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