



GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

Frigate: Santa Maria class
Length: 137,7 m
Beam: 14,3 m
Draft: 7,8 m
Displacement : 4,100 t
Speed : 29 kts
Propulsive power : 44.000 CV



OVERVIEW

ESPS NUMANCIA is the third frigate of the Fleet's 41st Escorts Squadron. She was delivered to the The Numancia (F-83), third of a series of six frigates, was built at E.N. Bazán Shipyards, in Ferrol, NW of Spain. Designed to escort aircraft carriers, amphibious or replenishment groups, the ship was commissioned on 12th October 1986. For antisubmarine warfare, the ship is fitted with active sonar and two triple torpedo tube mountings. The antisurface and anti-air warfare capability of the ship is based on the combined use of helicopter, sensors, gunnery and missiles. However, their versatility allows the F-80 frigates to carry out a wide range of missions, which can be grouped into two broad categories: Maritime Interdiction Operations and Protection of High Value units. She can carry up to two helicopters.

With an extensive operational life, it has participated in numerous operations across the Mediterranean Sea and the Indian Ocean under NATO, EU and in Coalition ranging from the Persian Gulf crisis in 1990, operation Sharpguard in the Adriatic Sea, operation Active Endeavour (now operation Sea Guardian), operation Enduring Freedom in support of the US against international terrorism, and operation 'Atalanta' in 2009 and Perejil Crisis in 2002. Likewise, it has undertaken multiple exercises, both NATO and EU in the Mediterranean and the Atlantic sea. This is her second time in Operation Sophia, her first time was in 2016.



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