

**GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS****Length:** 123 m**Beam:** 12.9 m**Draft:** 6.3 m**Displacement :** 3.040 t**Speed :** 32 Kts**Powerplant:** 2 turbo Gas - 2 diesel engines
245487,7 KW (61000 HP)**OVERVIEW**

ITS Zeffiro is the last of eight units of the Maestral class to be set up at the Riva Trigoso (Genova) shipyards on March 7, 1983. She was launched on May 19, 1984, entering service on May 4, 1985.

Due to its constructive peculiarities, the Zeffiro can carry out different kind of missions: Ship, submarine and air countering; Maritime Control and Interdiction; Anti-piracy and Maritime Terrorism; Peacekeeping Operations; Support for Amphibious Operations; Search and Rescue (SAR); Evacuation of non-combatant personnel from hazardous areas; Support for Civil Protection in the event of natural disasters; Medical assistance/evacuation; Humanitarian aid transport.

Among the many activities carried out by the ship in its almost thirty years of life: Persian Gulf; former Yugoslavia; NATO's Rapid Reaction Facility called STANAVFORMED for operations in the Mediterranean; Operation Enduring Freedom, in response to the terrorist attacks of 11 September 2001; United Nations Operation UNIFIL, for Lebanon patrols and flood control; Eunavfor Atalanta (Task Force 465) for countering piracy in the Gulf of Aden and along the coasts of Somalia; Operation "Mare Nostrum", aimed at patrolling the open sea areas affected by migratory flows from the North African coast to the national territory.

In September 2017 she also joined for the first time EUNAVFOR MED - Op. Sophia.

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