



NAVAL ASSET

ESPS Rayo



Offshore Patrol Vessel

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS



OPV: Meteoro class.

Length: 93.90 m.

Beam: 14,2 m

Displacement : 2,670 t.

OVERVIEW

ESPS Rayo is the second Unit of B.A.M. (Maritime Action Ship) "Meteoro" class, her homebase is Las Palmas de Gran Canaria Arsenal (Las Palmas) and she is fitted with an AB-212 helicopter.

BAM "RAYO" (P-42) is an offshore patrol vessel (OPV) that is fitted for maritime operations related to the sea control, focused on small-scale asymmetric or conventional threats, mainly in low-intensity scenarios, through the development of tasks of presence (deterrence) and maritime surveillance (prevention) as well as limited neutralization actions.

Permanent tasks are naval presence, maritime surveillance (including environmental and fishing control), maritime interdiction, maritime traffic control (dangerous goods and arms trafficking), protection of merchant traffic, support to other units such as Mines Counter Measures task group, small units or vessels, shallow diving operations and medical assistance at sea), operations against human trafficking, crisis response operations (humanitarian aid and rescue) and intelligence.

HISTORY

B.A.M. RAYO P-42 was launched on May 18, 2010 at the Navantia factory in Puerto Real. Delivered to the Armada on October 26, 2011, her name Rayo has a long tradition in the Armada since it has been the fifth vessel so named.



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