



GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS



Aircraft: P-3C CUP +
Lenght: 35,6 m
Wingspan: 30,4 m
Height: 10,3 m
Max take-off weight: 64.410 kg
Speed : 759 km/hr or 410 Kts
Autonomy: 16 hrs

OVERVIEW

The Portuguese Air Force P-3C CUP+, which results from a P-3C modernization program acquired from the Netherlands, keeps all maritime patrol capabilities inherited from the P-3P, including Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW), Anti-Surface Warfare (ASuW) and Search and Rescue (SAR). In addition, a set of sensors associated to a modern, fully integrated tactical mission system, enables the P-3C CUP+ to operate as well in the land environment, completing the overall requirements for Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) missions.

These capabilities with the innate characteristics of this aircraft, with highlight to its generous autonomy, action range, speed, availability to carry sensors and weapons, operate day and night and in any weather conditions, resulted in an extremely versatile and flexible system.

The P-3C CUP+ began its operation on January 1st, 2011, having participated in NATO and EU operations like "Active Endeavour", "Sea Guardian" and "Sophia" in the Mediterranean Sea and "Ocean Shield" and "Atalanta" in the Indian Ocean, against piracy, with a 100% readiness state, underlining its excellent results.

The P-3C CUP+ is based at Beja Air Base in Portugal where it is operated by the 601SQN - "LOBOS".



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