

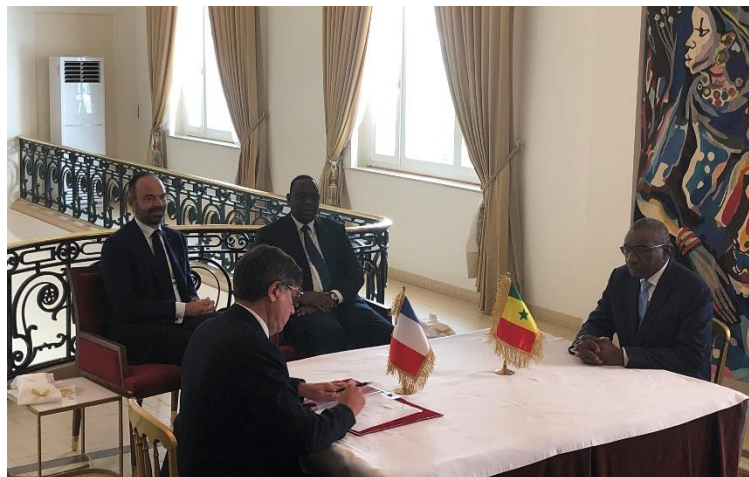
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PIRIOU launches the building of first of three offshore patrol vessels ordered by Senegal



At PIRIOU shipyard in Concarneau (France) took place today the first cutting ceremony in the presence of General Birame DIOP, Chief of General Staff of the Armed Forces of Senegal and Admiral Oumar WADE, Chief of Staff of the Navy of Senegal. It symbolises the beginning of the construction of the first deep-sea patrol vessel of OPV 58 S type. Intended for the Senegalese Navy, this ship is the first unit of the contract for the supply of three offshore patrol vessels.

This contract was signed in November 2019 by the Ministry of Armed Forces of Senegal and the PIRIOU group, in the presence of the President of the Republic of Senegal and the French ministerial delegation.



Signature in Senegal in November 2019



The building programme of these three patrol vessels is carried out with the support and expertise of PIRIOU's subsidiary KERSHIP and will spread over a period of 44 months up to summer 2024. It also provides for a support period of several years in Senegal.

Vincent Faujour, PIRIOU GROUP C.E.O. says: **'This contract is the fruit of four years of joint work between the teams of PIRIOU and the Staff of the Navy of Senegal, which allowed us to design new generation patrol vessels perfectly answering the requirements of the Senegalese Navy. I thank the Senegalese government for their confidence, which obviously honours us, but above all obliges us. They can count on our total commitment.'**

He also adds: **'This project is also a real success for the 'Pass Export', an initiative of the French Ministry of Economy and Finance of which PIRIOU was the first signatory on February 23rd 2018. This system promotes and accelerates our ability to offer export financing and guarantees.'**



OPV 58 S: a 62 m offshore patrol vessel

The OPV 58 S (Offshore Patrol Vessel) is a robust 62 m patrol vessel with outstanding versatility and high endurance. The OPV 58 S is dedicated to missions such as surveillance, identification and intervention, and perfectly answers the range of missions related to law enforcement. In addition to her deployment ability -intervention RHIBs- she possesses a first rank deterrence capacity thanks to her anti-surface and anti-aircraft weapon systems.

Among innovations and major capacities, the vessel features:

- A versatile design to adapt to various missions
- A large panoramic bridge with 360° visibility
- A fast launching and recovery system for 2 RHIBs on stern ramp
- A C-Sharp® hull for optimized autonomy and seakeeping
- A high-performance monitoring and combat system

The OPV 58 s will be equipped with MARTE MK2/N anti-ship missiles. With the ability to strike at ranges in excess of 30 kilometres and their fire-and-forget capability, these missiles will provide the means to the Senegalese Navy to enforce their maritime superiority. The vessels will also benefit from the SIMBAD-RC system and its MISTRAL missiles- this combination providing an extremely effective defence capability against all threats including anti-ship missiles, combat aircraft, UAVs, helicopters, as well as small surface threats such as those presented by FIACs. These missiles and missile systems are designed and produced by MBDA.



Main characteristics

Length overall	62.2 m	Accommodation	48
Breadth	9.5 m	including crew	24
Draught (approx.)	3 m	including special personnel	24
Speed	21 kn	Intervention	2 RHIBs on stern ramps
Range	21 days, 4 500 NM @ à 12 kn	Containers capacity	2 x 20'
Hull / superstructure	steel / aluminium		

About the PIRIOU group

Involved in shipbuilding, repair, naval engineering and services since 1965, PIRIOU specializes in producing vessels up to 120 m with high added value through a combination of high-performance engineering and a global network of industrial sites in Europe, Africa and Asia. With over 480 ships built and delivered worldwide, PIRIOU provides bespoke solutions as well as a complete range of standardized or customized vessels that satisfy the requirements of international shipowners, whether they be private or public, civilian or military.

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About MBDA

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About KERSHIP

KERSHIP is a joint company founded in 2013 by PIRIOU and Naval Group, two experts in naval design and building, military systems and services. KERSHIP provides vessels up to 95m dedicated to law enforcement at sea for marines, coastguards, customs, and scientific institutions...

With the expertise of its parent companies, KERSHIP supports administrations and military marines throughout their vessels lifecycle, from building to delivery as well as from after sales to In-service Support (ISS).

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