

**GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS****Frigate:** D'Estienne d'Orves-class**Length:** 80,5 m**Beam:** 10,3 m**Draft:** 5,5m**Displacement :** 1200t**Speed :** 24 kts**Propulsive power:** 2 diesel engines**OVERVIEW**

The d'Estienne d'Orves Classes' missions mainly assigned are related to deterrent effects carried out by the French navy. Its missions include submarines escorts and training, in order to assure their readiness before operational deployment.

In September 2001, following the attacks of September 11 in New York, "Commandant l'Herminier" while at sea in the Indian Ocean, changed her mission to support the operation "Heracles" in Afghanistan. She will join again this operation in 2002 to conduct enhanced maritime surveillance off Pakistan, to ban all maritime retreat with Taliban forces. At a beginner mission in November 2009 and ending in March 2010, he successively participates in "Atalanta" operation (against piracy) and "Enduring Freedom" (fight against terrorism) in the Gulf of Aden and Indian Ocean.

Since November 2016, FS Commandant L'Herminier is part of EUNAVFOR MED operation SOPHIA.

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